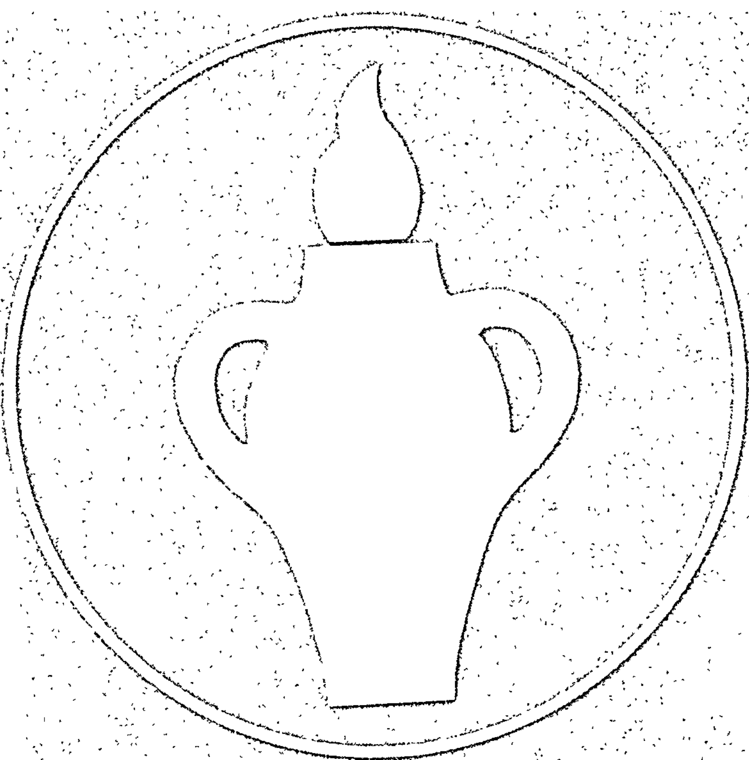


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ITSELF

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All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

Psalm 19:7 "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."

GOD

Psalm 99:9 ". . . . . for the Lord our God is holy."

I Timothy 1:17 "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Isaiah 45:21-b, 22 ". . . . . and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all ends of the earth: For I am God, and there is none else."

MAN

Genesis 1:27 "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

Genesis 2:7 "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

Isaiah 43:7 "Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him."

HEAVEN

Revelation 21:3, 4 "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Revelation 21:27 "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT

SIN

Romans 5:12 "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

Isaiah 59:2 "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear."

Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

HELL

II Thessalonians 1:8, 9 "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power."

Revelation 20:15 "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

CHRIST—HIS ADVENT

Micah 5:2 "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

Matthew 1:21-23 "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

Luke 2:10, 11 "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT

CHRIST—HIS PERSON

John 10:30 "I and my Father are one."

John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: No man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

CHRIST — HIS WORK

Luke 22:19, 20 "And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new Testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

I Peter 2:24 "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree."

Colossians 1:14 "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

Isaiah 53:5, 6 "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

CHRIST — HIS RESURRECTION

Luke 24:36, 39 "And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you . . .

Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have."

I Corinthians 15:3, 4 "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."

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Acts 20:20, 21 "And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, ...

Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Ephesians 2:8, 9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

...IFE

John 3:3 "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 1:12, 13 "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

John 3:36 "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

II Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

There is a verse in the Bible which has been translated into over 1100 languages. It tells of One Who loved us with an everlasting love. The verse is here recorded in 22 of the important world languages which are understood by three-quarters of the earth's population. The verse is John 3:16.

ARABIC.

لِأَنَّهُ هٰكَذَا أَحَبَّ ٱللهُ ٱلْعَالَمَ حَتَّى بَذَلَ ٱبْنَهُ ٱلْوَحِيدَ لِكَيْ
لَا يَهْلِكَ كُلُّ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ بَلْ تَكُونُ لَهُ ٱلْحَيٰوةُ ٱلْأَبَدِيَّةُ ◆

BENGALI.

Bengali char.

কারণ ঈশ্বর জগৎকে এমন প্রেম করিলেন যে, আপনার
একজাত পুত্রকে দান করিলেন, যেন, যে কেহ তাঁহাতে
বিশ্বাস করে, সে বিনষ্ট না হয়, কিন্তু অনন্ত জীবন পায়।

CHINESE: Kuoyu Colloquial: Nanking Dial.

上帝把獨生的兒子，賜給世人，使那信他的人，免得滅亡，可以得着永遠的生命，上帝愛惜世人如此。

DANISH.

Gothic char.

Thi saaledes elskede Gud Verden, at han gav sin Søn den enbaarne, for at hver den, som tror paa ham, ikke skal fortabes, men have et evigt Liv.

DUTCH.

Want alzoo lief heeft God de wereld gehad, dat Hij zijnen eeniggeboren Zoon gegeven heeft, opdat een ieder, die in Hem gelooft, niet verloren ga, doch eeuwig leven hebbe.

ENGLISH.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

FRENCH.

Car Dieu a tellement aimé le monde, qu'il a donné son Fils unique, afin que quiconque croit en lui ne périsse point, mais qu'il ait la vie éternelle.

GERMAN.

Gothic char.

Also hat Gott die Welt geliebet, daß er seinen eingebornen Sohn gab, auf daß alle, die an ihn glauben, nicht verloren werden, sondern das ewige Leben haben.

GREEK: Modern.

Greek char.

Διότι τόσον ἠγάπησεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν κόσμον, ὥστε ἔδωκε τὸν Υἱὸν αὐτοῦ τὸν μονογενῆ, διὰ νὰ μὴ ἀπολεσθῇ πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτόν, ἀλλὰ νὰ ἔχῃ ζωὴν αἰώνιον.

HINDI.

Devanagari char.

क्योंकि ईश्वरने जगतको ऐसा प्यार किया कि उसने अपना एकलौता पुत्र दिया कि जो कोई उसपर विश्वास करे सो नाश न होय परन्तु अनन्त जीवन पावे।

HEBREW.

כִּי־אַהֲבָה רַבָּה אָהַב הָאֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָעוֹלָם עַד־
אֲשֶׁר נָתַן אֶת־בְּנוֹ אֶת־יְחִידוֹ לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יֹאבַד
כָּל־הַמַּאֲמִין בּוֹ כִּי אִם־יִחְיֶה חַיֵּי עוֹלָם׃

ITALIAN.

Poichè Iddio ha tanto amato il mondo, che ha dato il suo unigenito Figliuolo, affinchè chiunque crede in lui non perisca, ma abbia vita eterna.

IRISH.

Erse char.

Óir is mar so do ġráḋaiġ Dia an doṁan, go dtug sé a aoin-ġein Ṁic, do-ċum, cioḋ b'é ċreid-eas ann, naċ raċaḋ sé a muġa, aċt go mbiaḋ an beaṫa ṁarṫanaċ aige.

JAPANESE.

Kana-majiri char.

それ神はその獨子を賜ふほどに世を愛し給へり、すべて彼を信ずる者の亡びずして永遠の生命を得んためなり。

KOREAN.

Korean char.

하ᄂᆞ님ᄭᅴ셔 세샹을 이쳐럼
ᄉᆞ랑ᄒᆞ샤 독ᄉᆡᆼᄌᆞ를 주셧스니
누구던지 뎌를 밋으면 멸망
ᄒᆞ지안코 영ᄉᆡᆼ을 엇으리라

MALAY: High Malay.

Arabic char.

كارن دمكينله الله مڠاسيهي ايسي دنيا اين سهيڠݢ دبريڽ انقڽ يڠ
توڠݢل ايت ، سڤاي بارڠسياڤ يڠ ڤرچاي اكندي جاڠن اي بناس
ملينكن براوله هيدوڤ يڠ ككل.

NORWEGIAN.

Roman char.

Ti saa har Gud elsket verden, at han gav sin Søn, den enbaarne forat hver den som tror paa ham, ikke skal fortapes, men ha ve evig liv

POLISH.

Roman char.

Albowiem tak Bóg umiłował świat, że Syna swego jednorodzonego dał, aby każdy, kto weń wierzy, nie zginął, ale mial żywot wieczny.

PORTUGUESE.

Porque Deus amou o mundo de tal maneira, que deu o seu Filho unigenito, para que todo aquelle que n'elle crê não pereça, mas tenha a vida eterna.

RUSSIAN.

Ибо так возлюбил Бог мир, что отдал Сына Своего единородного, дабы всякий, верующий в Него, не погиб, но имел жизнь вечную.

SPANISH.

Porque de tal manera amó Dios al mundo, que ha dado á su Hijo unigénito, para que todo aquel que en él cree, no se pierda, mas tenga vida eterna.

SWEDISH.

Roman char.

Ty så älskade Gud världen, att han utgav sin enfödde Son, på det att var och en som tror på honom skall icke förgås, utan ha[illegible]vigt liv.

WHO ARE THE GIDEONS?

This question is frequently asked by the readers of these Bibles, so the following information may be of interest.

In the fall of 1898, two traveling men, strangers to each other, met in a Wisconsin, U.S.A., hotel. Discovering each other to be Christians, they held their evening devotions together. The Lord impressed upon them the idea of forming an association of Christian traveling men and the following July these two met with a third man for that purpose. After prayer together, the name of the Gideons was selected for the group. This name was taken from the story of Gideon in the sixth and seventh chapters of the Bible book of Judges, the leader of a small band of men dedicated to the service of God, through whom God accomplished much for His people.

The Gideons are laymen from all the various evangelical denominations, Christian business and professional men with a vital testimony for the Lord. Each Gideon is an active member of some local church and the Gideons as an association work in co-operation with all evangelical churches and denominations. The primary object of the Gideons is to win others to the Lord Jesus Christ, and an effective means to this end has been the wide distribution of the Word of God.

The Gideons seek to spread the Bible, the Word of God, and to encourage its use as widely as possible. The Lord has opened doors for the placement of His Word among many strategic groups of the population and in places through which large and important streams of national life pass from day to day. Bibles are placed in the rooms of hotels and motels and in other public places. Large New Testaments are placed in hospitals, beside each bed. Individual copies of the New Testament, with Psalms and Proverbs, are given to the members of our armed forces, to the young people in the schools of the land, to nurses, and to others.

In recent years, the Lord has opened doors for similar work in many lands, so that national Gideon associations now exist in more than 60 countries around the world.

The Bible distribution program is financed primarily through the help of Christian people in the local churches. The Gideons are essentially a nonsectarian missionary arm of the church, sowing the precious Seed, the Word of God, in the field of the world. As such, thousands of churches of all evangelical denominations support the work by their prayers and contributions.

God has promised to bless His Word and to cause it to bear fruit that will honor Him. Gideons have seen many evidences of His blessing upon their work, and know that He is keeping His promise. It is their sincere prayer that each reader of this particular copy of His Word will also find the individual instruction and blessing that he may need, as he reads in the wonderful Book of God!

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CHAPTER 1

IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament: and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so.

10 And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that *it was* good.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, *and* herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was* good.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl *that* may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God
iid unto them, Be fruitful, and multi-
ly, and replenish the earth, and sub-
ue it: and have dominion over the
sh of the sea, and over the fowl of the
r, and over every living thing that
ioveth upon the earth.
29 And God said, Behold, I have
iven you every herb bearing seed,
hich *is* upon the face of all the earth,
nd every tree, in the which *is* the fruit
f a tree yielding seed; to you it shall
e for meat.
30 And to every beast of the earth,
nd to every fowl of the air, and to
very thing that creepeth upon the
arth, wherein *there is* life, *I have given*
very green herb for meat: and it was
o.
31 And God saw every thing that he
ad made, and, behold, *it was* very
ood. And the evening and the morn-
ng were the sixth day.

CHAPTER 2

THUS the heavens and the earth
were finished, and all the host of
hem.
2 And on the seventh day God end-
d his work which he had made; and he
ested on the seventh day from all his
vork which he had made.
3 And God blessed the seventh day,
nd sanctified it: because that in it he
ad rested from all his work which
God created and made.
4 These *are* the generations of the
ieavens and of the earth when they
vere created, in the day that the LORD
God made the earth and the heav-
ens,
5 And every plant of the field be-
ore it was in the earth, and every herb
of the field before it grew: for the LORD
God had not caused it to rain upon the
earth, and *there was* not a man to till
he ground.
6 But there went up a mist from the
earth, and watered the whole face of
he ground.
7 And the LORD God formed man *of*
he dust of the ground, and breathed
nto his nostrils the breath of life; and
nan became a living soul.
8 And the LORD God planted a
garden eastward in Eden; and there he
put the man whom he had formed.
9 And out of the ground made the
LORD God to grow every tree that is
pleasant to the sight, and good for
food; the tree of life also in the midst of
the garden, and the tree of knowledge
of good and evil.
10 And a river went out of Eden to
water the garden; and from thence it
was parted, and became into four
heads.
11 The name of the first *is* Pi'-son:
that *is* it which compasseth the whole
land of Hav'-i-lah, where *there is* gold;
12 And the gold of that land *is* good:
there *is* bdellium and the onyx stone.
13 And the name of the second
river *is* Gi'-hon: the same *is* it that com-
passeth the whole land of E-thi-o'-pi-a.
14 And the name of the third river
is Hid'-de-kel: that *is* it which goeth
toward the east of Assyria. And the
fourth river *is* Eu-phra'-tes.
15 And the LORD God took the
man, and put him into the garden of
Eden to dress it and to keep it.
16 And the LORD God commanded
the man, saying, Of every tree of the
garden thou mayest freely eat:
17 But of the tree of the knowledge
of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of
it: for in the day that thou eatest there-
of thou shalt surely die.
18 And the LORD God said, *It is* not
good that the man should be alone; I
will make him an help meet for him.
19 And out of the ground the LORD
God formed every beast of the field,
and every fowl of the air; and brought
them unto Adam to see what he would
call them: and whatsoever Adam called
every living creature, that *was* the
name thereof.
20 And Adam gave names to all cat-
tle, and to the fowl of the air, and to
every beast of the field; but for Adam
there was not found an help meet for
him.
21 And the LORD God caused a
deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he
slept: and he took one of his ribs, and
closed up the flesh instead thereof;
22 And the rib, which the LORD
God had taken from man, made he a
woman, and brought her unto the man.
23 And Adam said, This *is* now bone
of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she
shall be called Woman, because she
was taken out of Man.
24 Therefore shall a man leave his
father and his mother, and shall cleave
unto his wife: and they shall be one
flesh.
25 And they were both naked, the
man and his wife, and were not
ashamed.

CHAPTER 3

NOW the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself.

11 And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life;

18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cher'-u-bims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

CHAPTER 4

AND Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

5 But unto Cain and to his offering
he had not respect. And Cain was very
wroth, and his countenance fell.
6 And the LORD said unto Cain,
Why art thou wroth? and why is thy
countenance fallen?
7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not
be accepted? and if thou doest not
well, sin lieth at the door. And unto
thee *shall be* his desire, and thou shalt
rule over him.
8 And Cain talked with Abel his
brother: and it came to pass, when
they were in the field, that Cain rose
up against Abel his brother, and slew
him.
9 And the LORD said unto Cain,
Where *is* Abel thy brother? And he
said, I know not: *Am* I my brother's
keeper?
10 And he said, What hast thou
done? the voice of thy brother's blood
crieth unto me from the ground.
11 And now *art* thou cursed from
the earth, which hath opened her
mouth to receive thy brother's blood
from thy hand;
12 When thou tillest the ground, it
shall not henceforth yield unto thee
her strength; a fugitive and a vaga-
bond shalt thou be in the earth.
13 And Cain said unto the LORD,
My punishment *is* greater than I can
bear.
14 Behold, thou hast driven me out
this day from the face of the earth; and
from thy face shall I be hid; and I
shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in
the earth; and it shall come to pass,
that every one that findeth me shall
slay me.
15 And the LORD said unto him,
Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain,
vengeance shall be taken on him seven-
fold. And the LORD set a mark upon
Cain, lest any finding him should kill
him.
16 And Cain went out from the
presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the
land of Nod, on the east of Eden.
17 And Cain knew his wife; and she
conceived, and bare E'-noch: and he
builded a city, and called the name of
the city, after the name of his son,
E'-noch.
18 And unto E'-noch was born
I'-rad: and I'-rad begat Me-hu'-ja-el:
and Me-hu'-ja-el begat Me-thu'-sa-el:
and Me-thu'-sa-el begat La'-mech.
19 And La'-mech took unto him
two wives: the name of the one *was*
Adah, and the name of the other
Zil'-lah.
20 And Adah bare Ja'-bal: he was
the father of such as dwell in tents, and
of such as have cattle.
21 And his brother's name *was* Ju'-
bal: he was the father of all such as
handle the harp and organ.
22 And Zil'-lah, she also bare Tu'-
bal–cain, an instructer of every arti-
ficer in brass and iron: and the sister of
Tu'-bal–cain *was* Na'-a-mah.
23 And La'-mech said unto his
wives, Adah and Zil'-lah, Hear my
voice; ye wives of La'-mech, hearken
unto my speech: for I have slain a man
to my wounding, and a young man to
my hurt.
24 If Cain shall be avenged seven-
fold, truly La'-mech seventy and
sevenfold.
25 And Adam knew his wife again;
and she bare a son, and called his
name Seth: For God, *said she*, hath ap-
pointed me another seed instead of
Abel, whom Cain slew.
26 And to Seth, to him also there
was born a son; and he called his name
Enos: then began men to call upon the
name of the LORD.

CHAPTER 5

THIS *is* the book of the generations
of Adam. In the day that God cre-
ated man, in the likeness of God made
he him;
2 Male and female created he them;
and blessed them, and called their
name Adam, in the day when they
were created.
3 And Adam lived an hundred and
thirty years, and begat *a son* in his
own likeness, after his image; and
called his name Seth:
4 And the days of Adam after he
had begotten Seth were eight hundred
years: and he begat sons and daugh-
ters:
5 And all the days that Adam lived
were nine hundred and thirty years:
and he died.
6 And Seth lived an hundred and
five years, and begat Enos:
7 And Seth lived after he begat
Enos eight hundred and seven years,
and begat sons and daughters:
8 And all the days of Seth were nine
hundred and twelve years: and he
died.
9 And Enos lived ninety years, and
begat Ca-i'-nan:

10 And Enos lived after he begat
Ca-i'-nan eight hundred and fifteen
years, and begat sons and daughters:
11 And all the days of Enos were
nine hundred and five years: and he
died.
12 And Ca-i'-nan lived seventy
years, and begat Ma-ha'-la-le-el:
13 And Ca-i'-nan lived after he be-
gat Ma-ha'-la-le-el eight hundred and
forty years, and begat sons and daugh-
ters:
14 And all the days of Ca-i'-nan
were nine hundred and ten years: and
he died.
15 And Ma-ha'-la-le-el lived sixty
and five years, and begat Ja'-red:
16 And Ma-ha'-la-le-el lived after he
begat Ja'-red eight hundred and thirty
years, and begat sons and daughters:
17 And all the days of Ma-ha'-la-le-
el were eight hundred ninety and five
years: and he died.
18 And Ja'-red lived an hundred
sixty and two years, and he begat
E'-noch:
19 And Ja'-red lived after he begat
E'-noch eight hundred years, and be-
gat sons and daughters:
20 And all the days of Ja'-red were
nine hundred sixty and two years: and
he died.
21 And E'-noch lived sixty and five
years, and begat Me-thu'-se-lah:
22 And E'-noch walked with God
after he begat Me-thu'-se-lah three
hundred years, and begat sons and
daughters:
23 And all the days of E'-noch were
three hundred sixty and five years:
24 And E'-noch walked with God:
and he *was* not; for God took him.
25 And Me-thu'-se-lah lived an hun-
dred eighty and seven years, and begat
La'-mech:
26 And Me-thu'-se-lah lived after he
begat La'-mech seven hundred eighty
and two years, and begat sons and
daughters:
27 And all the days of Me-thu'-se-
lah were nine hundred sixty and nine
years: and he died.
28 And La'-mech lived an hundred
eighty and two years, and begat a
son:
29 And he called his name Noah,
saying, This *same* shall comfort us
concerning our work and toil of our
hands, because of the ground which
the LORD hath cursed.
30 And La'-mech lived after he be-
gat Noah five hundred ninety and five
years, and begat sons and daughters:
31 And all the days of La'-mech
were seven hundred seventy and seven
years: and he died.
32 And Noah was five hundred
years old: and Noah begat Shem,
Ham, and Ja'-pheth.

CHAPTER 6

AND it came to pass, when men be-
gan to multiply on the face of the
earth, and daughters were born unto
them,
2 That the sons of God saw the
daughters of men that they *were* fair;
and they took them wives of all which
they chose.
3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall
not always strive with man, for that
he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an
hundred and twenty years.
4 There were giants in the earth in
those days; and also after that, when
the sons of God came in unto the
daughters of men, and they bare *chil-
dren* to them, the same *became* mighty
men which *were* of old, men of renown.
5 And GOD saw that the wickedness
of man *was* great in the earth, and *that*
every imagination of the thoughts of
his heart *was* only evil continually.
6 And it repented the LORD that he
had made man on the earth, and it
grieved him at his heart.
7 And the LORD said, I will destroy
man whom I have created from the
face of the earth; both man, and beast,
and the creeping thing, and the fowls
of the air; for it repenteth me that I
have made them.
8 But Noah found grace in the eyes
of the LORD.
9 These *are* the generations of
Noah: Noah was a just man *and* per-
fect in his generations, *and* Noah
walked with God.
10 And Noah begat three sons,
Shem, Ham, and Ja'-pheth.
11 The earth also was corrupt be-
fore God, and the earth was filled with
violence.
12 And God looked upon the earth,
and, behold, it was corrupt; for all
flesh had corrupted his way upon the
earth.
13 And God said unto Noah, The
end of all flesh is come before me; for
the earth is filled with violence through
them; and, behold, I will destroy them
with the earth.

14 Make thee an ark of gopher
wood; rooms shalt thou make in the
ark, and shalt pitch it within and
without with pitch.
15 And this *is the fashion* which
thou shalt make it *of*: The length of
the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits,
the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the
height of it thirty cubits.
16 A window shalt thou make to
the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish
it above; and the door of the ark shalt
thou set in the side thereof; *with* lower,
second, and third *stories* shalt thou
make it.
17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring
a flood of waters upon the earth, to
destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath
of life, from under heaven; *and* every
thing that *is* in the earth shall die.
18 But with thee will I establish my
covenant; and thou shalt come into
the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy
wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.
19 And of every living thing of all
flesh, two of every *sort* shalt thou bring
into the ark, to keep *them* alive with
thee; they shall be male and female.
20 Of fowls after their kind, and of
cattle after their kind, of every creep-
ing thing of the earth after his kind,
two of every *sort* shall come unto thee,
to keep *them* alive.
21 And take thou unto thee of all
food that is eaten, and thou shalt gath-
er *it* to thee; and it shall be for food for
thee, and for them.
22 Thus did Noah; according to all
that God commanded him, so did he.

CHAPTER 7

AND the LORD said unto Noah,
Come thou and all thy house into
the ark; for thee have I seen righteous
before me in this generation.
2 Of every clean beast thou shalt
take to thee by sevens, the male and
his female: and of beasts that *are* not
clean by two, the male and his fe-
male.
3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens,
the male and the female; to keep seed
alive upon the face of all the earth.
4 For yet seven days, and I will
cause it to rain upon the earth forty
days and forty nights; and every liv-
ing substance that I have made will
I destroy from off the face of the
earth.
5 And Noah did according unto all
that the LORD commanded him.
6 And Noah *was* six hundred years
old when the flood of waters was upon
the earth.
7 And Noah went in, and his sons,
and his wife, and his sons' wives with
him, into the ark, because of the wa-
ters of the flood.
8 Of clean beasts, and of beasts that
are not clean, and of fowls, and of
every *thing that* creepeth upon the
earth,
9 There went in two and two unto
Noah into the ark, the male and the
female, as God had commanded Noah.
10 And it came to pass after seven
days, that the waters of the flood were
upon the earth.
11 In the six hundredth year of
Noah's life, in the second month, the
seventeenth day of the month, the
same day were all the fountains of the
great deep broken up, and the win-
dows of heaven were opened.
12 And the rain was upon the earth
forty days and forty nights.
13 In the selfsame day entered
Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Ja-
pheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's
wife, and the three wives of his sons
with them, into the ark;
14 They, and every beast after his
kind, and all the cattle after their kind,
and every creeping thing that creepeth
upon the earth after his kind, and
every fowl after his kind, every bird
of every sort.
15 And they went in unto Noah
into the ark, two and two of all flesh,
wherein *is* the breath of life.
16 And they that went in, went in
male and female of all flesh, as God had
commanded him: and the LORD shut
him in.
17 And the flood was forty days
upon the earth; and the waters in-
creased, and bare up the ark, and it
was lift up above the earth.
18 And the waters prevailed, and
were increased greatly upon the earth;
and the ark went upon the face of the
waters.
19 And the waters prevailed exceed-
ingly upon the earth; and all the high
hills, that *were* under the whole heav-
en, were covered.
20 Fifteen cubits upward did the
waters prevail; and the mountains
were covered.
21 And all flesh died that moved
upon the earth, both of fowl, and of
cattle, and of beast, and of every

creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man:

22 All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of life, of all that *was* in the dry *land*, died.

23 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained *alive*, and they that *were* with him in the ark.

24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

CHAPTER 8

AND God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that *was* with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;

2 The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;

3 And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

4 And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ar′-a-rat.

5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

6 And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:

7 And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

8 Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;

9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark.

10 And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark;

11 And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth *was* an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

12 And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.

13 And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

14 And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

15 And God spake unto Noah, saying,

16 Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.

17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that *is* with thee, of all flesh, *both* of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

18 And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him:

19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, *and* whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

20 And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

CHAPTER 9

AND God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth *upon* the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

3 Every moving thing that liveth
shall be meat for you; even as the
green herb have I *given* you *all things*.
4 But flesh with the life thereof,
which is the blood thereof, shall ye not
eat.
5 And surely your blood of your
lives will I require; at the hand of
every beast will I require it, and at the
hand of man; at the hand of every
man's brother will I require the life of
man.
6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by
man shall his blood be shed: for in the
image of God made he man.
7 And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply;
bring forth abundantly in the
earth, and multiply therein.
8 And God spake unto Noah, and
to his sons with him, saying,
9 And I, behold, I establish my
covenant with you, and with your seed
after you;
10 And with every living creature
that *is* with you, of the fowl, of the
cattle, and of every beast of the earth
with you; from all that go out of the
ark, to every beast of the earth.
11 And I will establish my covenant
with you; neither shall all flesh be cut
off any more by the waters of a flood;
neither shall there any more be a flood
to destroy the earth.
12 And God said, This *is* the token
of the covenant which I make between
me and you and every living
creature that *is* with you, for perpetual
generations:
13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and
it shall be for a token of a covenant
between me and the earth.
14 And it shall come to pass, when
I bring a cloud over the earth, that the
bow shall be seen in the cloud:
15 And I will remember my covenant,
which *is* between me and you
and every living creature of all flesh;
and the waters shall no more become
a flood to destroy all flesh.
16 And the bow shall be in the
cloud; and I will look upon it, that I
may remember the everlasting covenant
between God and every living
creature of all flesh that *is* upon the
earth.
17 And God said unto Noah, This *is*
the token of the covenant, which I
have established between me and all
flesh that *is* upon the earth.
18 And the sons of Noah, that went
forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham,
and Ja'-pheth: and Ham *is* the father
of Canaan.
19 These *are* the three sons of Noah:
and of them was the whole earth overspread.
20 And Noah began *to be* an husbandman,
and he planted a vineyard:
21 And he drank of the wine, and
was drunken; and he was uncovered
within his tent.
22 And Ham, the father of Canaan,
saw the nakedness of his father, and
told his two brethren without.
23 And Shem and Ja'-pheth took a
garment, and laid *it* upon both their
shoulders, and went backward, and
covered the nakedness of their father;
and their faces *were* backward, and
they saw not their father's nakedness.
24 And Noah awoke from his wine,
and knew what his younger son had
done unto him.
25 And he said, Cursed *be* Canaan;
a servant of servants shall he be unto
his brethren.
26 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD
God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his
servant.
27 God shall enlarge Ja'-pheth, and
he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and
Canaan shall be his servant.
28 And Noah lived after the flood
three hundred and fifty years.
29 And all the days of Noah were
nine hundred and fifty years: and he
died.

CHAPTER 10

NOW these *are* the generations of
the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham,
and Ja'-pheth: and unto them were
sons born after the flood.
2 The sons of Ja'-pheth; Go'-mer,
and Ma'-gog, and Mad'-a-i, and Ja'-van,
and Tu'-bal, and Me'-shech, and Ti'-ras.
3 And the sons of Go'-mer; Ash'-ke-naz,
and Ri'-phath, and To-gar'-mah.
4 And the sons of Ja'-van; E-li'-shah,
and Tarshish, Kittim, and Do'-da-nim.
5 By these were the isles of the Gentiles
divided in their lands; every one
after his tongue, after their families, in
their nations.
6 And the sons of Ham; Cush, and
Miz'-ra-im, and Phut, and Canaan.
7 And the sons of Cush; Se'-ba, and
Hav'-i-lah, and Sab'-tah, and Ra'-a-mah,
and Sab'-te-chah: and the sons of
Ra'-a-mah; She'-ba, and De'-dan.

8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.
9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.
10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and E'-rech, and Ac'-cad, and Cal'-neh, in the land of Shi'-nar.
11 Out of that land went forth As-shur, and builded Nin'-e-veh, and the city Re-ho'-both, and Ca'-lah,
12 And Re'-sen between Nin'-e-veh and Ca'-lah: the same *is* a great city.
13 And Miz'-ra-im begat Lu'-dim, and An'-a-mim, and Le'-ha-bim, and Naph'-tu-him,
14 And Path-ru'-sim, and Cas'-lu-him, (out of whom came Phi-lis'-tim,) and Caph'-to-rim.
15 And Canaan begat Si'-don his firstborn, and Heth,
16 And the Jeb'-u-site, and the Am'-o-rite, and the Gir'-ga-site,
17 And the Hi'-vite, and the Ark'-ite, and the Sin'-ite,
18 And the Ar'-vad-ite, and the Zem'-a-rite, and the Ha'-math-ite: and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad.
19 And the border of the Canaanites was from Si'-don, as thou comest to Ge'-rar, unto Ga'-za; as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Go-mor'-rah, and Ad'-mah, and Ze-bo'-im, even unto La'-sha.
20 These *are* the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, *and* in their nations.
21 Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of E'-ber, the brother of Ja'-pheth the elder, even to him were *children* born.
22 The children of Shem; E'-lam, and Asshur, and Ar-phax'-ad, and Lud, and A'-ram.
23 And the children of A'-ram; Uz, and Hul, and Ge'-ther, and Mash.
24 And Ar-phax'-ad begat Sa'-lah; and Sa'-lah begat E'-ber.
25 And unto E'-ber were born two sons: the name of one *was* Pe'-leg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name *was* Jok'-tan.
26 And Jok'-tan begat Al-mo'-dad, and She'-leph, and Ha-zar-ma'-veth, and Je'-rah,
27 And Ha-do'-ram, and U'-zal, and Dik'-lah,
28 And O'-bal, and A-bim'-a-el, and She'-ba,
29 And O'-phir, and Hav'-i-lah, and Jo'-bab: all these *were* the sons of Jok'-tan.
30 And their dwelling was from Me'-sha, as thou goest unto Se'-phar a mount of the east.
31 These *are* the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.
32 These *are* the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

CHAPTER 11

AND the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.
2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shi'-nar; and they dwelt there.
3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for morter.
4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.
5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.
6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.
7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.
8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.
9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.
10 These *are* the generations of Shem: Shem *was* an hundred years old, and begat Ar-phax'-ad two years after the flood:
11 And Shem lived after he begat Ar-phax'-ad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

12 And Ar-phax'-ad lived five and
thirty years, and begat Sa'-lah:
13 And Ar-phax'-ad lived after he
begat Sa'-lah four hundred and three
years, and begat sons and daughters.
14 And Sa'-lah lived thirty years,
and begat E'-ber:
15 And Sa'-lah lived after he begat
E'-ber four hundred and three years,
and begat sons and daughters.
16 And E'-ber lived four and thirty
years, and begat Pe'-leg:
17 And E'-ber lived after he begat
Pe'-leg four hundred and thirty years,
and begat sons and daughters.
18 And Pe'-leg lived thirty years,
and begat Re'-u:
19 And Pe'-leg lived after he begat
Re'-u two hundred and nine years, and
begat sons and daughters.
20 And Re'-u lived two and thirty
years, and begat Se'-rug:
21 And Re'-u lived after he begat
Se'-rug two hundred and seven years,
and begat sons and daughters.
22 And Se'-rug lived thirty years,
and begat Nahor:
23 And Se'-rug lived after he begat
Nahor two hundred years, and begat
sons and daughters.
24 And Nahor lived nine and
twenty years, and begat Te'-rah:
25 And Nahor lived after he begat
Te'-rah an hundred and nineteen years,
and begat sons and daughters.
26 And Te'-rah lived seventy years,
and begat Abram, Nahor, and Ha'-
ran.
27 Now these *are* the generations of
Te'-rah: Te'-rah begat Abram, Nahor,
nd Ha'-ran; and Ha'-ran begat Lot.
28 And Ha'-ran died before his fa-
her Te'-rah in the land of his nativity,
Ur of the Chal'-dees.
29 And Abram and Nahor took them
ives: the name of Abram's wife *was*
'-rai; and the name of Nahor's wife,
il'-cah, the daughter of Ha'-ran, the
ther of Mil'-cah, and the father of
-cah.
30 But Sa'-rai was barren; she *had*
child.
31 And Te'-rah took Abram his son,
Lot the son of Ha'-ran his son's
, and Sa'-rai his daughter in law,
son Abram's wife; and they went
h with them from Ur of the Chal'-
, to go into the land of Canaan;
they came unto Ha'-ran, and
lt there.
And the days of Te'-rah were
two hundred and five years: and Te
rah died in Ha'-ran.

CHAPTER 12

NOW the LORD had said unto
Abram, Get thee out of thy
country, and from thy kindred, and
from thy father's house, unto a land
that I will shew thee:
2 And I will make of thee a great
nation, and I will bless thee, and make
thy name great; and thou shalt be a
blessing:
3 And I will bless them that bless
thee, and curse him that curseth thee:
and in thee shall all families of the
earth be blessed.
4 So Abram departed, as the LORD
had spoken unto him; and Lot went
with him: and Abram *was* seventy and
five years old when he departed out of
Ha'-ran.
5 And Abram took Sa'-rai his wife,
and Lot his brother's son, and all their
substance that they had gathered, and
the souls that they had gotten in Ha'-
ran; and they went forth to go into the
land of Canaan; and into the land of
Canaan they came.
6 And Abram passed through the
land unto the place of Si'-chem, unto
the plain of Mo'-reh. And the Ca-
naanite *was* then in the land.
7 And the LORD appeared unto
Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will
I give this land: and there builded he
an altar unto the LORD, who appeared
unto him.
8 And he removed from thence unto
a mountain on the east of Beth-el, and
pitched his tent, *having* Beth-el on the
west, and Ha'-i on the east: and there
he builded an altar unto the LORD, and
called upon the name of the LORD.
9 And Abram journeyed, going on
still toward the south.
10 And there was a famine in the
land: and Abram went down into
Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine
was grievous in the land.
11 And it came to pass, when he
was come near to enter into Egypt,
that he said unto Sa'-rai his wife, Be-
hold now, I know that thou *art* a fair
woman to look upon:
12 Therefore it shall come to pass,
when the Egyptians shall see thee,
that they shall say, This *is* his wife:
and they will kill me, but they will
save thee alive.
13 Say, I pray thee, thou *art* my

sister: that it may be well with me for
thy sake; and my soul shall live be-
cause of thee.
14 And it came to pass, that, when
Abram was come into Egypt, the
Egyptians beheld the woman that she
was very fair.
15 The princes also of Pharaoh saw
her, and commended her before Phar-
aoh: and the woman was taken into
Pharaoh's house.
16 And he entreated Abram well for
her sake; and he had sheep, and oxen,
and he asses, and menservants, and
maidservants, and she asses, and cam-
els.
17 And the LORD plagued Pharaoh
and his house with great plagues be-
cause of Sa´-rai Abram's wife.
18 And Pharaoh called Abram, and
said, What *is* this *that* thou hast done
unto me? why didst thou not tell me
that she *was* thy wife?
19 Why saidst thou, She *is* my sis-
ter? so I might have taken her to me
to wife: now therefore behold thy wife,
take *her*, and go thy way.
20 And Pharaoh commanded *his*
men concerning him: and they sent
him away, and his wife, and all that
he had.

CHAPTER 13

AND Abram went up out of Egypt,
he, and his wife, and all that he
had, and Lot with him, into the south.
2 And Abram *was* very rich in cat-
tle, in silver, and in gold.
3 And he went on his journeys from
the south even to Beth–el, unto the
place where his tent had been at the
beginning, between Beth–el and Ha´-i;
4 Unto the place of the altar, which
he had made there at the first: and
there Abram called on the name of the
LORD.
5 And Lot also, which went with
Abram, had flocks, and herds, and
tents.
6 And the land was not able to
bear them, that they might dwell to-
gether: for their substance was great,
so that they could not dwell together.
7 And there was a strife between
the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the
herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Ca-
naanite and the Per´-iz-zite dwelled
then in the land.
8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let
there be no strife, I pray thee, be-
tween me and thee, and between my
herdmen and thy herdmen; for we *be*
brethren.
9 *Is* not the whole land before thee?
separate thyself, I pray thee, from me:
if *thou wilt take* the left hand, then I
will go to the right; or if *thou depart* to
the right hand, then I will go to the left.
10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and
beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it
was well watered every where, before
the LORD destroyed Sodom and Go-
mor´-rah, *even* as the garden of the
LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou
comest unto Zo´-ar.
11 Then Lot chose him all the plain
of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and
they separated themselves the one
from the other.
12 Abram dwelled in the land of
Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities
of the plain, and pitched *his* tent to-
ward Sodom.
13 But the men of Sodom *were*
wicked and sinners before the LORD
exceedingly.
14 And the LORD said unto Abram,
after that Lot was separated from him,
Lift up now thine eyes, and look from
the place where thou art northward,
and southward, and eastward, and
westward:
15 For all the land which thou seest,
to thee will I give it, and to thy seed
for ever.
16 And I will make thy seed as the
dust of the earth: so that if a man can
number the dust of the earth, *then*
shall thy seed also be numbered.
17 Arise, walk through the land in
the length of it and in the breadth of
it; for I will give it unto thee.
18 Then Abram removed *his* tent,
and came and dwelt in the plain of
Mam´-re, which *is* in He´-bron, and
built there an altar unto the LORD.

CHAPTER 14

AND it came to pass in the days of
Am´-ra-phel king of Shi´-nar, A´-ri-
och king of El´-la-sar, Che´-dor-la-o´-
mer king of E´-lam, and Ti´-dal king of
nations;
2 *That these* made war with Be´-ra
king of Sodom, and with Bir´-sha king
of Go-mor´-rah, Shi´-nab king of Ad´-
mah, and Shem-e´-ber king of Ze-boi´-
im, and the king of Be´-la, which is
Zo´-ar.
3 All these were joined together in
the vale of Sid´-dim, which is the salt
sea.

4 Twelve years they served Ched-or-la´-o-mer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5 And in the fourteenth year came Ched-or-la´-o-mer, and the kings that *were* with him, and smote the Reph´-a-ims in Ash´-te-roth Kar-na´-im, and the Zu´-zims in Ham, and the E´-mims in Sha´-veh Kir-i-a-tha´-im,

6 And the Ho´-rites in their mount Se´-ir, unto El-pa´-ran, which *is* by the wilderness.

7 And they returned, and came to En-mish´-pat, which *is* Ka´-desh, and smote all the country of the Am´-a-lek-ites, and also the Amorites, that dwelt in Haz´-e-zon–ta´-mar.

8 And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Go-mor´-rah, and the king of Ad´-mah, and the king of Ze-boi´-im, and the king of Be´-la (the same *is* Zo´-ar;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Sid´-dim;

9 With Ched-or-la´-o-mer the king of E´-lam, and with Ti´-dal king of nations, and Am´-ra-phel king of Shi´-nar, and A´-ri-och king of El´-la-sar; four kings with five.

10 And the vale of Sid´-dim *was full of* slimepits; and the kings of Sodom and Go-mor´-rah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain.

11 And they took all the goods of Sodom and Go-mor´-rah, and all their victuals, and went their way.

12 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

13 And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mam´-re the Amorite, brother of Esh´-col, and brother of Aner: and these *were* confederate with Abram.

14 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained *servants*, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued *them* unto Dan.

15 And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Ho´-bah, which *is* on the left hand of Damascus.

16 And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Ched-or-la´-o-mer, and of the kings that *were* with him, at the valley of Sha´-veh, which *is* the king's dale.

18 And Mel-chiz´-e-dek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he *was* the priest of the most high God.

19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed *be* Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

21 And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself.

22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth,

23 That I will not *take* from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that *is* thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich:

24 Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Esh´-col, and Mam´-re; let them take their portion.

CHAPTER 15

AFTER these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I *am* thy shield, *and* thy exceeding great reward.

2 And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house *is* this E-li-e´-zer of Damascus?

3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

4 And, behold, the word of the LORD *came* unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

7 And he said unto him, I *am* the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of

the Chal'-dees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

8 And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.

10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcases, Abram drove them away.

12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.

13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land *that is* not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

15 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites *is* not yet full.

17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.

18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Eu-phra'-tes:

19 The Ken'-ites, and the Ken'-iz-zites, and the Kad'-mon-ites,

20 And the Hittites, and the Per'-iz-zites, and the Reph'-a-ims,

21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Gir'-ga-shites, and the Jeb'-u-sites.

CHAPTER 16

NOW Sa'-rai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Ha'-gar.

2 And Sa-rai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sa'-rai.

3 And Sa'-rai Abram's wife took Ha'-gar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

4 And he went in unto Ha'-gar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

5 And Sa'-rai said unto Abram, My wrong *be* upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee.

6 But Abram said unto Sa'-rai, Behold, thy maid *is* in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sa'-rai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

7 And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.

8 And he said, Ha'-gar, Sa'-rai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sa'-rai.

9 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.

10 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.

11 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou *art* with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ish'-ma-el; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.

12 And he will be a wild man; his hand *will be* against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

13 And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?

14 Wherefore the well was called Be'-er–la-hai'–roi; behold, *it is* between Ka'-desh and Be'-red.

15 And Ha'-gar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Ha'-gar bare, Ish'-ma-el.

16 And Abram *was* fourscore and six years old, when Ha'-gar bare Ish'-ma-el to Abram.

CHAPTER 17

AND when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

4 As for me, behold, my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

9 And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

10 This *is* my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

12 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which *is* not of thy seed.

13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

14 And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sa'-rai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sa'-rai, but Sarah *shall* her name *be*.

16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother* of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall *a child* be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

18 And Abraham said unto God, O that Ish'-ma-el might live before thee!

19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his seed after him.

20 And as for Ish'-ma-el, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.

21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

22 And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

23 And Abraham took Ish'-ma-el his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.

24 And Abraham *was* ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

25 And Ish'-ma-el his son *was* thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

26 In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ish'-ma-el his son.

27 And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

CHAPTER 18

AND the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mam'-re: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

2 And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw *them*, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

3 And said, My Lord, if now I have
found favour in thy sight, pass not
away, I pray thee, from thy servant:
4 Let a little water, I pray you, be
fetched, and wash your feet, and rest
yourselves under the tree:
5 And I will fetch a morsel of bread,
and comfort ye your hearts; after that
ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye
come to your servant. And they said,
So do, as thou hast said.
6 And Abraham hastened into the
tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready
quickly three measures of fine meal,
knead *it*, and make cakes upon the
hearth.
7 And Abraham ran unto the herd,
and fetcht a calf tender and good, and
gave *it* unto a young man; and he
hasted to dress it.
8 And he took butter, and milk, and
the calf which he had dressed, and set
it before them; and he stood by them
under the tree, and they did eat.
9 And they said unto him, Where *is*
Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold,
in the tent.
10 And he said, I will certainly re-
turn unto thee according to the time
of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall
have a son. And Sarah heard *it* in the
tent door, which *was* behind him.
11 Now Abraham and Sarah *were*
old *and* well stricken in age; *and* it
ceased to be with Sarah after the man-
ner of women.
12 Therefore Sarah laughed within
herself, saying, After I am waxed old
shall I have pleasure, my lord being
old also?
13 And the LORD said unto Abra-
ham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, say-
ing, Shall I of a surety bear a child,
which am old?
14 Is any thing too hard for the
LORD? At the time appointed I will re-
turn unto thee, according to the time
of life, and Sarah shall have a son.
15 Then Sarah denied, saying, I
laughed not; for she was afraid. And he
said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.
16 And the men rose up from
thence, and looked toward Sodom: and
Abraham went with them to bring
them on the way.
17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide
from Abraham that thing which I do;
18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely
become a great and mighty nation,
and all the nations of the earth shall
be blessed in him?
19 For I know him, that he will
command his children and his house-
hold after him, and they shall keep the
way of the LORD, to do justice and
judgment; that the LORD may bring
upon Abraham that which he hath
spoken of him.
20 And the LORD said, Because the
cry of Sodom and Go-mor'-rah is great,
and because their sin is very grievous;
21 I will go down now, and see
whether they have done altogether ac-
cording to the cry of it, which is come
unto me; and if not, I will know.
22 And the men turned their faces
from thence, and went toward Sodom:
but Abraham stood yet before the
LORD.
23 And Abraham drew near, and
said, Wilt thou also destroy the right-
eous with the wicked?
24 Peradventure there be fifty
righteous within the city: wilt thou
also destroy and not spare the place
for the fifty righteous that *are* therein?
25 That be far from thee to do after
this manner, to slay the righteous with
the wicked: and that the righteous
should be as the wicked, that be far
from thee: Shall not the Judge of all
the earth do right?
26 And the LORD said, If I find in
Sodom fifty righteous within the city,
then I will spare all the place for their
sakes.
27 And Abraham answered and
said, Behold now, I have taken upon
me to speak unto the Lord, which *am*
but dust and ashes:
28 Peradventure there shall lack
five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou
destroy all the city for *lack of* five? And
he said, If I find there forty and five,
I will not destroy *it*.
29 And he spake unto him yet
again, and said, Peradventure there
shall be forty found there. And he said,
I will not do *it* for forty's sake.
30 And he said *unto him*, Oh let not
the Lord be angry, and I will speak:
Peradventure there shall thirty be
found there. And he said, I will not do
it, if I find thirty there.
31 And he said, Behold now, I have
taken upon me to speak unto the Lord:
Peradventure there shall be twenty
found there. And he said, I will not de-
stroy *it* for twenty's sake.
32 And he said, Oh let not the Lord
be angry, and I will speak yet but this
once: Peradventure ten sha[illegible] found

there. And he said, I will not destroy *it* for ten's sake.

33 And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

CHAPTER 19

AND there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing *them* rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

2 And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.

3 And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, *even* the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:

5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where *are* the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,

7 And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.

8 Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as *is* good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

9 And they said, Stand back. And they said *again*, This one *fellow* came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, *even* Lot, and came near to break the door.

10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.

11 And they smote the men that *were* at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

12 And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring *them* out of this place:

13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.

14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

18 And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my Lord:

19 Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:

20 Behold now, this city *is* near to flee unto, and it *is* a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (*is* it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.

21 And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

22 Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zo'ar.

23 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zo'ar.

24 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Go-mor'rah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;

25 And he overthrew those cities,
and all the plain, and all the inhabi-
tants of the cities, and that which
grew upon the ground.
26 But his wife looked back from
behind him, and she became a pillar
of salt.
27 And Abraham gat up early in
the morning to the place where he
stood before the LORD:
28 And he looked toward Sodom
and Go-mor'-rah, and toward all the
land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo,
the smoke of the country went up as
the smoke of a furnace.
29 And it came to pass, when God
destroyed the cities of the plain, that
God remembered Abraham, and sent
Lot out of the midst of the overthrow,
when he overthrew the cities in the
which Lot dwelt.
30 And Lot went up out of Zo'-ar,
and dwelt in the mountain, and his
two daughters with him; for he feared
to dwell in Zo'-ar: and he dwelt in a
cave, he and his two daughters.
31 And the firstborn said unto the
younger, Our father *is* old, and *there is*
not a man in the earth to come in unto
us after the manner of all the earth:
32 Come, let us make our father
drink wine, and we will lie with him,
that we may preserve seed of our fa-
ther.
33 And they made their father
drink wine that night: and the first-
born went in, and lay with her father;
and he perceived not when she lay
down, nor when she arose.
34 And it came to pass on the mor-
row, that the firstborn said unto the
younger, Behold, I lay yesternight
with my father: let us make him drink
wine this night also; and go thou in,
and lie with him, that we may preserve
seed of our father.
35 And they made their father
drink wine that night also: and the
younger arose, and lay with him; and
he perceived not when she lay down,
nor when she arose.
36 Thus were both the daughters of
Lot with child by their father.
37 And the firstborn bare a son, and
called his name Moab: the same *is*
the father of the Moabites unto this
day.
38 And the younger, she also bare a
son, and called his name Ben-am'-mi:
the same *is* the father of the children
of Ammon unto this day.

CHAPTER 20

AND Abraham journeyed from
thence toward the south coun-
try, and dwelled between Ka'-desh and
Shur, and sojourned in Ge'-rar.
2 And Abraham said of Sarah his
wife, She *is* my sister: and A-bim'-e-
lech king of Ge'-rar sent, and took
Sarah.
3 But God came to A-bim'-e-lech in
a dream by night, and said to him,
Behold, thou *art but* a dead man, for
the woman which thou hast taken; for
she *is* a man's wife.
4 But A-bim'-e-lech had not come
near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou
slay also a righteous nation?
5 Said he not unto me, She *is* my
sister? and she, even she herself said,
He is my brother: in the integrity of
my heart and innocency of my hands
have I done this.
6 And God said unto him in a
dream, Yea, I know that thou didst
this in the integrity of thy heart; for I
also withheld thee from sinning against
me: therefore suffered I thee not to
touch her.
7 Now therefore restore the man
his wife; for he *is* a prophet, and he
shall pray for thee, and thou shalt
live: and if thou restore *her* not, know
thou that thou shalt surely die, thou,
and all that *are* thine.
8 Therefore A-bim'-e-lech rose early
in the morning, and called all his serv-
ants, and told all these things in their
ears: and the men were sore afraid.
9 Then A-bim'-e-lech called Abra-
ham, and said unto him, What hast
thou done unto us? and what have I
offended thee, that thou hast brought
on me and on my kingdom a great sin?
thou hast done deeds unto me that
ought not to be done.
10 And A-bim'-e-lech said unto
Abraham, What sawest thou, that
thou hast done this thing?
11 And Abraham said, Because I
thought, Surely the fear of God *is* not
in this place; and they will slay me for
my wife's sake.
12 And yet indeed *she is* my sister;
she *is* the daughter of my father, but
not the daughter of my mother; and
she became my wife.
13 And it came to pass, when God
caused me to wander from my father's
house, that I said unto her, This *is* thy
kindness which thou shalt shew unto

me; at every place whither we shall
come, say of me, He *is* my brother.
14 And A-bim´-e-lech took sheep,
and oxen, and menservants, and wom-
enservants, and gave *them* unto Abra-
ham, and restored him Sarah his wife.
15 And A-bim´-e-lech said, Behold,
my land *is* before thee: dwell where it
pleaseth thee.
16 And unto Sarah he said, Behold,
I have given thy brother a thousand
pieces of silver: behold, he *is* to thee a
covering of the eyes, unto all that *are*
with thee, and with all *other:* thus she
was reproved.
17 So Abraham prayed unto God:
and God healed A-bim´-e-lech, and his
wife, and his maidservants; and they
bare *children.*
18 For the LORD had fast closed up
all the wombs of the house of A-bim´-e-
lech, because of Sarah Abraham's wife.

CHAPTER 21

AND the LORD visited Sarah as he
had said, and the LORD did unto
Sarah as he had spoken.
2 For Sarah conceived, and bare
Abraham a son in his old age, at the
set time of which God had spoken to
him.
3 And Abraham called the name of
his son that was born unto him, whom
Sarah bare to him, Isaac.
4 And Abraham circumcised his son
Isaac being eight days old, as God had
commanded him.
5 And Abraham was an hundred
years old, when his son Isaac was born
unto him.
6 And Sarah said, God hath made
me to laugh, *so that* all that hear will
laugh with me.
7 And she said, Who would have
said unto Abraham, that Sarah should
have given children suck? for I have
born *him* a son in his old age.
8 And the child grew, and was
weaned: and Abraham made a great
feast the *same* day that Isaac was
weaned.
9 And Sarah saw the son of Ha´-gar
the Egyptian, which she had born unto
Abraham, mocking.
10 Wherefore she said unto Abra-
ham, Cast out this bondwoman and
her son: for the son of this bondwoman
shall not be heir with my son, *even*
with Isaac.
11 And the thing was very grievous
in Abraham's sight because of his son.
12 And God said unto Abraham,
Let *it* not be grievous in thy sight be-
cause of the lad, and because of thy
bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath
said unto thee, hearken unto her voice;
for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.
13 And also of the son of the bond-
woman will I make a nation, because
he *is* thy seed.
14 And Abraham rose up early in
the morning, and took bread, and a
bottle of water, and gave *it* unto Ha´-
gar, putting *it* on her shoulder, and the
child, and sent her away: and she de-
parted, and wandered in the wilder-
ness of Be´-er–she´-ba.
15 And the water was spent in the
bottle, and she cast the child under
one of the shrubs.
16 And she went, and sat her down
over against *him* a good way off, as it
were a bowshot: for she said, Let me
not see the death of the child. And she
sat over against *him,* and lift up her
voice, and wept.
17 And God heard the voice of the
lad; and the angel of God called to Ha´-
gar out of heaven, and said unto her,
What aileth thee, Ha´-gar? fear not; for
God hath heard the voice of the lad
where he *is.*
18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold
him in thine hand; for I will make him
a great nation.
19 And God opened her eyes, and
she saw a well of water; and she went,
and filled the bottle with water, and
gave the lad drink.
20 And God was with the lad; and
he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness,
and became an archer.
21 And he dwelt in the wilderness
of Paran: and his mother took him a
wife out of the land of Egypt.
22 And it came to pass at that time,
that A-bim´-e-lech and Phi´-chol the
chief captain of his host spake unto
Abraham, saying, God *is* with thee in
all that thou doest:
23 Now therefore swear unto me
here by God that thou wilt not deal
falsely with me, nor with my son, nor
with my son's son: *but* according to the
kindness that I have done unto thee,
thou shalt do unto me, and to the land
wherein thou hast sojourned.
24 And Abraham said, I will swear.
25 And Abraham reproved A-bim´-
e-lech because of a well of water, which
A-bim´-e-lech's servants had violently
taken away.

26 And A-bim'-e-lech said, I wot not who hath done this thing: neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I *of it*, but to day.

27 And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto A-bim'-e-lech; and both of them made a covenant.

28 And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

29 And A-bim'-e-lech said unto Abraham, What *mean* these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves?

30 And he said, For *these* seven ewe lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witness unto me, that I have digged this well.

31 Wherefore he called that place Be'-er–she'-ba; because there they sware both of them.

32 Thus they made a covenant at Be'-er–she'-ba: then A-bim'-e-lech rose up, and Phi'-chol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.

33 And *Abraham* planted a grove in Be'-er–she'-ba, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God.

34 And Abraham sojourned in the Philistines' land many days.

CHAPTER 22

AND it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, *here* I *am*.

2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only *son* Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Mo-ri'-ah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid *it* upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am* I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?

8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here *am* I.

12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son* from me.

13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of that place Je-ho'-vah–ji'-reh: as it is said *to* this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

15 And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son*:

17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which *is* upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

19 So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Be'-er–she'-ba; and Abraham dwelt at Be'-er–she'-ba.

20 And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, say-

ing, Behold, Mil'-cah, she hath also
born children unto thy brother Nahor;
21 Huz his firstborn, and Buz his
brother, and Ke-mu'-el the father of
A'-ram,
22 And Che'-sed, and Ha'-zo, and
Pil'-dash, and Jid'-laph, and Beth-u'-el.
23 And Beth-u'-el begat Rebekah:
these eight Mil'-cah did bear to Nahor,
Abraham's brother.
24 And his concubine, whose name
was Reu'-mah, she bare also Te'-bah,
and Ga'-ham, and Tha'-hash, and Ma'-
a-chah.

CHAPTER 23

AND Sarah was an hundred and
seven and twenty years old: *these*
were the years of the life of Sarah.
2 And Sarah died in Kir'-jath-ar'-
ba; the same *is* Hebron in the land of
Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn
for Sarah, and to weep for her.
3 And Abraham stood up from be-
fore his dead, and spake unto the sons
of Heth, saying,
4 I *am* a stranger and a sojourner
with you: give me a possession of a
buryingplace with you, that I may
bury my dead out of my sight.
5 And the children of Heth an-
swered Abraham, saying unto him,
6 Hear us, my lord: thou *art* a
mighty prince among us: in the choice
of our sepulchres bury thy dead; none
of us shall withhold from thee his sep-
ulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy
dead.
7 And Abraham stood up, and
bowed himself to the people of the
land, *even* to the children of Heth.
8 And he communed with them,
saying, If it be your mind that I should
bury my dead out of my sight; hear
me, and intreat for me to E'-phron the
son of Zo'-har,
9 That he may give me the cave of
Mach-pe'-lah, which he hath, which *is*
in the end of his field; for as much
money as it is worth he shall give it
me for a possession of a buryingplace
amongst you.
10 And E'-phron dwelt among the
children of Heth: and E'-phron the
Hittite answered Abraham in the au-
dience of the children of Heth, *even* of
all that went in at the gate of his city,
saying,
11 Nay, my lord, hear me: the field
give I thee, and the cave that *is* there-
in, I give it thee; in the presence of the
sons of my people give I it thee: bury
thy dead.
12 And Abraham bowed down him-
self before the people of the land.
13 And he spake unto E'-phron in
the audience of the people of the land,
saying, But if thou *wilt give it*, I pray
thee, hear me: I will give thee money
for the field; take *it* of me, and I will
bury my dead there.
14 And E'-phron answered Abra-
ham, saying unto him,
15 My lord, hearken unto me: the
land *is worth* four hundred shekels of
silver; what *is* that betwixt me and
thee? bury therefore thy dead.
16 And Abraham hearkened unto
E'-phron; and Abraham weighed to
E'-phron the silver, which he had
named in the audience of the sons of
Heth, four hundred shekels of silver,
current *money* with the merchant.
17 And the field of E'-phron, which
was in Mach-pe'-lah, which *was* before
Mam'-re, the field, and the cave which
was therein, and all the trees that
were in the field, that *were* in all the
borders round about, were made sure
18 Unto Abraham for a possession
in the presence of the children of Heth,
before all that went in at the gate of
his city.
19 And after this, Abraham buried
Sarah his wife in the cave of the field
of Mach-pe'-lah before Mam'-re: the
same *is* Hebron in the land of Canaan.
20 And the field, and the cave that
is therein, were made sure unto Abra-
ham for a possession of a buryingplace
by the sons of Heth.

CHAPTER 24

AND Abraham was old, *and* well
stricken in age: and the LORD had
blessed Abraham in all things.
2 And Abraham said unto his eldest
servant of his house, that ruled over
all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy
hand under my thigh:
3 And I will make thee swear by the
LORD, the God of heaven, and the God
of the earth, that thou shalt not take
a wife unto my son of the daughters
of the Canaanites, among whom I
dwell:
4 But thou shalt go unto my coun-
try, and to my kindred, and take a
wife unto my son Isaac.
5 And the servant said unto him,
Peradventure the woman will not be
willing to follow me unto this land:

ıst I needs bring thy son again unto
ꞏe land from whence thou camest?
6 And Abraham said unto him, Be-
ꞏıre thou that thou bring not my son
ꞏither again.
7 The LORD God of heaven, which
ꞏok me from my father's house, and
ꞏom the land of my kindred, and
ıich spake unto me, and that sware
ꞏto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I
ꞏe this land; he shall send his angel
ꞏfore thee, and thou shalt take a wife
ꞏto my son from thence.
8 And if the woman will not be will-
ꞏg to follow thee, then thou shalt be
ꞏar from this my oath: only bring not
ꞏy son thither again.
9 And the servant put his hand un-
ꞏr the thigh of Abraham his master, and
ꞏare to him concerning that matter.
10 And the servant took ten camels
ꞏ the camels of his master, and de-
ꞏrted; for all the goods of his master
ꞏre in his hand: and he arose, and
ꞏnt to Mes-o-po-ta′-mi-a, unto the
ꞏy of Nahor.
11 And he made his camels to kneel
ꞏwn without the city by a well of wa-
ꞏr at the time of the evening, *even* the
ꞏne that women go out to draw *water*.
12 And he said, O LORD God of my
ꞏaster Abraham, I pray thee, send me
ꞏod speed this day, and shew kind-
ꞏss unto my master Abraham.
13 Behold, I stand *here* by the well
ꞏwater; and the daughters of the men
ꞏ the city come out to draw water:
14 And let it come to pass, that the
ꞏmsel to whom I shall say, Let down
ꞏy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may
ꞏink; and she shall say, Drink, and I
ꞏll give thy camels drink also: *let the*
ꞏ*me be* she *that* thou hast appointed
ꞏr thy servant Isaac; and thereby
ꞏall I know that thou hast shewed
ꞏndness unto my master.
15 And it came to pass, before he
ꞏd done speaking, that, behold, Re-
ꞏkah came out, who was born to
ꞏeth-u′-el, son of Mil′-cah, the wife of
ꞏahor, Abraham's brother, with her
ꞏtcher upon her shoulder.
16 And the damsel *was* very fair to
ꞏok upon, a virgin, neither had any
ꞏan known her: and she went down to
ꞏe well, and filled her pitcher, and
ꞏme up.
17 And the servant ran to meet her,
ꞏd said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a
ꞏttle water of thy pitcher.
18 And she said, Drink, my lord:
and she hasted, and let down her
pitcher upon her hand, and gave him
drink.
19 And when she had done giving
him drink, she said, I will draw *water*
for thy camels also, until they have
done drinking.
20 And she hasted, and emptied her
pitcher into the trough, and ran again
unto the well to draw *water*, and drew
for all his camels.
21 And the man wondering at her
held his peace, to wit whether the
LORD had made his journey prosperous
or not.
22 And it came to pass, as the cam-
els had done drinking, that the man
took a golden earring of half a shekel
weight, and two bracelets for her
hands of ten *shekels* weight of gold;
23 And said, Whose daughter *art*
thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there
room *in* thy father's house for us to
lodge in?
24 And she said unto him, I *am* the
daughter of Beth-u′-el the son of Mil′-
cah, which she bare unto Nahor.
25 She said moreover unto him, We
have both straw and provender
enough, and room to lodge in.
26 And the man bowed down his
head, and worshipped the LORD.
27 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD
God of my master Abraham, who hath
not left destitute my master of his
mercy and his truth: I *being* in the
way, the LORD led me to the house of
my master's brethren.
28 And the damsel ran, and told
them of her mother's house these
things.
29 And Rebekah had a brother, and
his name *was* Laban: and Laban ran
out unto the man, unto the well.
30 And it came to pass, when he
saw the earring and bracelets upon his
sister's hands, and when he heard the
words of Rebekah his sister, saying,
Thus spake the man unto me; that he
came unto the man; and, behold, he
stood by the camels at the well.
31 And he said, Come in, thou
blessed of the LORD; wherefore stand-
est thou without? for I have prepared
the house, and room for the camels.
32 And the man came into the
house: and he ungirded his camels, and
gave straw and provender for the cam
els, and water to wash his feet, and the
men's feet that *were* with him.
33 And there was set

him to eat: but he said, I will not eat,
until I have told mine errand. And he
said, Speak on.
34 And he said, I *am* Abraham's
servant.
35 And the LORD hath blessed my
master greatly; and he is become
great: and he hath given him flocks,
and herds, and silver, and gold, and
menservants, and maidservants, and
camels, and asses.
36 And Sarah my master's wife
bare a son to my master when she was
old: and unto him hath he given all
that he hath.
37 And my master made me swear,
saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to
my son of the daughters of the Ca-
naanites, in whose land I dwell:
38 But thou shalt go unto my fa-
ther's house, and to my kindred, and
take a wife unto my son.
39 And I said unto my master, Per-
adventure the woman will not follow
me.
40 And he said unto me, The LORD,
before whom I walk, will send his angel
with thee, and prosper thy way; and
thou shalt take a wife for my son of
my kindred, and of my father's house:
41 Then shalt thou be clear from
this my oath, when thou comest to my
kindred; and if they give not thee *one*,
thou shalt be clear from my oath.
42 And I came this day unto the
well, and said, O LORD God of my
master Abraham, if now thou do pros-
per my way which I go:
43 Behold, I stand by the well of
water; and it shall come to pass, that
when the virgin cometh forth to draw
water, and I say to her, Give me, I pray
thee, a little water of thy pitcher to
drink;
44 And she say to me, Both drink
thou, and I will also draw for thy cam-
els: *let* the same *be* the woman whom
the LORD hath appointed out for my
master's son.
45 And before I had done speaking
in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came
forth with her pitcher on her shoulder;
and she went down unto the well, and
drew *water:* and I said unto her, Let
me drink, I pray thee.
46 And she made haste, and let
down her pitcher from her *shoulder*,
and said, Drink, and I will give thy
camels drink also: so I drank, and she
made the camels drink also.
47 And I asked her, and said,
Whose daughter *art* thou? And she
said, The daughter of Beth-u'-el, Na-
hor's son, whom Mil'-cah bare unto
him: and I put the earring upon her
face, and the bracelets upon her hands.
48 And I bowed down my head, and
worshipped the LORD, and blessed the
LORD God of my master Abraham,
which had led me in the right way to
take my master's brother's daughter
unto his son.
49 And now if ye will deal kindly
and truly with my master, tell me: and
if not, tell me; that I may turn to the
right hand, or to the left.
50 Then Laban and Beth-u'-el an-
swered and said, the thing proceedeth
from the LORD: we cannot speak unto
thee bad or good.
51 Behold, Rebekah *is* before thee,
take *her*, and go, and let her be thy
master's son's wife, as the LORD hath
spoken.
52 And it came to pass, that, when
Abraham's servant heard their words,
he worshipped the LORD, *bowing him-
self* to the earth.
53 And the servant brought forth
jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and
raiment, and gave *them* to Rebekah: he
gave also to her brother and to her
mother precious things.
54 And they did eat and drink, he
and the men that *were* with him, and
tarried all night; and they rose up in
the morning, and he said, Send me
away unto my master.
55 And her brother and her mother
said, Let the damsel abide with us *a
few* days, at the least ten; after that
she shall go.
56 And he said unto them, Hinder
me not, seeing the LORD hath pros-
pered my way; send me away that I
may go to my master.
57 And they said, We will call the
damsel, and enquire at her mouth.
58 And they called Rebekah, and
said unto her, Wilt thou go with this
man? And she said, I will go.
59 And they sent away Rebekah
their sister, and her nurse, and Abra-
ham's servant, and his men.
60 And they blessed Rebekah, and
said unto her, Thou *art* our sister, be
thou *the mother* of thousands of mil-
lions, and let thy seed possess the gate
of those which hate them.
61 And Rebekah arose, and her
damsels, and they rode upon the cam-
els, and followed the man: and the

heel; and his name was called Jacob:
and Isaac *was* threescore years old
when she bare them.
27 And the boys grew: and Esau
was a cunning hunter, a man of the
field; and Jacob *was* a plain man,
dwelling in tents.
28 And Isaac loved Esau, because
he did eat of *his* venison: but Rebekah
loved Jacob.
29 And Jacob sod pottage: and
Esau came from the field, and he *was*
faint:
30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed
me, I pray thee, with that same red
pottage; for I *am* faint: therefore was
his name called Edom.
31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day
thy birthright.
32 And Esau said, Behold, I *am* at
the point to die: and what profit shall
this birthright do to me?
33 And Jacob said, Swear to me
this day; and he sware unto him: and
he sold his birthright unto Jacob.
34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and
pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and
drink, and rose up, and went his way:
thus Esau despised *his* birthright.

CHAPTER 26

AND there was a famine in the land,
beside the first famine that was in
the days of Abraham. And Isaac went
unto A-bim′-e-lech king of the Philis-
tines unto Ge′-rar.
2 And the LORD appeared unto him,
and said, Go not down into Egypt;
dwell in the land which I shall tell
thee of:
3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be
with thee, and will bless thee; for unto
hee, and unto thy seed, I will give all
hese countries, and I will perform the
ath which I sware unto Abraham thy
ther;
4 And I will make thy seed to mul-
ly as the stars of heaven, and will
e unto thy seed all these countries;
l in thy seed shall all the nations of
earth be blessed;
Because that Abraham obeyed my
e, and kept my charge, my com-
iments, my statutes, and my laws.
And Isaac dwelt in Ge′-rar:
And the men of the place asked
f his wife; and he said, She *is* my
for he feared to say, *She is* my
est, *said he*, the men of the place
kill me for Rebekah; because
s fair to look upon.

8 And it came to pass, when
been there a long time, that A-
lech king of the Philistines looke
at a window, and saw, and, be
Isaac *was* sporting with Rebeka
wife.
9 And A-bim′-e-lech called Is
and said, Behold, of a surety she *is*
wife: and how saidst thou, She *is*
sister? And Isaac said unto him,
cause I said, Lest I die for her.
10 And A-bim′-e-lech said, What
this thou hast done unto us? one of t
people might lightly have lien with th
wife, and thou shouldest have brough
guiltiness upon us.
11 And A-bim′-e-lech charged al
his people, saying, He that toucheth
this man or his wife shall surely be put
to death.
12 Then Isaac sowed in that land,
and received in the same year an hun-
dredfold: and the LORD blessed him.
13 And the man waxed great, and
went forward, and grew until he be-
came very great:
14 For he had possession of flocks,
and possession of herds, and great
store of servants: and the Philistines
envied him.
15 For all the wells which his fa-
ther's servants had digged in the days
of Abraham his father, the Philistin
had stopped them, and filled ther
with earth.
16 And A-bim′-e-lech said unto
Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much
mightier than we.
17 And Isaac departed thence, and
pitched his tent in the valley of Ge′-rar,
and dwelt there.
18 And Isaac digged again the wells
of water, which they had digged in the
days of Abraham his father; for the
Philistines had stopped them after the
death of Abraham: and he called their
names after the names by which his
father had called them.
19 And Isaac's servants digged in
the valley, and found there a well of
springing water.
20 And the herdmen of Ge′-rar did
strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying,
The water *is* ours: and he called the
name of the well E′-sek; because they
strove with him.
21 And they digged another well,
and strove for that also: and he called
the name of it Sit′-nah.
22 And he removed from thence
and digged another well; and

they strove not: and he called the
name of it Re-ho'-both; and he said,
For now the LORD hath made room for
us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.
23 And he went up from thence to
Be'-er-she'-ba.
24 And the LORD appeared unto
him the same night, and said, I *am* the
God of Abraham thy father: fear not,
for I *am* with thee, and will bless thee,
and multiply thy seed for my servant
Abraham's sake.
25 And he builded an altar there,
and called upon the name of the LORD,
and pitched his tent there: and there
Isaac's servants digged a well.
26 Then A-bim'-e-lech went to him
from Ge'-rar, and A-huz'-zath one of
his friends, and Phi'-chol the chief cap-
tain of his army.
27 And Isaac said unto them,
Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye
hate me, and have sent me away from
you?
28 And they said, We saw certainly
that the LORD was with thee: and we
said, Let there be now an oath betwixt
us, *even* betwixt us and thee, and let
us make a covenant with thee;
29 That thou wilt do us no hurt, as
we have not touched thee, and as we
have done unto thee nothing but good,
and have sent thee away in peace:
thou *art* now the blessed of the LORD.
30 And he made them a feast, and
they did eat and drink.
31 And they rose up betimes in the
morning, and sware one to another:
and Isaac sent them away, and they
departed from him in peace.
32 And it came to pass the same
day, that Isaac's servants came, and
told him concerning the well which
they had digged, and said unto him,
We have found water.
33 And he called it She'-bah: there-
fore the name of the city *is* Be'-er-she'-
ba unto this day.
34 And Esau was forty years old
when he took to wife Judith the daugh-
ter of Be-e'-ri the Hittite, and Bash'-e-
math the daughter of E'-lon the Hit-
tite:
35 Which were a grief of mind unto
Isaac and to Rebekah.

CHAPTER 27

AND it came to pass, that when
Isaac was old, and his eyes were
dim, so that he could not see, he called
Esau his eldest son, and said unto him,
My son: and he said unto him, Behold,
here am I.
2 And he said, Behold now, I am
old, I know not the day of my death:
3 Now therefore take, I pray thee,
thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow,
and go out to the field, and take me
some venison;
4 And make me savoury meat, such
as I love, and bring *it* to me, that I
may eat; that my soul may bless thee
before I die.
5 And Rebekah heard when Isaac
spake to Esau his son. And Esau went
to the field to hunt *for* venison, *and* to
bring *it*.
6 And Rebekah spake unto Jacob
her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy
father speak unto Esau thy brother,
saying,
7 Bring me venison, and make me
savoury meat, that I may eat, and
bless thee before the LORD before my
death.
8 Now therefore, my son, obey my
voice according to that which I com-
mand thee.
9 Go now to the flock, and fetch me
from thence two good kids of the
goats; and I will make them savoury
meat for thy father, such as he loveth:
10 And thou shalt bring *it* to thy
father, that he may eat, and that he
may bless thee before his death.
11 And Jacob said to Rebekah his
mother, Behold, Esau my brother *is* a
hairy man, and I *am* a smooth man:
12 My father peradventure will feel
me, and I shall seem to him as a de-
ceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon
me, and not a blessing.
13 And his mother said unto him,
Upon me *be* thy curse, my son: only
obey my voice, and go fetch me *them*.
14 And he went, and fetched, and
brought *them* to his mother: and his
mother made savoury meat, such as
his father loved.
15 And Rebekah took goodly rai-
ment of her eldest son Esau, which
were with her in the house, and put
them upon Jacob her younger son:
16 And she put the skins of the kids
of the goats upon his hands, and upon
the smooth of his neck:
17 And she gave the savoury meat
and the bread, which she had pre-
pared, into the hand of her son Jacob.
18 And he came unto his father, and
said, My father: and he said, Here *am*
I; who *art* thou, my son?

19 And Jacob said unto his father, I *am* Esau thy firstborn; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me.

20 And Isaac said unto his son, How *is it* that thou hast found *it* so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the LORD thy God brought *it* to me.

21 And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou *be* my very son Esau or not.

22 And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice *is* Jacob's voice, but the hands *are* the hands of Esau.

23 And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him.

24 And he said, *Art* thou my very son Esau? And he said, I *am*.

25 And he said, Bring *it* near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought *it* near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank.

26 And his father Isaac said unto m, Come near now, and kiss me, my n.

7 And he came near, and kissed : and he smelled the smell of his ent, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son *is* as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed:

28 Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine:

29 Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed *be* every one that curseth thee, and blessed *be* he that blesseth thee.

30 And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

31 And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me.

32 And Isaac his father said unto him, Who *art* thou? And he said, I *am* thy son, thy firstborn Esau.

33 And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where *is* he that hath taken venison, and brought *it* me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and he shall be blessed.

34 And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, *even* me also, O my father.

35 And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing.

36 And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me?

37 And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son?

38 And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, *even* me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept.

39 And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above;

40 And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

41 And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob.

42 And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, *purposing* to kill thee.

43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Ha'-ran;

44 And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away;

45 Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget *that* which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence:

why should I be deprived also of you
both in one day?
46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am
weary of my life because of the daugh-
ters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of
the daughters of Heth, such as these
which are of the daughters of the land,
what good shall my life do me?

CHAPTER 28

AND Isaac called Jacob, and blessed
him, and charged him, and said
unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife
of the daughters of Canaan.
2 Arise, go to Pa'-dan-a'-ram, to the
house of Beth-u'-el thy mother's fa-
ther; and take thee a wife from thence
of the daughters of Laban thy moth-
er's brother.
3 And God Almighty bless thee, and
make thee fruitful, and multiply thee,
that thou mayest be a multitude of
people;
4 And give thee the blessing of
Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed
with thee; that thou mayest inherit
the land wherein thou art a stranger,
which God gave unto Abraham.
5 And Isaac sent away Jacob: and
he went to Pa'-dan-a'-ram unto Laban,
son of Beth-u'-el the Syrian, the broth-
er of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's
mother.
6 When Esau saw that Isaac had
blessed Jacob, and sent him away to
Pa'-dan-a'-ram, to take him a wife
from thence; and that as he blessed
him he gave him a charge, saying,
Thou shalt not take a wife of the
daughters of Canaan;
7 And that Jacob obeyed his father
and his mother, and was gone to Pa'-
dan-a'-ram;
8 And Esau seeing that the daugh-
ters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his
father;
9 Then went Esau unto Ish'-ma-el,
and took unto the wives which he had
Ma'-ha-lath the daughter of Ish'-ma-el
Abraham's son, the sister of Ne-ba'-
joth, to be his wife.
10 And Jacob went out from Be'-er-
she'-ba, and went toward Ha'-ran.
11 And he lighted upon a certain
place, and tarried there all night, be-
cause the sun was set; and he took of
the stones of that place, and put *them*
for his pillows, and lay down in that
place to sleep.
12 And he dreamed, and behold a
ladder set up on the earth, and the top
of it reached to heaven: and behold the
angels of God ascending and descend-
ing on it.
13 And, behold, the LORD stood
above it, and said, I *am* the LORD God
of Abraham thy father, and the God of
Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to
thee will I give it, and to thy seed;
14 And thy seed shall be as the dust
of the earth, and thou shalt spread
abroad to the west, and to the east,
and to the north, and to the south: and
in thee and in thy seed shall all the
families of the earth be blessed.
15 And, behold, I *am* with thee, and
will keep thee in all *places* whither
thou goest, and will bring thee again
into this land; for I will not leave thee,
until I have done *that* which I have
spoken to thee of.
16 And Jacob awaked out of his
sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is
in this place; and I knew *it* not.
17 And he was afraid, and said,
How dreadful *is* this place! this *is* none
other but the house of God, and this *is*
the gate of heaven.
18 And Jacob rose up early in the
morning, and took the stone that he
had put *for* his pillows, and set it up
for a pillar, and poured oil upon the
top of it.
19 And he called the name of that
place Beth-el: but the name of that
city *was called* Luz at the first.
20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying,
If God will be with me, and will keep
me in this way that I go, and will give
me bread to eat, and raiment to put
on,
21 So that I come again to my fa-
ther's house in peace; then shall the
LORD be my God:
22 And this stone, which I have set
for a pillar, shall be God's house: and
of all that thou shalt give me I will
surely give the tenth unto thee.

CHAPTER 29

THEN Jacob went on his journey,
and came into the land of the peo-
ple of the east.
2 And he looked, and behold a well
in the field, and, lo, there *were* three
flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of
that well they watered the flocks: and
a great stone *was* upon the well's
mouth.
3 And thither were all the flocks
gathered: and they rolled the stone
from the well's mouth, and watered

the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place.

4 And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence *be* ye? And they said, Of Ha'-ran *are* we.

5 And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know *him*.

6 And he said unto them, *Is* he well? And they said, *He is* well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep.

7 And he said, Lo, *it is* yet high day, neither *is it* time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go *and* feed *them*.

8 And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and *till* they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep.

9 And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep: for she kept them.

10 And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.

11 And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.

12 And Jacob told Rachel that he *was* her father's brother, and that he *was* Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father.

13 And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things.

14 And Laban said to him, Surely thou *art* my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month.

15 And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou *art* my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what *shall* thy wages *be?*

16 And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder *was* Leah, and the name of the younger *was* Rachel.

17 Leah *was* tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favoured.

18 And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.

19 And Laban said, *It is* better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me.

20 And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him *but* a few days, for the love he had to her.

21 And Jacob said unto Laban, Give *me* my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her.

22 And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.

23 And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her.

24 And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid *for* an handmaid.

25 And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it *was* Leah: and he said to Laban, What *is* this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?

26 And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.

27 Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.

28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also.

29 And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bil'-hah his handmaid to be her maid.

30 And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

31 And when the Lord saw that Leah *was* hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel *was* barren.

32 And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.

33 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the LORD hath heard that I *was* hated, he hath therefore given me this *son* also: and she called his name Simeon.

34 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi.

35 And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing.

CHAPTER 30

AND when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die.

2 And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said, *Am* I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb?

3 And she said, Behold my maid Bil'-hah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her.

4 And she gave him Bil'-hah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her.

5 And Bil'-hah conceived, and bare Jacob a son.

6 And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan.

7 And Bil'-hah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son.

8 And Rachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Naph'-ta-li.

9 When Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife.

10 And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a son.

11 And Leah said, A troop cometh: and she called his name Gad.

12 And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a second son.

13 And Leah said, Happy am I, for the daughters will call me blessed: and she called his name Asher.

14 And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes.

15 And she said unto her, *Is it* a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to night for thy son's mandrakes.

16 And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night.

17 And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son.

18 And Leah said, God hath given me my *hire*, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Is'-sa-char.

19 And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the sixth son.

20 And Leah said, God hath endued me *with* a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name Zeb'-u-lun.

21 And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah.

22 And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb.

23 And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach:

24 And she called his name Joseph; and said, The LORD shall add to me another son.

25 And it came to pass, when Rachel had born Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country.

26 Give *me* my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service which I have done thee.

27 And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, *tarry: for* I have learned by experience that the LORD hath blessed me for thy sake.

28 And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give *it*.

29 And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee, and how thy cattle was with me.

30 For *it was* little which thou hadst before I *came*, and it is *now* increased unto a multitude; and the LORD hath blessed thee since my coming: and now when shall I provide for mine own house also?

31 And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me any thing: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed *and* keep thy flock.

32 I will pass through all thy flock to day, removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattle, and all the brown cattle among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and *of such* shall be my hire.

33 So shall my righteousness answer for me in time to come, when it shall come for my hire before thy face: every one that *is* not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with me.

34 And Laban said, Behold, I would *it* might be according to thy word.

35 And he removed that day the he goats that were ringstraked and spotted, and all the she goats that were speckled and spotted, *and* every one that had *some* white in it, and all the brown among the sheep, and gave *them* into the hand of his sons.

36 And he set three days' journey betwixt himself and Jacob: and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

37 And Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chesnut tree; and pilled white stakes in them, and made the white appear which *was* in the rods.

38 And he set the rods which he had pilled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive when they came to drink.

39 And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattle ringstraked, speckled, and spotted.

40 And Jacob did separate the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the ringstraked, and all the brown in the flock of Laban; and he put his own flocks by themselves, and put them not unto Laban's cattle.

41 And it came to pass, whensoever the stronger cattle did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the cattle in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods.

42 But when the cattle were feeble, he put *them* not in: so the feebler were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's.

43 And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses.

CHAPTER 31

AND he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that *was* our father's; and of *that* which *was* our father's hath he gotten all this glory.

2 And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it *was* not toward him as before.

3 And the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.

4 And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock.

5 And said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it *is* not toward me as before; but the God of my father hath been with me.

6 And ye know that with all my power I have served your father.

7 And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me.

8 If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the cattle bare speckled: and if he said thus, The ringstraked shall be thy hire; then bare all the cattle ringstraked.

9 Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given *them* to me.

10 And it came to pass at the time that the cattle conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the cattle *were* ringstraked, speckled, and grisled.

11 And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, *saying*, Jacob: and I said, Here *am* I.

12 And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle *are* ringstraked, speckled, and grisled: for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee.

13 I *am* the God of Beth–el, where thou anointedst the pillar, *and* where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.

14 And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, *Is there* yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house?

15 Are we not counted of him strangers? for he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our money.

16 For all the riches which God hath taken from our father, that *is* ours, and our children's: now then, whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do.

17 Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels;

18 And he carried away all his cattle, and all his goods which he had gotten, the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten in Pa'dan–a'ram, for to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan.

19 And Laban went to shear his
sheep: and Rachel had stolen the
images that *were* her father's.
20 And Jacob stole away unawares
to Laban the Syrian, in that he told
him not that he fled.
21 So he fled with all that he had;
and he rose up, and passed over the
river, and set his face *toward* the
mount Gilead.
22 And it was told Laban on the
third day that Jacob was fled.
23 And he took his brethren with
him, and pursued after him seven
days' journey; and they overtook him
in the mount Gilead.
24 And God came to Laban the
Syrian in a dream by night, and said
unto him, Take heed that thou speak
not to Jacob either good or bad.
25 Then Laban overtook Jacob.
Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the
mount: and Laban with his brethren
pitched in the mount of Gilead.
26 And Laban said to Jacob, What
hast thou done, that thou hast stolen
away unawares to me, and carried
away my daughters, as captives *taken*
with the sword?
27 Wherefore didst thou flee away
secretly, and steal away from me; and
didst not tell me, that I might have
sent thee away with mirth, and with
songs, with tabret, and with harp?
28 And hast not suffered me to kiss
my sons and my daughters? thou hast
now done foolishly in *so* doing.
29 It is in the power of my hand to
do you hurt: but the God of your fa-
ther spake unto me yesternight, say-
ing, Take thou heed that thou speak
not to Jacob either good or bad.
30 And now, *though* thou wouldest
needs be gone, because thou sore long-
edst after thy father's house, *yet*
wherefore hast thou stolen my gods?
31 And Jacob answered and said to
Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said,
Peradventure thou wouldest take by
force thy daughters from me.
32 With whomsoever thou findest
thy gods, let him not live: before our
brethren discern thou what *is* thine
with me, and take *it* to thee. For Jacob
knew not that Rachel had stolen
them.
33 And Laban went into Jacob's
tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the
two maidservants' tents; but he found
them not. Then went he out of Leah's
tent, and entered into Rachel's tent.
34 Now Rachel had taken the im-
ages, and put them in the camel's fur-
niture, and sat upon them. And Laban
searched all the tent, but found *them*
not.
35 And she said to her father, Let
it not displease my lord that I cannot
rise up before thee; for the custom of
women *is* upon me. And he searched,
but found not the images.
36 And Jacob was wroth, and chode
with Laban: and Jacob answered and
said to Laban, What *is* my trespass?
what *is* my sin, that thou hast so hotly
pursued after me?
37 Whereas thou hast searched all
my stuff, what hast thou found of all
thy household stuff? set *it* here before
my brethren and thy brethren, that
they may judge betwixt us both.
38 This twenty years *have* I *been*
with thee; thy ewes and thy she goats
have not cast their young, and the
rams of thy flock have I not eaten.
39 That which was torn *of beasts* I
brought not unto thee; I bare the loss
of it; of my hand didst thou require it,
whether stolen by day, or stolen by
night.
40 *Thus* I was; in the day the
drought consumed me, and the frost
by night; and my sleep departed from
mine eyes.
41 Thus have I been twenty years
in thy house; I served thee fourteen
years for thy two daughters, and six
years for thy cattle: and thou hast
changed my wages ten times.
42 Except the God of my father,
the God of Abraham, and the fear of
Isaac, had been with me, surely thou
hadst sent me away now empty. God
hath seen mine affliction and the la-
bour of my hands, and rebuked *thee*
yesternight.
43 And Laban answered and said
unto Jacob, *These* daughters *are* my
daughters, and *these* children *are* my
children, and *these* cattle *are* my cat-
tle, and all that thou seest *is* mine: and
what can I do this day unto these my
daughters, or unto their children which
they have born?
44 Now therefore come thou, let us
make a covenant, I and thou; and let
it be for a witness between me and
thee.
45 And Jacob took a stone, and set
it up *for* a pillar.
46 And Jacob said unto his breth-
ren, Gather s

stones, and made an heap: and they
did eat there upon the heap.
47 And Laban called it Je′-gar–sa-
ha-du′-tha: but Jacob called it Gal′-
e-ed.
48 And Laban said, This heap *is* a
witness between me and thee this day.
Therefore was the name of it called
Gal′-e-ed;
49 And Mizpah; for he said, The
LORD watch between me and thee,
when we are absent one from another.
50 If thou shalt afflict my daugh-
ters, or if thou shalt take *other* wives
beside my daughters, no man *is* with
us; see, God *is* witness betwixt me and
thee.
51 And Laban said to Jacob, Be-
hold this heap, and behold *this* pillar,
which I have cast betwixt me and
thee;
52 This heap *be* witness, and *this* pil-
lar *be* witness, that I will not pass over
this heap to thee, and that thou shalt
not pass over this heap and this pillar
unto me, for harm.
53 The God of Abraham, and the
God of Nahor, the God of their father,
judge betwixt us. And Jacob sware by
the fear of his father Isaac.
54 Then Jacob offered sacrifice
upon the mount, and called his breth-
ren to eat bread: and they did eat
bread, and tarried all night in the
mount.
55 And early in the morning Laban
rose up, and kissed his sons and his
daughters, and blessed them: and La-
ban departed, and returned unto his
place.

CHAPTER 32

AND Jacob went on his way, and the
angels of God met him.
2 And when Jacob saw them, he
said, This *is* God's host: and he called
the name of that place Ma-ha-na′-im.
3 And Jacob sent messengers before
him to Esau his brother unto the land
of Se′-ir, the country of Edom.
4 And he commanded them, saying,
Thus shall ye speak unto my lord
Esau; Thy servant Jacob saith thus, I
have sojourned with Laban, and
stayed there until now:
5 And I have oxen, and asses,
flocks, and menservants, and women-
servants: and I have sent to tell my
lord, that I may find grace in thy
sight.
6 And the messengers returned to
Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother
Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee,
and four hundred men with him.
7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid
and distressed: and he divided the peo-
ple that *was* with him, and the flocks,
and herds, and the camels, into two
bands;
8 And said, If Esau come to the one
company, and smite it, then the other
company which is left shall escape.
9 And Jacob said, O God of my fa-
ther Abraham, and God of my father
Isaac, the LORD which saidst unto me,
Return unto thy country, and to thy
kindred, and I will deal well with thee:
10 I am not worthy of the least of
all the mercies, and of all the truth,
which thou hast shewed unto thy serv-
ant; for with my staff I passed over
this Jordan; and now I am become two
bands.
11 Deliver me, I pray thee, from
the hand of my brother, from the hand
of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will
come and smite me, *and* the mother
with the children.
12 And thou saidst, I will surely do
thee good, and make thy seed as the
sand of the sea, which cannot be num-
bered for multitude.
13 And he lodged there that same
night; and took of that which came to
his hand a present for Esau his brother;
14 Two hundred she goats, and
twenty he goats, two hundred ewes,
and twenty rams,
15 Thirty milch camels with their
colts, forty kine, and ten bulls, twenty
she asses, and ten foals.
16 And he delivered *them* into the
hand of his servants, every drove by
themselves; and said unto his servants,
Pass over before me, and put a space
betwixt drove and drove.
17 And he commanded the fore-
most, saying, When Esau my brother
meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying,
Whose *art* thou? and whither goest
thou? and whose *are* these before thee?
18 Then thou shalt say, *They be* thy
servant Jacob's; it *is* a present sent
unto my lord Esau: and, behold, also
he *is* behind us.
19 And so commanded he the sec-
ond, and the third, and all that fol-
lowed the droves, saying, On this man-
ner shall ye speak unto Esau, when ye
find him.
20 And say ye moreover, Behold,
thy servant Jacob *is* behind us. For he

said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept of me.

21 So went the present over before him: and himself lodged that night in the company.

22 And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok.

23 And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had.

24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

27 And he said unto him, What *is* thy name? And he said, Jacob.

28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

29 And Jacob asked *him,* and said, Tell *me,* I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore *is* it *that* thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

30 And Jacob called the name of the place Pe-ni'-el: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

31 And as he passed over Pe-nu'-el the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.

32 Therefore the children of Israel eat not *of* the sinew which shrank, which *is* upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

CHAPTER 33

AND Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids.

2 And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindermost.

3 And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

4 And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept.

5 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who *are* those with thee? And he said, The children which God hath graciously given thy servant.

6 Then the handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves.

7 And Leah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves: and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves.

8 And he said, What *meanest* thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, *These are* to find grace in the sight of my lord.

9 And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; keep that thou hast unto thyself.

10 And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me.

11 Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took *it.*

12 And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee.

13 And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that the children *are* tender, and the flocks and herds with young *are* with me: and if men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die.

14 Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on softly, according as the cattle that goeth before me and the children be able to endure, until I come unto my lord unto Se'-ir.

15 And Esau said, Let me now leave with thee *some* of the folk that are with me. And he said, What needeth it? let me find grace in the sight of my lord.

16 So Esau returned that day on his way unto Se'-ir.

17 And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built him an house, and made booths for his

the name of the place is called Suc'coth.

18 And Jacob came to Sha'lem, a city of She'chem, which *is* in the land of Canaan, when he came from Pa'dan–a'ram; and pitched his tent before the city.

19 And he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Ha'mor, She'chem's father, for an hundred pieces of money.

20 And he erected there an altar, and called it El–e-lo'he–Israel.

CHAPTER 34

AND Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.

2 And when She'chem the son of Ha'mor the Hi'vite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her.

3 And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel.

4 And She'chem spake unto his father Ha'mor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife.

5 And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come.

6 And Ha'mor the father of She'chem went out unto Jacob to commune with him.

7 And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard *it:* and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done.

8 And Ha'mor communed with them, saying, The soul of my son She'chem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her him to wife.

9 And make ye marriages with us, *and* give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you.

10 And ye shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and get you possessions therein.

11 And She'chem said unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me find grace in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give.

12 Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to wife.

13 And the sons of Jacob answered She'chem and Ha'mor his father deceitfully, and said, because he had defiled Dinah their sister:

14 And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that *were* a reproach unto us:

15 But in this will we consent unto you: If ye will be as we *be*, that every male of you be circumcised:

16 Then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people.

17 But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be circumcised; then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone.

18 And their words pleased Ha'mor, and She'chem Ha'mor's son.

19 And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter: and he *was* more honourable than all the house of his father.

20 And Ha'mor and She'chem his son came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying,

21 These men *are* peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for the land, behold, *it is* large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters.

22 Only herein will the men consent unto us for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they *are* circumcised.

23 *Shall* not their cattle and their substance and every beast of theirs *be* ours? only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us.

24 And unto Ha'mor and unto She'chem his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city.

25 And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males.

26 And they slew Ha'mor and She'chem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of She'chem's house, and went out.

27 The sons of Jacob came upon the

slain, and spoiled the city, because they had defiled their sister.

28 They took their sheep, and their oxen, and their asses, and that which *was* in the city, and that which *was* in the field,

29 And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives took they captive, and spoiled even all that *was* in the house.

30 And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, Ye have troubled me to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Per´-iz-zites: and I *being* few in number, they shall gather themselves together against me, and slay me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house.

31 And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with an harlot?

CHAPTER 35

AND God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Beth–el, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.

2 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that *were* with him, Put away the strange gods that *are* among you, and be clean, and change your garments:

3 And let us arise, and go up to Beth–el; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.

4 And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which *were* in their hand, and *all their* earrings which *were* in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which *was* by She´-chem.

5 And they journeyed: and the terror of God was upon the cities that *were* round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.

6 So Jacob came to Luz, which *is* in the land of Canaan, that *is*, Beth–el, he and all the people that *were* with him.

7 And he built there an altar, and called the place El–beth–el: because there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother.

8 But Deborah Rebekah's nurse died, and she was buried beneath Beth–el under an oak: and the name of it was called Al´-lon–bach´-uth.

9 And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Pa´-dan–a´-ram, and blessed him.

10 And God said unto him, Thy name *is* Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel.

11 And God said unto him, I *am* God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;

12 And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.

13 And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him.

14 And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, *even* a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon.

15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Beth–el.

16 And they journeyed from Beth–el; and there was but a little way to come to Eph´-rath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour.

17 And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also.

18 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Ben–o´-ni: but his father called him Benjamin.

19 And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Eph´-rath, which *is* Beth–lehem.

20 And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that *is* the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.

21 And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of E´-dar.

22 And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bil´-hah his father's concubine: and Israel heard *it*. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:

23 The sons of Leah; Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Is´-sa-char, and Zeb´-u-lun:

24 The sons of Rachel; Joseph, and Benjamin:

25 And the sons of Bil´-hah, Rachel's handmaid; Dan, and Naph´-ta-li:

26 And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid; Gad, and Asher: these *are*

the sons of Jacob, which were born to
him in Pa′dan–a′-ram.
27 And Jacob came unto Isaac his
father unto Mam′-re, unto the city of
Ar′-bah, which *is* Hebron, where Abra-
ham and Isaac sojourned.
28 And the days of Isaac were an
hundred and fourscore years.
29 And Isaac gave up the ghost,
and died, and was gathered unto his
people, *being* old and full of days: and
his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

CHAPTER 36

NOW these *are* the generations of
Esau, who *is* Edom.
2 Esau took his wives of the daugh-
ters of Canaan; Adah the daughter of
E′-lon the Hittite, and A-hol-i-ba′-mah
the daughter of A′-nah the daughter of
Zib′-e-on the Hi′-vite;
3 And Bash′-e-math Ish′-ma-el's
daughter, sister of Ne-ba′-joth.
4 And Adah bare to Esau El′-i-phaz;
and Bash′-e-math bare Reu′-el;
5 And A-hol-i-ba′-mah bare Je′-ush,
and Ja-a′-lam, and Korah: these *are*
the sons of Esau, which were born unto
him in the land of Canaan.
6 And Esau took his wives, and his
sons, and his daughters, and all the
persons of his house, and his cattle,
and all his beasts, and all his sub-
stance, which he had got in the land
of Canaan; and went into the country
from the face of his brother Jacob.
7 For their riches were more than
that they might dwell together; and
the land wherein they were strangers
could not bear them because of their
cattle.
8 Thus dwelt Esau in mount Se′-ir:
Esau *is* Edom.
9 And these *are* the generations of
Esau the father of the Edomites in
mount Se′-ir:
10 These *are* the names of Esau's
sons; El′-i-phaz the son of Adah the
wife of Esau, Reu′-el the son of Bash′-
e-math the wife of Esau.
11 And the sons of El′-i-phaz were
Te′-man, Omar, Ze′-pho, and Ga′-tam,
and Ke′-naz.
12 And Tim′-na was concubine to
El′-i-phaz Esau's son; and she bare to
El′-i-phaz Am′-a-lek: these *were* the
sons of Adah Esau's wife.
13 And these *are* the sons of Reu′-el;
Na′-hath, and Ze′-rah, Sham′-mah, and
Miz′-zah: these were the sons of Bash′-
e-math Esau's wife.
14 And these were the sons of A-
hol-i-ba′-mah, the daughter of A′-nah
the daughter of Zib′-e-on, Esau's wife:
and she bare to Esau Je′-ush, and Ja-
a′-lam, and Korah.
15 These *were* dukes of the sons of
Esau: the sons of El′-i-phaz the first-
born *son* of Esau; duke Te′-man, duke
Omar, duke Ze′-pho, duke Ke′-naz,
16 Duke Korah, duke Ga′-tam, *and*
duke Am′-a-lek: these *are* the dukes
that came of El′-i-phaz in the land of
Edom; these *were* the sons of Adah.
17 And these *are* the sons of Reu′-el
Esau's son; duke Na′-hath, duke Ze′-
rah, duke Sham′-mah, duke Miz′-zah:
these *are* the dukes *that came* of Reu′-el
in the land of Edom; these *are* the sons
of Bash′-e-math Esau's wife.
18 And these *are* the sons of A-hol-
i-ba′-mah Esau's wife; duke Je′-ush,
duke Ja-a′-lam, duke Korah: these
were the dukes *that came* of A-hol-i-
ba′-mah the daughter of A′-nah, Esau's
wife.
19 These *are* the sons of Esau, who
is Edom, and these *are* their dukes.
20 These *are* the sons of Se′-ir the
Ho′-rite, who inhabited the land; Lo′-
tan, and Sho′-bal, and Zib′-e-on, and
A′-nah,
21 And Di′-shon, and E′-zer, and
Di′-shan: these *are* the dukes of the
Ho′-rites, the children of Se′-ir in the
land of Edom.
22 And the children of Lo′-tan were
Ho′-ri and He′-mam; and Lo′-tan's sis-
ter *was* Tim′-na.
23 And the children of Sho′-bal
were these; Al′-van, and Man′-a-hath,
and Ebal, She′-pho, and O′-nam.
24 And these *are* the children of
Zib′-e-on; both A′-jah, and A′-nah: this
was that A′-nah that found the mules in
the wilderness, as he fed the asses of
Zib′-e-on his father.
25 And the children of A′-nah *were*
these; Di′-shon, and A-hol-i-ba′-mah
the daughter of A′-nah.
26 And these *are* the children of
Di′-shon; Hem′-dan, and Esh′-ban, and
Ith′-ran, and Che′-ran.
27 The children of E′-zer *are* these;
Bil′-han, and Za′-a-van, and A′-kan.
28 The children of Di′-shan *are*
these; Uz, and A′-ran.
29 *These are* the dukes *that came* of
the Ho′-rites; duke Lo′-tan, duke Sho′-
bal, duke Zib′-e-on, duke A′-nah,
30 Duke Di′-shon, duke E′-zer, duke
Di′-shan: these *are* the dukes *that came*

of Ho'-ri, among their dukes in the land of Se'-ir.

31 And these *are* the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel.

32 And Be'-la the son of Be'-or reigned in Edom: and the name of his city *was* Din'-ha-bah.

33 And Be'-la died, and Jo'-bab the son of Ze'-rah of Boz'-rah reigned in his stead.

34 And Jo'-bab died, and Hu'-sham of the land of Tem'-a-ni reigned in his stead.

35 And Hu'-sham died, and Ha'-dad the son of Be'-dad, who smote Mid'-i-an in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* A'-vith.

36 And Ha'-dad died, and Sam'-lah of Mas'-re-kah reigned in his stead.

37 And Sam'-lah died, and Saul of Re-ho'-both *by* the river reigned in his stead.

38 And Saul died, and Ba'-al–ha'-nan the son of Ach'-bor reigned in his stead.

39 And Ba'-al–ha'-nan the son of Ach'-bor died, and Ha'-dar reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* Pa'-u; and his wife's name *was* Me-het'-a-bel, the daughter of Ma'-tred, the daughter of Mez'-a-hab.

40 And these *are* the names of the dukes *that came* of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names; duke Tim'-nah, duke Al'-vah, duke Je'-theth,

41 Duke A-hol-i-ba'-mah, duke E'-lah, duke Pi'-non,

42 Duke Ke'-naz, duke Te'-man, duke Mib'-zar,

43 Duke Mag'-di-el, duke I'-ram: these *be* the dukes of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession: he *is* Esau the father of the Edomites.

CHAPTER 37

AND Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.

2 These *are* the generations of Jacob. Joseph, *being* seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad *was* with the sons of Bil'-hah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he *was* the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of *many* colours.

4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told *it* his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:

7 For, behold, we *were* binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

10 And he told *it* to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What *is* this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

11 And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

12 And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in She'-chem.

13 And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed *the flock* in She'-chem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here *am I*.

14 And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to She'-chem.

15 And a certain man found him, and, behold, *he was* wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou?

16 And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed *their flocks*.

17 And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Do'-than. And Joseph

went after his brethren, and found
them in Dō′-thăn.
18 And when they saw him afar off,
even before he came near unto them,
they conspired against him to slay
him.
19 And they said one to another,
Behold, this dreamer cometh.
20 Come now therefore, and let us
slay him, and cast him into some pit,
and we will say, Some evil beast hath
devoured him: and we shall see what
will become of his dreams.
21 And Reuben heard *it*, and he de-
livered him out of their hands; and
said, Let us not kill him.
22 And Reuben said unto them,
Shed no blood, *but* cast him into this
pit that *is* in the wilderness, and lay no
hand upon him; that he might rid him
out of their hands, to deliver him to
his father again.
23 And it came to pass, when Jo-
seph was come unto his brethren, that
they stript Joseph out of his coat, *his*
coat of *many* colours that *was* on him;
24 And they took him, and cast
him into a pit: and the pit *was* empty,
there was no water in it.
25 And they sat down to eat bread:
and they lifted up their eyes and
looked, and, behold, a company of
Ĭsh′-mē-el-ītes came from Gilead with
their camels bearing spicery and balm
and myrrh, going to carry *it* down to
Egypt.
26 And Judah said unto his breth-
ren, What profit *is it* if we slay our
brother, and conceal his blood?
27 Come, and let us sell him to the
Ĭsh′-mē-el-ītes, and let not our hand be
upon him; for he *is* our brother *and*
our flesh. And his brethren were con-
tent.
28 Then there passed by Mĭd′-ĭ-an-
ītes merchantmen; and they drew and
lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and
sold Joseph to the Ĭsh′-mē-el-ītes for
twenty *pieces* of silver: and they
brought Joseph into Egypt.
29 And Reuben returned unto the
pit; and, behold, Joseph *was* not in the
pit; and he rent his clothes.
30 And he returned unto his breth-
ren, and said, The child *is* not; and I,
whither shall I go?
31 And they took Joseph's coat,
and killed a kid of the goats, and
dipped the coat in the blood;
32 And they sent the coat of *many*
colours, and they brought *it* to their
father; and said, This have we found:
know now whether it *be* thy son's coat
or no.
33 And he knew it, and said, *It is*
my son's coat; an evil beast hath de-
voured him; Joseph is without doubt
rent in pieces.
34 And Jacob rent his clothes, and
put sackcloth upon his loins, and
mourned for his son many days.
35 And all his sons and all his
daughters rose up to comfort him; but
he refused to be comforted; and he
said, For I will go down into the grave
unto my son mourning. Thus his fa-
ther wept for him.
36 And the Mĭd′-ĭ-an-ītes sold him
into Egypt unto Pŏt′-ĭ-phar, an officer
of Pharaoh's, *and* captain of the guard.

CHAPTER 38

AND it came to pass at that time,
that Judah went down from his
brethren, and turned in to a certain
Ă-dŭl′-lam-īte, whose name *was* Hī′-
rah.
2 And Judah saw there a daughter
of a certain Canaanite, whose name
was Shū′-ah; and he took her, and went
in unto her.
3 And she conceived, and bare a
son; and he called his name Er.
4 And she conceived again, and
bare a son; and she called his name
Ō′-nan.
5 And she yet again conceived, and
bare a son; and called his name Shē′-
lah: and he was at Chē′-zib, when she
bare him.
6 And Judah took a wife for Er his
firstborn, whose name *was* Tā′-mar.
7 And Er, Judah's firstborn, was
wicked in the sight of the LORD; and
the LORD slew him.
8 And Judah said unto Ō′-nan, Go
in unto thy brother's wife, and marry
her, and raise up seed to thy brother.
9 And Ō′-nan knew that the seed
should not be his; and it came to pass,
when he went in unto his brother's
wife, that he spilled *it* on the ground,
lest that he should give seed to his
brother.
10 And the thing which he did dis-
pleased the LORD: wherefore he slew
him also.
11 Then said Judah to Tā′-mar his
daughter in law, Remain a widow at
thy father's house, till Shē′-lah my son
be grown: for he said, Lest peradven-
ture he die also, as his brethren *did*.

And Ta'-mar went and dwelt in her fa-
ther's house.
12 And in process of time the daugh-
ter of Shu'-ah Judah's wife died; and
Judah was comforted, and went up
unto his sheep-shearers to Tim'-nath,
he and his friend Hi'-rah the A-dul'-
lam-ite.
13 And it was told Ta'-mar, saying,
Behold thy father in law goeth up to
Tim'-nath to shear his sheep.
14 And she put her widow's gar-
ments off from her, and covered her
with a vail, and wrapped herself, and
sat in an open place, which *is* by the
way to Tim'-nath; for she saw that
She'-lah was grown, and she was not
given unto him to wife.
15 When Judah saw her, he thought
her *to be* an harlot; because she had
covered her face.
16 And he turned unto her by the
way, and said, Go to, I pray thee, let
me come in unto thee; (for he knew not
that she *was* his daughter in law.) And
she said, What wilt thou give me, that
thou mayest come in unto me?
17 And he said, I will send *thee* a
kid from the flock. And she said, Wilt
thou give *me* a pledge, till thou send
it?
18 And he said, What pledge shall
I give thee? And she said, Thy signet,
and thy bracelets, and thy staff that
is in thine hand. And he gave *it* her,
and came in unto her, and she con-
ceived by him.
19 And she arose, and went away,
and laid by her vail from her, and put
on the garments of her widowhood.
20 And Judah sent the kid by the
hand of his friend the A-dul'-lam-ite,
to receive *his* pledge from the woman's
hand: but he found her not.
21 Then he asked the men of that
place, saying, Where *is* the harlot, that
was openly by the way side? And they
said, There was no harlot in this *place*.
22 And he returned to Judah, and
said, I cannot find her; and also the
men of the place said, *that* there was no
harlot in this *place*.
23 And Judah said, Let her take *it*
to her, lest we be shamed: behold, I
sent this kid, and thou hast not found
her.
24 And it came to pass about three
months after, that it was told Judah,
saying, Ta'-mar thy daughter in law
hath played the harlot; and also, be-
hold, she *is* with child by whoredom.
And Judah said, Bring her forth, and
let her be burnt.
25 When she *was* brought forth, she
sent to her father in law, saying, By
the man, whose these *are, am* I with
child: and she said, Discern, I pray
thee, whose *are* these, the signet, and
bracelets, and staff.
26 And Judah acknowledged *them*,
and said, She hath been more right-
ous than I; because that I gave her not
to She'-lah my son. And he knew her
again no more.
27 And it came to pass in the time
of her travail, that, behold, twins *were*
in her womb.
28 And it came to pass, when she
travailed, that *the one* put out *his*
hand: and the midwife took and bound
upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying,
This came out first.
29 And it came to pass, as he drew
back his hand, that, behold, his broth-
er came out: and she said, How hast
thou broken forth? *this* breach *be* upon
thee: therefore his name was called
Pha'-rez.
30 And afterward came out his
brother, that had the scarlet thread
upon his hand: and his name was
called Za'-rah.

CHAPTER 39

AND Joseph was brought down to
Egypt; and Pot'-i-phar, an officer
of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an
Egyptian, bought him of the hands of
the Ish'-me-el-ites, which had brought
him down thither.
2 And the LORD was with Joseph,
and he was a prosperous man; and he
was in the house of his master the
Egyptian.
3 And his master saw that the LORD
was with him, and that the LORD made
all that he did to prosper in his
hand.
4 And Joseph found grace in his
sight, and he served him: and he made
him overseer over his house, and all
that he had he put into his hand.
5 And it came to pass from the
time *that* he had made him overseer in
his house, and over all that he had,
that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's
house for Joseph's sake; and the bless-
ing of the LORD was upon all that he
had in the house, and in the field.
6 And he left all that he had in Jo-
seph's hand; and he knew not ought he
had, save the bre

And Joseph was a goodly *person*, and well favoured.

7 And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me.

8 But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what *is* with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand;

9 *There is* none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou *art* his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?

10 And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, *or* to be with her.

11 And it came to pass about this time, that *Joseph* went into the house to do his business; and *there was* none of the men of the house there within.

12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.

13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth,

14 That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice:

15 And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out.

16 And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home.

17 And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me:

18 And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out.

19 And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled.

20 And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners *were* bound: and he was there in the prison.

21 But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that *were* in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer *of it*.

23 The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing *that was* under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and *that* which he did, the LORD made *it* to prosper.

CHAPTER 40

AND it came to pass after these things, *that* the butler of the king of Egypt and *his* baker had offended their lord the king of Egypt.

2 And Pharaoh was wroth against two *of* his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers.

3 And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph *was* bound.

4 And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them: and they continued a season in ward.

5 And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which *were* bound in the prison.

6 And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they *were* sad.

7 And he asked Pharaoh's officers that *were* with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore look ye so sadly to day?

8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and *there is* no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, *Do* not interpretations *belong* to God? tell me *them*, I pray you.

9 And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine *was* before me;

10 And in the vine *were* three branches: and it *was* as though it budded, *and* her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes:

11 And Pharaoh's cup *was* in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.

12 And Joseph said unto him, This *is* the interpretation of it: The three branches *are* three days:

13 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.

14 But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house:

15 For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also *was* in my dream, and, behold, *I had* three white baskets on my head:

17 And in the uppermost basket *there was* of all manner of bakemeats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head.

18 And Joseph answered and said, This *is* the interpretation thereof: The three baskets *are* three days:

19 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.

20 And it came to pass the third day, *which was* Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants.

21 And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand:

22 But he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them.

23 Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgat him.

CHAPTER 41

AND it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river.

2 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well favoured kine and fatfleshed; and they fed in a meadow.

3 And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill favoured and leanfleshed; and stood by the *other* kine upon the brink of the river.

4 And the ill favoured and leanfleshed kine did eat up the seven well favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke.

5 And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good.

6 And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up after them.

7 And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, *it was* a dream.

8 And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but *there was* none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

9 Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day:

10 Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put me in ward in the captain of the guard's house, *both* me and the chief baker:

11 And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream.

12 And *there was* there with us a young man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret.

13 And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged.

14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved *himself*, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.

15 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and *there is* none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, *that* thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.

16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, *It is* not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river:

18 And, behold, there came up out

of the river seven kine, fatfleshed and
well favoured; and they fed in a meadow:
19 And, behold, seven other kine
came up after them, poor and very ill
favoured and leanfleshed, such as I
never saw in all the land of Egypt for
badness:
20 And the lean and the ill favoured
kine did eat up the first seven fat kine:
21 And when they had eaten them
up, it could not be known that they
had eaten them; but they *were* still ill
favoured, as at the beginning. So I
awoke.
22 And I saw in my dream, and, behold,
seven ears came up in one stalk,
full and good:
23 And, behold, seven ears, withered,
thin, *and* blasted with the east
wind, sprung up after them:
24 And the thin ears devoured the
seven good ears: and I told *this* unto
the magicians; but *there was* none that
could declare *it* to me.
25 And Joseph said unto Pharaoh,
The dream of Pharaoh *is* one: God
hath shewed Pharaoh what he *is* about
to do.
26 The seven good kine *are* seven
years; and the seven good ears *are*
seven years: the dream is one.
27 And the seven thin and ill favoured
kine that came up after them
are seven years; and the seven empty
ears blasted with the east wind shall be
seven years of famine.
28 This *is* the thing which I have
spoken unto Pharaoh: What God *is*
about to do he sheweth unto Pharaoh.
29 Behold, there come seven years
of great plenty throughout all the land
of Egypt:
30 And there shall arise after them
seven years of famine; and all the
plenty shall be forgotten in the land of
Egypt; and the famine shall consume
the land;
31 And the plenty shall not be
known in the land by reason of that
famine following; for it *shall be* very
grievous.
32 And for that the dream was
doubled unto Pharaoh twice; *it is* because
the thing *is* established by God,
and God will shortly bring it to pass.
33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look
out a man discreet and wise, and set
him over the land of Egypt.
34 Let Pharaoh do *this*, and let him
appoint officers over the land, and
take up the fifth part of the land of
Egypt in the seven plenteous years.
35 And let them gather all the food
of those good years that come, and lay
up corn under the hand of Pharaoh,
and let them keep food in the cities.
36 And that food shall be for store
to the land against the seven years of
famine, which shall be in the land of
Egypt; that the land perish not
through the famine.
37 And the thing was good in the
eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all
his servants.
38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants,
Can we find *such a one* as this *is*,
a man in whom the Spirit of God *is*?
39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph,
Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee
all this, *there is* none so discreet and
wise as thou *art*:
40 Thou shalt be over my house,
and according unto thy word shall all
my people be ruled: only in the throne
will I be greater than thou.
41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph,
See, I have set thee over all the land of
Egypt.
42 And Pharaoh took off his ring
from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's
hand, and arrayed him in vestures
of fine linen, and put a gold chain
about his neck;
43 And he made him to ride in the
second chariot which he had; and they
cried before him, Bow the knee: and he
made him *ruler* over all the land of
Egypt.
44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph,
I *am* Pharaoh, and without thee shall
no man lift up his hand or foot in all
the land of Egypt.
45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's
name Zaph′-nath-pa-a-ne′-ah; and he
gave him to wife As′-e-nath the daughter
of Poti′-phe-rah priest of On. And
Joseph went out over *all* the land of
Egypt.
46 And Joseph *was* thirty years old
when he stood before Pharaoh king of
Egypt. And Joseph went out from the
presence of Pharaoh, and went
throughout all the land of Egypt.
47 And in the seven plenteous years
the earth brought forth by handfuls.
48 And he gathered up all the food
of the seven years, which were in the
land of Egypt, and laid up the food in
the cities: the food of the field, which
was round about every city, laid he up
in the same.

49 And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for *it was* without number.

50 And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which As'-e-nath the daughter of Poti-phe-rah priest of On bare unto him.

51 And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Ma-nas'-seh: For God, *said he*, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.

52 And the name of the second called he E'-phra-im: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

53 And the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended.

54 And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

55 And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do.

56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: And Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.

57 And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy *corn*; because that the famine was *so* sore in all lands.

CHAPTER 42

NOW when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another?

2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die.

3 And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt.

4 But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren; for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall him.

5 And the sons of Israel came to buy *corn* among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

6 And Joseph *was* the governor over the land, *and* he *it was* that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him *with* their faces to the earth.

7 And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food.

8 And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.

9 And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye *are* spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.

10 And they said unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come.

11 We *are* all one man's sons; we *are* true *men*, thy servants are no spies.

12 And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.

13 And they said, Thy servants *are* twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest *is* this day with our father, and one *is* not.

14 And Joseph said unto them, That *is it* that I spake unto you, saying, Ye *are* spies:

15 Hereby ye shall be proved: By the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither.

16 Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether *there be any* truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye *are* spies.

17 And he put them all together into ward three days.

18 And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and live; *for* I fear God:

19 If ye *be* true *men*, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses:

20 But bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so.

21 And they said one to another, We *are* verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us.

22 And Reuben answered them,

saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required.

23 And they knew not that Joseph understood *them;* for he spake unto them by an interpreter.

24 And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes.

25 Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them.

26 And they laded their asses with the corn, and departed thence.

27 And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the inn, he espied his money; for, behold, it *was* in his sack's mouth.

28 And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored; and, lo, *it is* even in my sack: and their heart failed *them,* and they were afraid, saying one to another, What *is* this *that* God hath done unto us?

29 And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that befell unto them; saying,

30 The man, *who is* the lord of the land, spake roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country.

31 And we said unto him, We *are* true *men;* we are no spies:

32 We *be* twelve brethren, sons of our father; one *is* not, and the youngest *is* this day with our father in the land of Canaan.

33 And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye *are* true *men;* leave one of your brethren *here* with me, and take *food for* the famine of your households, and be gone:

34 And bring your youngest brother unto me: then shall I know that ye *are* no spies, but *that* ye *are* true *men: so* will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall traffick in the land.

35 And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money *was* in his sack: and when *both* they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid.

36 And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved *of my children:* Joseph *is* not, and Simeon *is* not, and ye will take Benjamin *away:* all these things are against me.

37 And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again.

38 And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he is left alone: if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

CHAPTER 43

AND the famine *was* sore in the land.
2 And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food.

3 And Judah spake unto him, saying, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother *be* with you.

4 If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food:

5 But if thou wilt not send *him,* we will not go down: for the man said unto us, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother *be* with you.

6 And Israel said, Wherefore dealt ye *so* ill with me, *as* to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother?

7 And they said, The man asked us straitly of our state, and of our kindred, saying, Is your father yet alive? have ye *another* brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words: could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down?

8 And Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, *and* also our little ones.

9 I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever:

10 For except we had lingered, surely now we had returned this second time.

11 And their father Israel said unto them, If *it must be* so now, do this; take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little

honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and
almonds:
12 And take double money in your
hand; and the money that was brought
again in the mouth of your sacks, carry
it again in your hand; peradventure it
was an oversight:
13 Take also your brother, and
arise, go again unto the man:
14 And God Almighty give you
mercy before the man, that he may
send away your other brother, and
Benjamin. If I be bereaved *of my chil-
dren*, I am bereaved.
15 And the men took that present,
and they took double money in their
hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and
went down to Egypt, and stood before
Joseph.
16 And when Joseph saw Benjamin
with them, he said to the ruler of his
house, Bring *these* men home, and
slay, and make ready; for *these* men
shall dine with me at noon.
17 And the man did as Joseph bade;
and the man brought the men into Jo-
seph's house.
18 And the men were afraid, be-
cause they were brought into Joseph's
house; and they said, Because of the
money that was returned in our sacks
at the first time are we brought in;
that he may seek occasion against us,
and fall upon us, and take us for bond-
men, and our asses.
19 And they came near to the stew-
ard of Joseph's house, and they com-
muned with him at the door of the
house,
20 And said, O sir, we came indeed
down at the first time to buy food:
21 And it came to pass, when we
came to the inn, that we opened our
sacks, and, behold, *every* man's money
was in the mouth of his sack, our
money in full weight: and we have
brought it again in our hand.
22 And other money have we
brought down in our hands to buy
food: we cannot tell who put our
money in our sacks.
23 And he said, Peace *be* to you,
fear not: your God, and the God of
your father, hath given you treasure
in your sacks: I had your money. And
he brought Simeon out unto them.
24 And the man brought the men
into Joseph's house, and gave *them*
water, and they washed their feet; and
he gave their asses provender.
25 And they made ready the pres-
ent against Joseph came at noon: for
they heard that they should eat bread
there.
26 And when Joseph came home,
they brought him the present which
was in their hand into the house, and
bowed themselves to him to the earth.
27 And he asked them of *their* wel-
fare, and said, *Is* your father well, the
old man of whom ye spake? *Is* he yet
alive?
28 And they answered, Thy servant
our father *is* in good health, he *is* yet
alive. And they bowed down their
heads, and made obeisance.
29 And he lifted up his eyes, and
saw his brother Benjamin, his moth-
er's son, and said, *Is* this your younger
brother, of whom ye spake unto me?
And he said, God be gracious unto
thee, my son.
30 And Joseph made haste; for his
bowels did yearn upon his brother: and
he sought *where* to weep; and he en-
tered into *his* chamber, and wept there.
31 And he washed his face, and
went out, and refrained himself, and
said, Set on bread.
32 And they set on for him by him-
self, and for them by themselves, and
for the Egyptians, which did eat with
him, by themselves: because the Egyp-
tians might not eat bread with the
Hebrews; for that *is* an abomination
unto the Egyptians.
33 And they sat before him, the
firstborn according to his birthright,
and the youngest according to his
youth: and the men marvelled one at
another.
34 And he took *and sent* messes un-
to them from before him: but Benja-
min's mess was five times so much as
any of theirs. And they drank, and
were merry with him.

CHAPTER 44

AND he commanded the steward of
his house, saying, Fill the men's
sacks *with* food, as much as they can
carry, and put every man's money in
his sack's mouth.
2 And put my cup, the silver cup, in
the sack's mouth of the youngest, and
his corn money. And he did according
to the word that Joseph had spoken.
3 As soon as the morning was light,
the men were sent away, they and
their asses.
4 *And* when they were gone out of
the city, *and* not *yet* far off, Joseph

said unto his steward, Up, follow after
the men; and when thou dost overtake
them, say unto them, Wherefore have
ye rewarded evil for good?
5 Is not this *it* in which my lord
drinketh, and whereby indeed he di-
vineth? ye have done evil in so doing.
6 And he overtook them, and he
spake unto them these same words.
7 And they said unto him, Where-
fore saith my lord these words? God
forbid that thy servants should do ac-
cording to this thing:
8 Behold, the money, which we
found in our sacks' mouths, we brought
again unto thee out of the land of Ca-
naan: how then should we steal out of
thy lord's house silver or gold?
9 With whomsoever of thy servants
it be found, both let him die, and we
also will be my lord's bondmen.
10 And he said, Now also *let* it *be*
according unto your words: he with
whom it is found shall be my servant;
and ye shall be blameless.
11 Then they speedily took down
every man his sack to the ground, and
opened every man his sack.
12 And he searched, *and* began at
the eldest, and left at the youngest:
and the cup was found in Benjamin's
sack.
13 Then they rent their clothes, and
laded every man his ass, and returned
to the city.
14 And Judah and his brethren
came to Joseph's house; for he *was* yet
there: and they fell before him on the
ground.
15 And Joseph said unto them,
What deed *is* this that ye have done?
wot ye not that such a man as I can
certainly divine?
16 And Judah said, What shall we
say unto my lord? what shall we speak?
or how shall we clear ourselves? God
hath found out the iniquity of thy
servants: behold, we *are* my lord's
servants, both we, and *he* also with
whom the cup is found.
17 And he said, God forbid that I
should do so: *but* the man in whose
hand the cup is found, he shall be my
servant; and as for you, get you up in
peace unto your father.
18 Then Judah came near unto him,
and said, Oh my lord, let thy servant,
I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's
ears, and let not thine anger burn
against thy servant: for thou *art* even
as Pharaoh.
19 My lord asked his servants, say-
ing, Have ye a father, or a brother?
20 And we said unto my lord, We
have a father, an old man, and a child
of his old age, a little one; and his
brother is dead, and he alone is left of
his mother, and his father loveth him.
21 And thou saidst unto thy ser-
vants, Bring him down unto me, that I
may set mine eyes upon him.
22 And we said unto my lord, The
lad cannot leave his father: for *if* he
should leave his father, *his father* would
die.
23 And thou saidst unto thy ser-
vants, Except your youngest brother
come down with you, ye shall see my
face no more.
24 And it came to pass when we
came up unto thy servant my father,
we told him the words of my lord.
25 And our father said, Go again,
and buy us a little food.
26 And we said, We cannot go
down: if our youngest brother be with
us, then will we go down: for we may
not see the man's face, except our
youngest brother *be* with us.
27 And thy servant my father said
unto us, Ye know that my wife bare
me two *sons:*
28 And the one went out from me,
and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces;
and I saw him not since:
29 And if ye take this also from me,
and mischief befall him, ye shall bring
down my gray hairs with sorrow to the
grave.
30 Now therefore when I come to
thy servant my father, and the lad *be*
not with us; seeing that his life is bound
up in the lad's life;
31 It shall come to pass, when he
seeth that the lad *is* not *with us*, that
he will die: and thy servants shall
bring down the gray hairs of thy ser-
vant our father with sorrow to the
grave.
32 For thy servant became surety
for the lad unto my father, saying, If
I bring him not unto thee, then I shall
bear the blame to my father for
ever.
33 Now therefore, I pray thee, let
thy servant abide instead of the lad a
bondman to my lord; and let the lad
go up with his brethren.
34 For how shall I go up to my fa-
ther, and the lad *be* not with me? lest
peradventure I see the evil that shall
come on my father.

CHAPTER 45

THEN Joseph could not refrain
himself before all them that stood
by him; and he cried, Cause every man
to go out from me. And there stood no
man with him, while Joseph made
himself known unto his brethren.
2 And he wept aloud: and the Egyp-
tians and the house of Pharaoh heard.
3 And Joseph said unto his breth-
ren, I *am* Joseph; doth my father yet
live? And his brethren could not an-
swer him; for they were troubled at his
presence.
4 And Joseph said unto his breth-
ren, Come near to me, I pray you. And
they came near. And he said, I *am* Jo-
seph your brother, whom ye sold into
Egypt.
5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor
angry with yourselves, that ye sold me
hither: for God did send me before you
to preserve life.
6 For these two years *hath* the fam-
ine *been* in the land: and yet *there are*
five years, in the which *there shall*
neither *be* earing nor harvest.
7 And God sent me before you to
preserve you a posterity in the earth,
and to save your lives by a great de-
liverance.
8 So now *it was* not you *that* sent me
hither, but God: and he hath made me
a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his
house, and a ruler throughout all the
land of Egypt.
9 Haste ye, and go up to my father,
and say unto him, Thus saith thy son
Joseph, God hath made me lord of all
Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not:
10 And thou shalt dwell in the land
of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto
me, thou, and thy children, and thy
children's children, and thy flocks, and
thy herds, and all that thou hast:
11 And there will I nourish thee; for
yet *there are* five years of famine; lest
thou, and thy household, and all that
thou hast, come to poverty.
12 And, behold, your eyes see, and
the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that
it is my mouth that speaketh unto you.
13 And ye shall tell my father of all
my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye
have seen; and ye shall haste and bring
down my father hither.
14 And he fell upon his brother
Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Ben-
jamin wept upon his neck.
15 Moreover he kissed all his breth-
ren, and wept upon them: and after
that his brethren talked with him.
16 And the fame thereof was heard
in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's
brethren are come: and it pleased Phar-
aoh well, and his servants.
17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph,
Say unto thy brethren, This do ye;
lade your beasts, and go, get you unto
the land of Canaan;
18 And take your father and your
households, and come unto me: and I
will give you the good of the land of
Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the
land.
19 Now thou art commanded, this
do ye; take you wagons out of the land
of Egypt for your little ones, and for
your wives, and bring your father, and
come.
20 Also regard not your stuff; for
the good of all the land of Egypt *is*
yours.
21 And the children of Israel did so:
and Joseph gave them wagons, accord-
ing to the commandment of Pharaoh,
and gave them provision for the way.
22 To all of them he gave each man
changes of raiment; but to Benjamin
he gave three hundred *pieces* of silver,
and five changes of raiment.
23 And to his father he sent after
this *manner;* ten asses laden with the
good things of Egypt, and ten she
asses laden with corn and bread and
meat for his father by the way.
24 So he sent his brethren away,
and they departed: and he said unto
them, See that ye fall not out by the
way.
25 And they went up out of Egypt,
and came into the land of Canaan unto
Jacob their father,
26 And told him, saying, Joseph *is*
yet alive, and he *is* governor over all
the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart
fainted, for he believed them not.
27 And they told him all the words
of Joseph, which he had said unto
them: and when he saw the wagons
which Joseph had sent to carry him,
the spirit of Jacob their father revived:
28 And Israel said, *It is* enough; Jo-
seph my son *is* yet alive: I will go and
see him before I die.

CHAPTER 46

AND Israel took his journey with all
that he had, and came to Be'-er-
she'-ba, and offered sacrifices unto the
God of his father Isaac.

2 And God spake unto Israel in the
visions of the night, and said, Jacob,
Jacob. And he said, Here *am* I.
3 And he said, I *am* God, the God
of thy father: fear not to go down into
Egypt; for I will there make of thee a
great nation:
4 I will go down with thee into
Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee
up *again*: and Joseph shall put his
hand upon thine eyes.
5 And Jacob rose up from Be'-er-
she'-ba: and the sons of Israel carried
Jacob their father, and their little
ones, and their wives, in the wagons
which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.
6 And they took their cattle, and
their goods, which they had gotten in
the land of Canaan, and came into
Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with
him:
7 His sons, and his sons' sons with
him, his daughters, and his sons'
daughters, and all his seed brought he
with him into Egypt.
8 And these *are* the names of the
children of Israel, which came into
Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben,
Jacob's firstborn.
9 And the sons of Reuben; Ha'-
noch, and Phal'-lu, and Hez'-ron, and
Car'-mi.
10 And the sons of Simeon; Je-mu'-
el, and Ja'-min, and O'-had, and Ja'-
chin, and Zo'-har, and Sha'-ul the son
of a Canaanitish woman.
11 And the sons of Levi; Ger'-shon,
Ko'-hath, and Me-ra'-ri.
12 And the sons of Judah; Er, and
O'-nan, and She'-lah, and Pha'-rez, and
Za'-rah: but Er and O'-nan died in the
land of Canaan. And the sons of Pha'-
rez were Hez'-ron and Ha'-mul.
13 And the sons of Is'-sa-char; To'-
la, and Phu'-vah, and Job, and Shim'-
ron.
14 And the sons of Zeb'-u-lun; Se'-
red, and E'-lon, and Jah'-le-el.
15 These *be* the sons of Leah, which
she bare unto Jacob in Pa'-dan-a'-ram,
with his daughter Dinah: all the souls
of his sons and his daughters *were*
thirty and three.
16 And the sons of Gad; Ziph'-i-on,
and Hag'-gi, Shu'-ni, and Ez'-bon, E'-ri,
and Ar'-o-di, and A-re'-li.
17 And the sons of Asher; Jim'-nah,
and Ish'-u-ah, and Is'-u-i, and Be-ri'-ah,
and Se'-rah their sister: and the sons of
Be-ri'-ah; He'-ber, and Mal'-chi-el.
18 These *are* the sons of Zilpah,
whom Laban gave to Leah his daugh-
ter, and these she bare unto Jacob,
even sixteen souls.
19 The sons of Rachel Jacob's wife;
Joseph, and Benjamin.
20 And unto Joseph in the land of
Egypt were born Ma-nas'-seh and E'-
phra-im, which As'-e-nath the daugh-
ter of Poti'-phe-rah priest of On bare
unto him.
21 And the sons of Benjamin *were*
Be'-lah, and Be'-cher, and Ash'-bel, Ge'-
ra, and Na'-a-man, E'-hi, and Rosh,
Mup'-pim, and Hup'-pim, and Ard.
22 These *are* the sons of Rachel,
which were born to Jacob: all the souls
were fourteen.
23 And the sons of Dan; Hu'-shim.
24 And the sons of Naph'-ta-li; Jah'-
ze-el, and Gu'-ni, and Je'-zer, and Shil'-
lem.
25 These *are* the sons of Bil'-hah,
which Laban gave unto Rachel his
daughter, and she bare these unto Ja-
cob: all the souls *were* seven.
26 All the souls that came with Ja-
cob into Egypt, which came out of his
loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all
the souls *were* threescore and six;
27 And the sons of Joseph, which
were born him in Egypt, *were* two
souls: all the souls of the house of Ja-
cob, which *came into* Egypt, *were*
threescore and ten.
28 And he sent Judah before him
unto Joseph, to direct his face unto
Goshen; and they came into the land
of Goshen.
29 And Joseph made ready his
chariot, and went up to meet Israel
his father, to Goshen, and presented
himself unto him; and he fell on his
neck, and wept on his neck a good
while.
30 And Israel said unto Joseph,
Now let me die, since I have seen thy
face, because thou *art* yet alive.
31 And Joseph said unto his breth-
ren, and unto his father's house, I will
go up, and shew Pharaoh, and say un-
to him, My brethren, and my father's
house, which *were* in the land of Ca-
naan, are come unto me;
32 And the men *are* shepherds, for
their trade hath been to feed cattle;
and they have brought their flocks,
and their herds, and all that they have.
33 And it shall come to pass, when
Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say,
What *is* your occupation?
34 That ye shall say, Thy servants'

here is seed for you, and ye shall sow
the land.
24 And it shall come to pass in the
increase, that ye shall give the fifth
part unto Pharaoh, and four parts
shall be your own, for seed of the field,
and for your food, and for them of
your households, and for food for your
little ones.
25 And they said, Thou hast saved
our lives: let us find grace in the sight
of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's
servants.
26 And Joseph made it a law over
the land of Egypt unto this day, *that*
Pharaoh should have the fifth *part*; ex-
cept the land of the priests only, *which*
became not Pharaoh's.
27 And Israel dwelt in the land of
Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and
they had possessions therein, and
grew, and multiplied exceedingly.
28 And Jacob lived in the land of
Egypt seventeen years: so the whole
age of Jacob was an hundred forty and
seven years.
29 And the time drew nigh that
Israel must die: and he called his son
Joseph, and said unto him, If now I
have found grace in thy sight, put, I
pray thee, thy hand under my thigh,
and deal kindly and truly with me;
bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt:
30 But I will lie with my fathers,
and thou shalt carry me out of Egypt,
bury me in their buryingplace.
And he said, I will do as thou hast said:
31 And he said, Swear unto me.
And he sware unto him. And Israel
bowed himself upon the bed's head.

CHAPTER 48

AND it came to pass after these
things, that *one* told Joseph, Be-
hold, thy father *is* sick: and he took
with him his two sons, Ma-nas'-seh and
E'-phra-im.
2 And *one* told Jacob, and said, Be-
hold, thy son Joseph cometh unto
thee: and Israel strengthened himself,
and sat upon the bed.
3 And Jacob said unto Joseph, God
Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in
the land of Canaan, and blessed me,
4 And said unto me, Behold, I will
make thee fruitful, and multiply thee,
and I will make of thee a multitude of
people; and will give this land to thy
seed after thee *for* an everlasting pos-
session.
5 And now thy two sons, E'-phra-im
and Ma-nas'-seh, which were born unto
thee in the land of Egypt before I
came unto thee into Egypt, *are* mine;
as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be
mine.
6 And thy issue, which thou beget-
test after them, shall be thine, *and*
shall be called after the name of their
brethren in their inheritance.
7 And as for me, when I came from
Pa'-dan, Rachel died by me in the land
of Canaan in the way, when yet *there*
was but a little way to come unto Eph'-
rath: and I buried her there in the way
of Eph'-rath; the same *is* Beth-lehem.
8 And Israel beheld Joseph's sons,
and said, Who *are* these?
9 And Joseph said unto his father,
They *are* my sons, whom God hath
given me in this *place*. And he said,
Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and
I will bless them.
10 Now the eyes of Israel were dim
for age, *so that* he could not see. And
he brought them near unto him; and
he kissed them, and embraced them.
11 And Israel said unto Joseph, I
had not thought to see thy face: and,
lo, God hath shewed me also thy seed.
12 And Joseph brought them out
from between his knees, and he bowed
himself with his face to the earth.
13 And Joseph took them both,
E'-phra-im in his right hand toward
Israel's left hand, and Ma-nas'-seh in
his left hand toward Israel's right
hand, and brought *them* near unto him.
14 And Israel stretched out his
right hand, and laid *it* upon E'-phra-
im's head, who *was* the younger, and
his left hand upon Ma-nas'-seh's head,
guiding his hands wittingly; for Ma-
nas'-seh *was* the firstborn.
15 And he blessed Joseph, and said,
God, before whom my fathers Abra-
ham and Isaac did walk, the God
which fed me all my life long unto this
day,
16 The Angel which redeemed me
from all evil, bless the lads; and let my
name be named on them, and the
name of my fathers Abraham and
Isaac; and let them grow into a multi-
tude in the midst of the earth.
17 And when Joseph saw that his
father laid his right hand upon the
head of E'-phra-im, it displeased him:
and he held up his father's hand, to re-
move it from E'-phra-im's head unto
Ma-nas'-seh's head.
18 And Joseph said unto his father,

Israel: and this *is it* that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.

29 And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that *is* in the field of E'-phron the Hittite,

30 In the cave that *is* in the field of Mach-pe'-lah, which *is* before Mam're, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of E'-phron the Hittite for a possession of a buryingplace.

31 There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah.

32 The purchase of the field and of the cave that *is* therein *was* from the children of Heth.

33 And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people.

CHAPTER 50

AND Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him.

2 And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel.

3 And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled the days of those which are embalmed: and the Egyptians mourned for him threescore and ten days.

4 And when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spake unto the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying,

5 My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I have digged for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again.

6 And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear.

7 And Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt,

8 And all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen.

9 And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company.

10 And they came to the threshingfloor of A'-tad, which *is* beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days.

11 And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of A'-tad, they said, This *is* a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called A'-bel-miz'-ra-im, which *is* beyond Jordan.

12 And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them:

13 For his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Mach-pe'-lah, which Abraham bought with the field for a possession of a buryingplace of E'-phron the Hittite, before Mam're.

14 And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

15 And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.

16 And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,

17 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.

18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we *be* thy servants.

19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for *am* I in the place of God?

20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; *but* God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as *it is* this day, to save much people alive.

21 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

22 And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived an hundred and ten years.

23 And Joseph saw E'-phra-im's children of the third *generation*: the children also of Ma'-chir the son of Ma-nas'-seh were brought up upon Joseph's knees.

24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

25 And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.

26 So Joseph died, *being* an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

The Second Book of Moses, called

Exodus

CHAPTER 1

NOW these *are* the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt; every man and his household came with Jacob.

2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah,

3 Is'-sa-char, Zeb'-u-lun, and Benjamin,

4 Dan, and Naph'-ta-li, Gad, and Asher.

5 And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt *already*.

6 And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation.

7 And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

8 Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.

9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel *are* more and mightier than we:

10 Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and *so* get them up out of the land.

11 Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pi'-thom and Ra-am'-ses.

12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel.

13 And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour:

14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in morter, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, *was* with rigour.

15 And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one *was* Shiph'-rah, and the name of the other Pu'-ah:

16 And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see *them* upon the stools; if it *be* a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it *be* a daughter, then she shall live.

17 But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive.

18 And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive?

19 And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women *are* not as the Egyptian women; for they *are* lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them.

20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty.

21 And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses.

22 And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save al

CHAPTER 2

AND there went a man of the house of Levi, and took *to wife* a daughter of Levi.

2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he *was a* goodly *child*, she hid him three months.

3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid *it* in the flags by the river's brink.

4 And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.

5 And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash *herself* at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.

6 And when she had opened *it*, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This *is one* of the Hebrews' children.

7 Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?

8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother.

9 And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give *thee* thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it.

10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

11 And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren.

12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that *there was* no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.

13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?

14 And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.

15 Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Mid'-i-an: and he sat down by a well.

16 Now the priest of Mid'-i-an had seven daughters: and they came and drew *water*, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock.

17 And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

18 And when they came to Reu'-el their father, he said, How *is it that* ye are come so soon to day?

19 And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew *water* enough for us, and watered the flock.

20 And he said unto his daughters, And where *is* he? why *is* it *that* ye have left the man? call him, that he may eat bread.

21 And Moses was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moses Zippo'-rah his daughter.

22 And she bare *him* a son, and he called his name Ger'-shom: for he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land.

23 And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage.

24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

25 And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto *them*.

CHAPTER 3

NOW Moses kept the flock of Jeth'-ro his father in law, the priest of Mid'-i-an: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, *even* to Ho'-reb.

2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed.

3 And Moses said, I will now turn

aside, and see this great sight, why the
bush is not burnt.
4 And when the LORD saw that he
turned aside to see, God called unto
him out of the midst of the bush, and
said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here
am I.
5 And he said, Draw not nigh hith-
er: put off thy shoes from off thy feet,
for the place whereon thou standest *is*
holy ground.
6 Moreover he said, I *am* the God
of thy father, the God of Abraham, the
God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.
And Moses hid his face; for he was
afraid to look upon God.
7 And the LORD said, I have surely
seen the affliction of my people which
are in Egypt, and have heard their cry
by reason of their taskmasters; for I
know their sorrows;
8 And I am come down to deliver
them out of the hand of the Egyptians,
and to bring them up out of that land
unto a good land and a large, unto a
land flowing with milk and honey; un-
to the place of the Canaanites, and the
Hittites, and the Amorites, and the
Per′-iz-zites, and the Hi′-vites, and the
Jeb′-u-sites.
9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of
the children of Israel is come unto me:
and I have also seen the oppression
wherewith the Egyptians oppress
them.
10 Come now therefore, and I will
send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou
mayest bring forth my people the chil-
dren of Israel out of Egypt.
11 And Moses said unto God, Who
am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh,
and that I should bring forth the chil-
dren of Israel out of Egypt?
12 And he said, Certainly I will be
with thee; and this *shall be* a token
unto thee, that I have sent thee: When
thou hast brought forth the people out
of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this
mountain.
13 And Moses said unto God, Be-
hold, *when* I come unto the children of
Israel, and shall say unto them, The
God of your fathers hath sent me unto
you; and they shall say to me, What *is*
his name? what shall I say unto them?
14 And God said unto Moses, I AM
THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt
thou say unto the children of Israel, I
AM hath sent me unto you.
15 And God said moreover unto
Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the
children of Israel, the LORD God of
your fathers, the God of Abraham, the
God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,
hath sent me unto you: this *is* my
name for ever, and this *is* my memorial
unto all generations.
16 Go, and gather the elders of
Israel together, and say unto them,
The LORD God of your fathers, the
God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Ja-
cob, appeared unto me, saying, I have
surely visited you, and *seen* that which
is done to you in Egypt:
17 And I have said, I will bring you
up out of the affliction of Egypt unto
the land of the Canaanites, and the
Hittites, and the Amorites, and the
Per′-iz-zites, and the Hi′-vites, and the
Jeb′-u-sites, unto a land flowing with
milk and honey.
18 And they shall hearken to thy
voice: and thou shalt come, thou and
the elders of Israel, unto the king of
Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The
LORD God of the Hebrews hath met
with us: and now let us go, we beseech
thee, three days' journey into the wil-
derness, that we may sacrifice to the
LORD our God.
19 And I am sure that the king of
Egypt will not let you go, no, not by
a mighty hand.
20 And I will stretch out my hand,
and smite Egypt with all my wonders
which I will do in the midst thereof:
and after that he will let you go.
21 And I will give this people fa-
vour in the sight of the Egyptians: and
it shall come to pass, that, when ye go,
ye shall not go empty:
22 But every woman shall borrow
of her neighbour, and of her that so-
journeth in her house, jewels of silver,
and jewels of gold, and raiment: and
ye shall put *them* upon your sons, and
upon your daughters; and ye shall
spoil the Egyptians.

CHAPTER 4

AND Moses answered and said, But,
behold, they will not believe me,
nor hearken unto my voice: for they
will say, The LORD hath not appeared
unto thee.
2 And the LORD said unto him,
What *is* that in thine hand? And he
said, A rod.
3 And he said, Cast it on the
ground. And he cast it on the ground,
and it became a serpent; and Moses
fled from before it.

4 And the LORD said unto Moses,
ut forth thine hand, and take it by
ie tail. And he put forth his hand,
id caught it, and it became a rod in
s hand:
5 That they may believe that the
ORD God of their fathers, the God of
braham, the God of Isaac, and the
od of Jacob, hath appeared unto
iee.
6 And the LORD said furthermore
nto him, Put now thine hand into thy
osom. And he put his hand into his
osom: and when he took it out, be-
old, his hand *was* leprous as snow.
7 And he said, Put thine hand into
hy bosom again. And he put his hand
ito his bosom again; and plucked it
ut of his bosom, and, behold, it was
urned again as his *other* flesh.
8 And it shall come to pass, if they
vill not believe thee, neither hearken
o the voice of the first sign, that they
vill believe the voice of the latter sign.
9 And it shall come to pass, if they
vill not believe also these two signs,
ieither hearken unto thy voice, that
hou shalt take of the water of the
iver, and pour *it* upon the dry *land*:
ind the water which thou takest out
of the river shall become blood upon
he dry *land*.
10 And Moses said unto the LORD,
O my Lord, I *am* not eloquent, neither
heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken
unto thy servant: but I *am* slow of
speech, and of a slow tongue.
11 And the LORD said unto him,
Who hath made man's mouth? or who
maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the see-
ing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?
12 Now therefore go, and I will be
with thy mouth, and teach thee what
thou shalt say.
13 And he said, O my Lord, send, I
pray thee, by the hand *of him whom*
thou wilt send.
14 And the anger of the LORD was
kindled against Moses, and he said, Is
not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I
know that he can speak well. And also,
behold, he cometh forth to meet thee:
and when he seeth thee, he will be glad
in his heart.
15 And thou shalt speak unto him,
and put words in his mouth: and I will
be with thy mouth, and with his
mouth, and will teach you what ye
shall do.
16 And he shall be thy spokesman
unto the people: and he shall be, *even*
he shall be to thee instead of a mouth,
and thou shalt be to him instead of
God.
17 And thou shalt take this rod in
thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do
signs.
18 And Moses went and returned to
Jeth'-ro his father in law, and said unto
him, Let me go, I pray thee, and re-
turn unto my brethren which *are* in
Egypt, and see whether they be yet
alive. And Jeth'-ro said to Moses, Go in
peace.
19 And the LORD said unto Moses in
Mid'-i-an, Go, return into Egypt: for all
the men are dead which sought thy
life.
20 And Moses took his wife and his
sons, and set them upon an ass, and he
returned to the land of Egypt: and
Moses took the rod of God in his hand.
21 And the LORD said unto Moses,
When thou goest to return into Egypt,
see that thou do all those wonders be-
fore Pharaoh, which I have put in
thine hand: but I will harden his heart,
that he shall not let the people go.
22 And thou shalt say unto Pha-
raoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel *is* my
son, *even* my firstborn:
23 And I say unto thee, Let my son
go, that he may serve me: and if thou
refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay
thy son, *even* thy firstborn.
24 And it came to pass by the way
in the inn, that the LORD met him, and
sought to kill him.
25 Then Zip-po'-rah took a sharp
stone, and cut off the foreskin of her
son, and cast *it* at his feet, and said,
Surely a bloody husband *art* thou to
me.
26 So he let him go: then she said,
A bloody husband *thou art*, because of
the circumcision.
27 And the LORD said to Aaron, Go
into the wilderness to meet Moses. And
he went, and met him in the mount of
God, and kissed him.
28 And Moses told Aaron all the
words of the LORD who had sent him,
and all the signs which he had com-
manded him.
29 And Moses and Aaron went and
gathered together all the elders of the
children of Israel:
30 And Aaron spake all the words
which the LORD had spoken unto Mo-
ses, and did the signs in the sight of
the people.
31 And the people believed: and

when they heard that the LORD had
visited the children of Israel, and that
he had looked upon their affliction,
then they bowed their heads and wor-
shipped.

CHAPTER 5

AND afterward Moses and Aaron
went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus
saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my
people go, that they may hold a feast
unto me in the wilderness.
2 And Pharaoh said, Who *is* the
LORD, that I should obey his voice to
let Israel go? I know not the LORD,
neither will I let Israel go.
3 And they said, The God of the
Hebrews hath met with us: let us go,
we pray thee, three days' journey into
the desert, and sacrifice unto the LORD
our God; lest he fall upon us with pes-
tilence, or with the sword.
4 And the king of Egypt said unto
them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and
Aaron, let the people from their works?
get you unto your burdens.
5 And Pharaoh said, Behold, the
people of the land now *are* many, and
ye make them rest from their burdens.
6 And Pharaoh commanded the
same day the taskmasters of the peo-
ple, and their officers, saying,
7 Ye shall no more give the people
straw to make brick, as heretofore: let
them go and gather straw for them-
selves.
8 And the tale of the bricks, which
they did make heretofore, ye shall lay
upon them; ye shall not diminish
ought thereof: for they *be* idle; there-
fore they cry, saying, Let us go *and*
sacrifice to our God.
9 Let there more work be laid upon
the men, that they may labour therein;
and let them not regard vain words.
10 And the taskmasters of the peo-
ple went out, and their officers, and
they spake to the people, saying, Thus
saith Pharaoh, I will not give you
straw.
11 Go ye, get you straw where ye
can find it: yet not ought of your work
shall be diminished.
12 So the people were scattered
abroad throughout all the land of
Egypt to gather stubble instead of
straw.
13 And the taskmasters hasted
them, saying, Fulfil your works, *your*
daily tasks, as when there was straw.
14 And the officers of the children
of Israel, which Pharaoh's taskmasters
had set over them, were beaten, *and*
demanded, Wherefore have ye not ful-
filled your task in making brick both
yesterday and to day, as heretofore?
15 Then the officers of the children
of Israel came and cried unto Pharaoh,
saying, Wherefore dealest thou thus
with thy servants?
16 There is no straw given unto thy
servants, and they say to us, Make
brick: and, behold, thy servants *are*
beaten; but the fault *is* in thine own
people.
17 But he said, Ye *are* idle, *ye are*
idle: therefore ye say, Let us go *and* do
sacrifice to the LORD.
18 Go therefore now, *and* work; for
there shall no straw be given you, yet
shall ye deliver the tale of bricks.
19 And the officers of the children
of Israel did see *that* they *were* in evil
case, after it was said, Ye shall not
minish *ought* from your bricks of your
daily task.
20 And they met Moses and Aaron,
who stood in the way, as they came
forth from Pharaoh:
21 And they said unto them, The
LORD look upon you, and judge; be-
cause ye have made our savour to be
abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and
in the eyes of his servants, to put a
sword in their hand to slay us.
22 And Moses returned unto the
LORD, and said, Lord, wherefore hast
thou *so* evil entreated this people? why
is it *that* thou hast sent me?
23 For since I came to Pharaoh to
speak in thy name, he hath done evil
to this people; neither hast thou de-
livered thy people at all.

CHAPTER 6

THEN the LORD said unto Moses,
Now shalt thou see what I will do
to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand
shall he let them go, and with a strong
hand shall he drive them out of his
land.
2 And God spake unto Moses, and
said unto him, I *am* the LORD:
3 And I appeared unto Abraham,
unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by *the*
name of God Almighty, but by my
name JEHOVAH was I not known to
them.
4 And I have also established my
covenant with them, to give them the
land of Canaan, the land of their pil-
grimage, wherein they were strangers.

5 And I have also heard the groan-
ing of the children of Israel, whom the
Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have
remembered my covenant.
6 Wherefore say unto the children
of Israel, I *am* the LORD, and I will
bring you out from under the burdens
of the Egyptians, and I will rid you
out of their bondage, and I will redeem
you with a stretched out arm, and
with great judgments:
7 And I will take you to me for a
people, and I will be to you a God: and
ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your
God, which bringeth you out from un-
der the burdens of the Egyptians.
8 And I will bring you in unto the
land, concerning the which I did swear
to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to
Jacob; and I will give it you for an
heritage: I *am* the LORD.
9 And Moses spake so unto the chil-
dren of Israel: but they hearkened not
unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and
for cruel bondage.
10 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
11 Go in, speak unto Pharaoh king
of Egypt, that he let the children of
Israel go out of his land.
12 And Moses spake before the
LORD, saying, Behold, the children of
Israel have not hearkened unto me;
how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who
am of uncircumcised lips?
13 And the LORD spake unto Moses
and unto Aaron, and gave them a
charge unto the children of Israel, and
unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring
the children of Israel out of the land
of Egypt.
14 These *be* the heads of their fa-
thers' houses: The sons of Reuben the
firstborn of Israel; Ha'-noch, and Pal'-
lu, Hez'-ron, and Car'-mi: these *be* the
families of Reuben.
15 And the sons of Simeon; Je-mu'-
el, and Ja'-min, and O'-had, and Ja'-
chin, and Zo'-har, and Sha'-ul the son
of a Canaanitish woman: these *are* the
families of Simeon.
16 And these *are* the names of the
sons of Levi according to their genera-
tions; Ger'-shon, and Ko'-hath, and
Me-ra'-ri: and the years of the life of
Levi *were* an hundred thirty and seven
years.
17 The sons of Ger'-shon; Lib'-ni,
and Shi'-mi, according to their fam-
ilies.
18 And the sons of Ko'-hath; Am-
ram, and Iz'-har, and Hebron, and Uz'-
zi-el: and the years of the life of Ko'-
hath *were* an hundred thirty and three
years.
19 And the sons of Me-ra'-ri; Ma'-ha-
li and Mu'-shi: these *are* the families of
Levi according to their generations.
20 And Amram took him Joch'-e-
bed his father's sister to wife; and she
bare him Aaron and Moses: and the
years of the life of Amram *were* an hun-
dred and thirty and seven years.
21 And the sons of Iz'-har; Ko'-rah,
and Ne'-pheg, and Zich'-ri.
22 And the sons of Uz'-zi-el; Mish'-
a-el, and El'-za-phan, and Zith'-ri.
23 And Aaron took him E-lish'-e-ba,
daughter of Am-min'-a-dab, sister of
Na-ash'-on, to wife; and she bare him
Nadab, and A-bi'-hu, E-le-a'-zar, and
Ith'-a-mar.
24 And the sons of Ko'-rah; As'-sir,
and El-ka'-nah, and A-bi'-a-saph: these
are the families of the Kor'-hites.
25 And E-le-a'-zar Aaron's son took
him *one* of the daughters of Pu'-ti-el to
wife; and she bare him Phin'-e-has:
these *are* the heads of the fathers of
the Levites according to their families.
26 These *are* that Aaron and Moses,
to whom the LORD said, Bring out the
children of Israel from the land of
Egypt according to their armies.
27 These *are* they which spake to
Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out
the children of Israel from Egypt:
these *are* that Moses and Aaron.
28 And it came to pass on the day
when the LORD spake unto Moses in
the land of Egypt,
29 That the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying, I *am* the LORD: speak thou un-
to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say
unto thee.
30 And Moses said before the LORD,
Behold, I *am* of uncircumcised lips,
and how shall Pharaoh hearken unto
me?

CHAPTER 7

AND the LORD said unto Moses, See,
I have made thee a god to Phar-
aoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be
thy prophet.
2 Thou shalt speak all that I com-
mand thee: and Aaron thy brother
shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send
the children of Israel out of his land.
3 And I will harden Pharaoh's
heart, and multiply my signs and my
wonders in the land of Egypt.

4 But Pharaoh shall not hearken
unto you, that I may lay my hand
upon Egypt, and bring forth mine
armies, *and* my people the children of
Israel, out of the land of Egypt by
great judgments.
5 And the Egyptians shall know
that I *am* the LORD, when I stretch
forth mine hand upon Egypt, and
bring out the children of Israel from
among them.
6 And Moses and Aaron did as the
LORD commanded them, so did they.
7 And Moses *was* fourscore years
old, and Aaron fourscore and three
years old, when they spake unto Phar-
aoh.
8 And the LORD spake unto Moses
and unto Aaron, saying,
9 When Pharaoh shall speak unto
you, saying, Shew a miracle for you:
then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take
thy rod, and cast *it* before Pharaoh,
and it shall become a serpent.
10 And Moses and Aaron went in
unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the
LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast
down his rod before Pharaoh, and be-
fore his servants, and it became a ser-
pent.
11 Then Pharaoh also called the
wise men and the sorcerers: now the
magicians of Egypt, they also did in
like manner with their enchantments.
12 For they cast down every man
his rod, and they became serpents: but
Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.
13 And he hardened Pharaoh's
heart, that he hearkened not unto
them; as the LORD had said.
14 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Pharaoh's heart *is* hardened, he refus-
eth to let the people go.
15 Get thee unto Pharaoh in the
morning; lo, he goeth out unto the
water; and thou shalt stand by the
river's brink against he come; and the
rod which was turned to a serpent
shalt thou take in thine hand.
16 And thou shalt say unto him,
The LORD God of the Hebrews hath
sent me unto thee, saying, Let my peo-
ple go, that they may serve me in the
wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou
wouldest not hear.
17 *Thus saith* the LORD, In this
thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD:
behold, I will smite with the rod that
is in mine hand upon the waters which
are in the river, and they shall be
turned to blood.
18 And the fish that *is* in the river
shall die, and the river shall stink; and
the Egyptians shall lothe to drink of
the water of the river.
19 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and
stretch out thine hand upon the waters
of Egypt, upon their streams, upon
their rivers, and upon their ponds, and
upon all their pools of water, that they
may become blood; and *that* there may
be blood throughout all the land of
Egypt, both in *vessels of* wood, and in
vessels of stone.
20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as
the LORD commanded; and he lifted up
the rod, and smote the waters that
were in the river, in the sight of Phar-
aoh, and in the sight of his servants;
and all the waters that *were* in the
river were turned to blood.
21 And the fish that *was* in the river
died; and the river stank, and the
Egyptians could not drink of the water
of the river; and there was blood
throughout all the land of Egypt.
22 And the magicians of Egypt did
so with their enchantments: and Phar-
aoh's heart was hardened, neither did
he hearken unto them; as the LORD
had said.
23 And Pharaoh turned and went
into his house, neither did he set his
heart to this also.
24 And all the Egyptians digged
round about the river for water to
drink; for they could not drink of the
water of the river.
25 And seven days were fulfilled,
after that the LORD had smitten the
river.

CHAPTER 8

AND the LORD spake unto Moses,
Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto
him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my peo-
ple go, that they may serve me.
2 And if thou refuse to let *them* go,
behold, I will smite all thy borders
with frogs:
3 And the river shall bring forth
frogs abundantly, which shall go up
and come into thine house, and into
thy bedchamber, and upon thy bed,
and into the house of thy servants, and
upon thy people, and into thine ovens,
and into thy kneading troughs:
4 And the frogs shall come up both
on thee, and upon thy people, and
upon all thy servants.
5 And the LORD spake unto Moses,

Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt.

6 And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt.

7 And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.

8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Intreat the LORD, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the LORD.

9 And Moses said unto Pharaoh, Glory over me: when shall I intreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, to destroy the frogs from thee and thy houses, *that* they may remain in the river only?

10 And he said, To morrow. And he said, *Be it* according to thy word: that thou mayest know that *there is* none like unto the LORD our God.

11 And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and from thy people; they shall remain in the river only.

12 And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh: and Moses cried unto the LORD because of the frogs which he had brought against Pharaoh.

13 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields.

14 And they gathered them together upon heaps: and the land stank.

15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

17 And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man, and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

18 And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast.

19 Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This *is* the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

20 And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

21 Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms *of flies* upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms *of flies*, and also the ground whereon they *are*.

22 And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms *of flies* shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I *am* the LORD in the midst of the earth.

23 And I will put a division between my people and thy people: to morrow shall this sign be.

24 And the LORD did so; and there came a grievous swarm *of flies* into the house of Pharaoh, and *into* his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm *of flies*.

25 And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land.

26 And Moses said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us?

27 We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as he shall command us.

28 And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: intreat for me.

29 And Moses said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will intreat the LORD that the swarms *of flies* may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, to morrow: but let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD.

30 And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD.

31 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms *of flies* from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one.

32 And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.

CHAPTER 9

THEN the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

2 For if thou refuse to let *them* go, and wilt hold them still,

3 Behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattle which *is* in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: *there shall be* a very grievous murrain.

4 And the LORD shall sever between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all *that is* the children's of Israel.

5 And the LORD appointed a set time, saying, To morrow the LORD shall do this thing in the land.

6 And the LORD did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one.

7 And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

8 And the LORD said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh.

9 And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth *with* blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt.

10 And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth *with* blains upon man, and upon beast.

11 And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians.

12 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken unto Moses.

13 And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

14 For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that *there is* none like me in all the earth.

15 For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth.

16 And in very deed for this *cause* have I raised thee up, for to shew *in* thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.

17 As yet exaltest thou thyself against my people, that thou wilt not let them go?

18 Behold, to morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now.

19 Send therefore now, *and* gather thy cattle, and all that thou hast in the field; *for upon* every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die.

20 He that feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses:

21 And he that regarded not the word of the LORD left his servants and his cattle in the field.

22 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.

23 And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt.

24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

25 And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that *was* in

the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field.

26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel *were*, was there no hail.

27 And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the LORD *is* righteous, and I and my people *are* wicked.

28 Intreat the LORD (for *it is* enough) that there be no *more* mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.

29 And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the LORD; *and* the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know how that the earth *is* the LORD's.

30 But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will not yet fear the LORD God.

31 And the flax and the barley was smitten: for the barley *was* in the ear, and the flax *was* bolled.

32 But the wheat and the rie were not smitten: for they *were* not grown up.

33 And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands unto the LORD: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth.

34 And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants.

35 And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Israel go; as the LORD had spoken by Moses.

CHAPTER 10

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew these my signs before him:

2 And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I *am* the LORD.

3 And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me.

4 Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to morrow will I bring the locusts into thy coast:

5 And they shall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field:

6 And they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh.

7 And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed?

8 And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the LORD your God: *but* who *are* they that shall go?

9 And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we *must hold* a feast unto the LORD.

10 And he said unto them, Let the LORD be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look *to it;* for evil *is* before you.

11 Not so: go now ye *that are* men, and serve the LORD; for that ye did desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, *even* all that the hail hath left.

13 And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all *that* night; *and* when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.

14 And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the

coasts of Egypt: very grievous *were
they;* before them there were no such
locusts as they, neither after them
shall be such.
15 For they covered the face of the
whole earth, so that the land was dark-
ened; and they did eat every herb of
the land, and all the fruit of the trees
which the hail had left: and there re-
mained not any green thing in the
trees, or *in* the herbs of the field,
through all the land of Egypt.
16 Then Pharaoh called for Moses
and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have
sinned against the LORD your God, and
against you.
17 Now therefore forgive, I pray
thee, my sin only this once, and in-
treat the LORD your God, that he may
take away from me this death only.
18 And he went out from Pharaoh,
and intreated the LORD.
19 And the LORD turned a mighty
strong west wind, which took away
the locusts, and cast them into the
Red sea; there remained not one locust
in all the coasts of Egypt.
20 But the LORD hardened Phar-
aoh's heart, so that he would not let
the children of Israel go.
21 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Stretch out thine hand toward heaven,
that there may be darkness over the
land of Egypt, even darkness *which*
may be felt.
22 And Moses stretched forth his
hand toward heaven; and there was a
thick darkness in all the land of Egypt
three days:
23 They saw not one another, nei-
ther rose any from his place for three
days: but all the children of Israel had
light in their dwellings.
24 And Pharaoh called unto Moses,
and said, Go ye, serve the LORD; only
let your flocks and your herds be
stayed: let your little ones also go
with you.
25 And Moses said, Thou must give
us also sacrifices and burnt offerings,
that we may sacrifice unto the LORD
our God.
26 Our cattle also shall go with us;
there shall not an hoof be left behind;
for thereof must we take to serve the
LORD our God; and we know not with
what we must serve the LORD, until
we come thither.
27 But the LORD hardened Phar-
aoh's heart, and he would not let
them go.
28 And Pharaoh said unto him, Get
thee from me, take heed to thyself, see
my face no more; for in *that* day thou
seest my face thou shalt die.
29 And Moses said, Thou hast spo-
ken well, I will see thy face again no
more.

CHAPTER 11

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Yet
will I *bring* one plague *more* upon
Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards
he will let you go hence: when he shall
let *you* go, he shall surely thrust you
out hence altogether.
2 Speak now in the ears of the peo-
ple, and let every man borrow of his
neighbour, and every woman of her
neighbour, jewels of silver, and jewels
of gold.
3 And the LORD gave the people fa-
vour in the sight of the Egyptians.
Moreover the man Moses *was* very
great in the land of Egypt, in the sight
of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight
of the people.
4 And Moses said, Thus saith the
LORD, About midnight will I go out
into the midst of Egypt:
5 And all the firstborn in the land
of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn
of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his
throne, even unto the firstborn of the
maidservant that *is* behind the mill;
and all the firstborn of beasts.
6 And there shall be a great cry
throughout all the land of Egypt, such
as there was none like it, nor shall be
like it any more.
7 But against any of the children of
Israel shall not a dog move his tongue,
against man or beast: that ye may
know how that the LORD doth put a
difference between the Egyptians and
Israel.
8 And all these thy servants shall
come down unto me, and bow down
themselves unto me, saying, Get thee
out, and all the people that follow
thee: and after that I will go out. And
he went out from Pharaoh in a great
anger.
9 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you;
that my wonders may be multiplied in
the land of Egypt.
10 And Moses and Aaron did all
these wonders before Pharaoh: and the
LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so
that he would not let the children of
Israel go out of his land.

CHAPTER 12

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

2 This month *shall be* unto you the beginning of months: it *shall be* the first month of the year to you.

3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth *day* of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of *their* fathers, a lamb for an house:

4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take *it* according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take *it* out from the sheep, or from the goats:

6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike *it* on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it.

9 Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast *with* fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.

10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

11 And thus shall ye eat it; *with* your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it *is* the LORD's passover.

12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I *am* the LORD.

13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye *are:* and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *you,* when I smite the land of Egypt.

14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

15 Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

16 And in the first day *there shall be* an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save *that* which every man must eat, that only may be done of you.

17 And ye shall observe *the feast of* unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever.

18 In the first *month,* on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.

19 Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land.

20 Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover.

22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that *is* in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

23 For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite *you.*

24 And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever.

25 And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.

26 And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by *this service*?

27 That ye shall say, It *is* the sacrifice of the LORD's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.

28 And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

29 And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that *was* in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.

30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for *there was* not a house where *there was* not one dead.

31 And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, *and* get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said.

32 Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also.

33 And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We *be* all dead *men*.

34 And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.

35 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment:

36 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them *such things as they required*. And they spoiled the Egyptians.

37 And the children of Israel journeyed from Ra'-me-ses to Suc'-coth, about six hundred thousand on foot *that were* men, beside children.

38 And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, *even* very much cattle.

39 And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.

40 Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, *was* four hundred and thirty years.

41 And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

42 It *is* a night to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: *this is* that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations.

43 And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This *is* the ordinance of the passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof:

44 But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof.

45 A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof.

46 In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof.

47 All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.

48 And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.

49 One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.

50 Thus did all the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

51 And it came to pass the selfsame day, *that* the LORD did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

CHAPTER 13

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Sanctify unto me all the first

whatsoever openeth the womb among
the children of Israel, *both* of man and
of beast: *it is* mine.
3 And Moses said unto the people,
Remember this day, in which ye came
out from Egypt, out of the house of
bondage; for by strength of hand the
LORD brought you out from this *place*:
there shall no leavened bread be eaten.
4 This day came ye out in the
month Abib.
5 And it shall be when the LORD
shall bring thee into the land of the
Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the
Amorites, and the Hi'-vites, and the
Jeb'-u-sites, which he sware unto thy
fathers to give thee, a land *flowing*
with milk and honey, that thou shalt
keep this service in this month.
6 Seven days thou shalt eat unleav-
ened bread, and in the seventh day
shall be a feast to the LORD.
7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten
seven days; and there shall no leav-
ened bread be seen with thee, neither
shall there be leaven seen with thee in
all thy quarters.
8 And thou shalt shew thy son in
that day, saying, *This is done* because
of that *which* the LORD did unto me
when I came forth out of Egypt.
9 And it shall be for a sign unto thee
upon thine hand, and for a memorial
between thine eyes, that the LORD'S
law may be in thy mouth: for with a
strong hand hath the LORD brought
thee out of Egypt.
10 Thou shalt therefore keep this
ordinance in his season from year to
year.
11 And it shall be when the LORD
shall bring thee into the land of the
Canaanites, as he sware unto thee and
to thy fathers, and shall give it thee,
12 That thou shalt set apart unto
the LORD all that openeth the matrix,
and every firstling that cometh of a
beast which thou hast; the males *shall*
be the LORD'S.
13 And every firstling of an ass thou
shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou
wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt
break his neck: and all the firstborn of
man among thy children shalt thou re-
deem.
14 And it shall be when thy son
asketh thee in *time* to come, saying,
What *is* this? that thou shalt say unto
him, By strength of hand the LORD
brought us out from Egypt, from the
house of bondage:
15 And it came to pass, when Phar-
aoh would hardly let us go, *that* the
LORD slew all the firstborn in the land
of Egypt, both the firstborn of man,
and the firstborn of beast: therefore I
sacrifice to the LORD all that openeth
the matrix, being males; but all the
firstborn of my children I redeem.
16 And it shall be for a token upon
thine hand, and for frontlets between
thine eyes: for by strength of hand the
LORD brought us forth out of Egypt.
17 And it came to pass, when Phar-
aoh had let the people go, that God
led them not *through* the way of the
land of the Philistines, although that
was near; for God said, Lest peradven-
ture the people repent when they see
war, and they return to Egypt:
18 But God led the people about,
through the way of the wilderness of
the Red sea: and the children of Israel
went up harnessed out of the land of
Egypt.
19 And Moses took the bones of Jo-
seph with him: for he had straitly
sworn the children of Israel, saying,
God will surely visit you; and ye shall
carry up my bones away hence with
you.
20 And they took their journey
from Suc'-coth, and encamped in
E'-tham, in the edge of the wilder-
ness.
21 And the LORD went before them
by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead
them the way; and by night in a pillar
of fire, to give them light; to go by day
and night:
22 He took not away the pillar of
the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire
by night, *from* before the people.

CHAPTER 14

AND the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel,
that they turn and encamp before Pi-
ha-hi'-roth, between Mig'-dol and the
sea, over against Ba'-al-ze'-phon: be-
fore it shall ye encamp by the sea.
3 For Pharaoh will say of the chil-
dren of Israel, They *are* entangled in
the land, the wilderness hath shut
them in.
4 And I will harden Pharaoh's
heart, that he shall follow after them;
and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh,
and upon all his host; that the Egyp-
tians may know that I *am* the LORD.
And they did so.

5 And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?

6 And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him:

7 And he took six hundred *chosen* chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them.

8 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel went out with an high hand.

9 But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses *and* chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pi'-ha-hi'-roth, before Ba'-al-ze'-phon.

10 And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD.

11 And they said unto Moses, Because *there were* no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?

12 Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For *it had been* better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.

13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

15 And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:

16 But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry *ground* through the midst of the sea.

17 And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

18 And the Egyptians shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

19 And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:

20 And *it* came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness *to them*, but it gave light by night *to these:* so that the one came not near the other all the night.

21 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go *back* by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry *land*, and the waters were divided.

22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry *ground:* and the waters *were* a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

23 And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, *even* all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

24 And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians,

25 And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

26 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, *and* all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

29 But the children of Israel walked upon dry *land* in the midst of the sea;

and the waters *were* a wall unto them
on their right hand, and on their left.
30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that
day out of the hand of the Egyptians;
and Israel saw the Egyptians dead
upon the sea shore.
31 And Israel saw that great work
which the LORD did upon the Egyptians:
and the people feared the LORD,
and believed the LORD, and his servant
Moses.

CHAPTER 15

THEN sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.
2 The LORD *is* my strength and
song, and he is become my salvation:
he *is* my God, and I will prepare him
an habitation; my father's God, and I
will exalt him.
3 The LORD *is* a man of war: the
LORD *is* his name.
4 Pharaoh's chariots and his host
hath he cast into the sea: his chosen
captains also are drowned in the Red
sea.
5 The depths have covered them:
they sank into the bottom as a stone.
6 Thy right hand, O LORD, is become
glorious in power: thy right
hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces
the enemy.
7 And in the greatness of thine excellency
thou hast overthrown them
that rose up against thee: thou sentest
forth thy wrath, *which* consumed them
as stubble.
8 And with the blast of thy nostrils
the waters were gathered together, the
floods stood upright as an heap, *and*
the depths were congealed in the heart
of the sea.
9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I
will overtake, I will divide the spoil;
my lust shall be satisfied upon them;
I will draw my sword, my hand shall
destroy them.
10 Thou didst blow with thy wind,
the sea covered them: they sank as
lead in the mighty waters.
11 Who *is* like unto thee, O LORD,
among the gods? who *is* like thee, glorious
in holiness, fearful *in* praises,
doing wonders?
12 Thou stretchedst out thy right
hand, the earth swallowed them.
13 Thou in thy mercy hast led forth
the people *which* thou hast redeemed:
thou hast guided *them* in thy strength
unto thy holy habitation.
14 The people shall hear, *and* be
afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the
inhabitants of Palestina.
15 Then the dukes of Edom shall be
amazed; the mighty men of Moab,
trembling shall take hold upon them;
all the inhabitants of Canaan shall
melt away.
16 Fear and dread shall fall upon
them; by the greatness of thine arm
they shall be *as* still as a stone; till thy
people pass over, O LORD, till the people
pass over, *which* thou hast purchased.
17 Thou shalt bring them in, and
plant them in the mountain of thine
inheritance, *in* the place, O LORD,
which thou hast made for thee to dwell
in, *in* the Sanctuary, O Lord, *which* thy
hands have established.
18 The LORD shall reign for ever
and ever.
19 For the horse of Pharaoh went
in with his chariots and with his horsemen
into the sea, and the LORD
brought again the waters of the sea
upon them; but the children of Israel
went on dry *land* in the midst of the
sea.
20 And Miriam the prophetess, the
sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her
hand; and all the women went out
after her with timbrels and with
dances.
21 And Miriam answered them,
Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed
gloriously; the horse and his
rider hath he thrown into the sea.
22 So Moses brought Israel from
the Red sea, and they went out into
the wilderness of Shur; and they went
three days in the wilderness, and found
no water.
23 And when they came to Ma'rah,
they could not drink of the waters of
Ma'rah, for they *were* bitter: therefore
the name of it was called Ma'rah.
24 And the people murmured
against Moses, saying, What shall we
drink?
25 And he cried unto the LORD; and
the LORD shewed him a tree, *which*
when he had cast into the waters, the
waters were made sweet: there he
made for them a statute and an ordinance,
and there he proved them,
26 And said, If thou wilt diligently
hearken to the voice of the LORD thy

God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I *am* the LORD that healeth thee.

27 And they came to Elim, where *were* twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

CHAPTER 16

AND they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which *is* between Elim and Si'nai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt.

2 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness:

3 And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, *and* when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

4 Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

5 And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare *that* which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

6 And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that the LORD hath brought you out from the land of Egypt:

7 And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the LORD; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD: and what *are* we, that ye murmur against us?

8 And Moses said, *This shall be*, when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what *are* we? your murmurings *are* not against us, but against the LORD.

9 And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the LORD: for he hath heard your murmurings.

10 And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

12 I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your God.

13 And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host.

14 And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness *there lay* a small round thing, *as* small as the hoar frost on the ground.

15 And when the children of Israel saw *it*, they said one to another, It *is* manna: for they wist not what it *was*. And Moses said unto them, This *is* the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.

16 This *is* the thing which the LORD hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, *according to* the number of your persons; take ye every man for *them* which *are* in his tents.

17 And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less.

18 And when they did mete *it* with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating.

19 And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning.

20 Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them.

21 And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.

22 And it came to pass, *that* on the sixth day they gathered twice as much [illegible] and all bread, two omers fo

the rulers of the congregation came
and told Moses.
23 And he said unto them, This *is*
that which the LORD hath said, To morrow
is the rest of the holy sabbath unto
the LORD: bake *that* which ye will bake
to day, and seethe that ye will seethe;
and that which remaineth over lay up
for you to be kept until the morning.
24 And they laid it up till the morning,
as Moses bade: and it did not
stink, neither was there any worm
therein.
25 And Moses said, Eat that to day;
for to day *is* a sabbath unto the LORD:
to day ye shall not find it in the field.
26 Six days ye shall gather it; but
on the seventh day, *which is* the sabbath,
in it there shall be none.
27 And it came to pass, *that* there
went out *some* of the people on the
seventh day for to gather, and they
found none.
28 And the LORD said unto Moses,
How long refuse ye to keep my commandments
and my laws?
29 See, for that the LORD hath given
you the sabbath, therefore he giveth
you on the sixth day the bread of two
days; abide ye every man in his place,
let no man go out of his place on the
seventh day.
30 So the people rested on the seventh
day.
31 And the house of Israel called
the name thereof Manna: and it *was*
like coriander seed, white; and the
taste of it *was* like wafers *made* with
honey.
32 And Moses said, This *is* the thing
which the LORD commandeth, Fill an
omer of it to be kept for your generations;
that they may see the bread
wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness,
when I brought you forth
from the land of Egypt.
33 And Moses said unto Aaron,
Take a pot, and put an omer full of
manna therein, and lay it up before
the LORD, to be kept for your generations.
34 As the LORD commanded Moses,
so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony,
to be kept.
35 And the children of Israel did eat
manna forty years, until they came to
a land inhabited; they did eat manna,
until they came unto the borders of
the land of Canaan.
36 Now an omer *is* the tenth *part* of
an ephah.

CHAPTER 17

AND all the congregation of the children
of Israel journeyed from the
wilderness of Sin, after their journeys,
according to the commandment of the
LORD, and pitched in Reph'-i-dim: and
there was no water for the people to
drink.
2 Wherefore the people did chide
with Moses, and said, Give us water
that we may drink. And Moses said
unto them, Why chide ye with me?
wherefore do ye tempt the LORD?
3 And the people thirsted there for
water; and the people murmured
against Moses, and said, Wherefore *is*
this *that* thou hast brought us up out
of Egypt, to kill us and our children
and our cattle with thirst?
4 And Moses cried unto the LORD,
saying, What shall I do unto this people?
they be almost ready to stone me.
5 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Go on before the people, and take with
thee of the elders of Israel; and thy
rod, wherewith thou smotest the river,
take in thine hand, and go.
6 Behold, I will stand before thee
there upon the rock in Ho'-reb; and
thou shalt smite the rock, and there
shall come water out of it, that the
people may drink. And Moses did so
in the sight of the elders of Israel.
7 And he called the name of the
place Mas'-sah, and Mer'-i-bah, because
of the chiding of the children of Israel,
and because they tempted the LORD,
saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?
8 Then came Am'-a-lek, and fought
with Israel in Reph'-i-dim.
9 And Moses said unto Joshua,
Choose us out men, and go out, fight
with Am'-a-lek: to morrow I will stand
on the top of the hill with the rod of
God in mine hand.
10 So Joshua did as Moses had said
to him, and fought with Am'-a-lek: and
Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the
top of the hill.
11 And it came to pass, when Moses
held up his hand, that Israel prevailed:
and when he let down his hand, Am'-a-lek
prevailed.
12 But Moses' hands *were* heavy;
and they took a stone, and put *it* under
him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron
and Hur stayed up his hands, the one
on the one side, and the other on the
other side; and his hands were steady
until the going down of the sun.

13 And Joshua discomfited Am'-a-lek and his people with the edge of the sword.
14 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this *for* a memorial in a book, and rehearse *it* in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Am'-a-lek from under heaven.
15 And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Je-ho'-vah-nis'-si:
16 For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn *that* the LORD *will have* war with Am'-a-lek from generation to generation.

CHAPTER 18

WHEN Jeth'-ro, the priest of Mid'-i-an, Moses' father in law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, *and* that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt;
2 Then Jeth'-ro, Moses' father in law, took Zip-po'-rah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back,
3 And her two sons; of which the name of the one *was* Ger'-shom; for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land:
4 And the name of the other *was* E-li-e'-zer; for the God of my father, *said he, was* mine help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh:
5 And Jeth'-ro, Moses' father in law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he encamped at the mount of God:
6 And he said unto Moses, I thy father in law Jeth'-ro am come unto thee, and thy wife, and her two sons with her.
7 And Moses went out to meet his father in law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other of *their* welfare; and they came into the tent.
8 And Moses told his father in law all that the LORD had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, *and* all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and *how* the LORD delivered them.
9 And Jeth'-ro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.
10 And Jeth'-ro said, Blessed *be* the LORD, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.
11 Now I know that the LORD *is* greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly *he was* above them.
12 And Jeth'-ro, Moses' father in law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father in law before God.
13 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening.
14 And when Moses' father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What *is* this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even?
15 And Moses said unto his father in law, Because the people come unto me to enquire of God:
16 When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I do make *them* know the statutes of God, and his laws.
17 And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest *is* not good.
18 Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that *is* with thee: for this thing *is* too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.
19 Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:
20 And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.
21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place *such* over them, *to be* rulers of thousands, *and* rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of *tens:*
22 And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, *that* every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear *the burden* with thee.
23 If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.

24 So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father in law, and did all that he had said.

25 And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

26 And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.

27 And Moses let his father in law depart; and he went his way into his own land.

CHAPTER 19

IN the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they *into* the wilderness of Si′-nai.

2 For they were departed from Reph′-i-dim, and were come *to* the desert of Si′-nai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.

3 And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;

4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and *how* I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth *is* mine:

6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

7 And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him.

8 And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD.

10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes,

11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Si′-nai.

12 And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, *that ye* go *not* up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:

13 There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether *it be* beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.

14 And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.

15 And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not at *your* wives.

16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that *was* in the camp trembled.

17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

18 And mount Si′-nai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.

20 And the LORD came down upon mount Si′-nai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses *up* to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.

21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish.

22 And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them.

23 And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to mount

Si'-nai: for thou chargedst us, saying,
Set bounds about the mount, and sanc-
tify it.
24 And the LORD said unto him,
Away, get thee down, and thou shalt
come up, thou, and Aaron with thee:
but let not the priests and the people
break through to come up unto the
LORD, lest he break forth upon them.
25 So Moses went down unto the
people, and spake unto them.

CHAPTER 20

AND God spake all these words,
saying,
2 I *am* the LORD thy God, which
have brought thee out of the land of
Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
3 Thou shalt have no other gods be-
fore me.
4 Thou shalt not make unto thee
any graven image, or any likeness *of
any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or
that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is*
in the water under the earth:
5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself
to them, nor serve them: for I the
LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visit-
ing the iniquity of the fathers upon the
children unto the third and fourth *gen-
eration* of them that hate me;
6 And shewing mercy unto thou-
sands of them that love me, and keep
my commandments.
7 Thou shalt not take the name of
the LORD thy God in vain; for the
LORD will not hold him guiltless that
taketh his name in vain.
8 Remember the sabbath day, to
keep it holy.
9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do
all thy work:
10 But the seventh day *is* the sab-
bath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou
shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy
son, nor thy daughter, thy manser-
vant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cat-
tle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy
gates:
11 For *in* six days the LORD made
heaven and earth, the sea, and all that
in them *is*, and rested the seventh day:
wherefore the LORD blessed the sab-
bath day, and hallowed it.
12 Honour thy father and thy
mother: that thy days may be long
upon the land which the LORD thy
God giveth thee.
13 Thou shalt not kill.
14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.
15 Thou shalt not steal.
16 Thou shalt not bear false witness
against thy neighbour.
17 Thou shalt not covet thy neigh-
bour's house, thou shalt not covet thy
neighbour's wife, nor his manservant,
nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor
his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy
neighbour's.
18 And all the people saw the thun-
derings, and the lightnings, and the
noise of the trumpet, and the moun-
tain smoking: and when the people saw
it, they removed, and stood afar off.
19 And they said unto Moses, Speak
thou with us, and we will hear: but let
not God speak with us, lest we die.
20 And Moses said unto the people,
Fear not: for God is come to prove
you, and that his fear may be before
your faces, that ye sin not.
21 And the people stood afar off,
and Moses drew near unto the thick
darkness where God *was*.
22 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Thus thou shalt say unto the children
of Israel, Ye have seen that I have
talked with you from heaven.
23 Ye shall not make with me gods
of silver, neither shall ye make unto
you gods of gold.
24 An altar of earth thou shalt
make unto me, and shalt sacrifice
thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy
peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine
oxen: in all places where I record my
name I will come unto thee, and I will
bless thee.
25 And if thou wilt make me an al-
tar of stone, thou shalt not build it of
hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy too[l] -
upon it, thou hast polluted it. lt
26 Neither shalt thou go up by un
steps unto mine altar, that thy naked-
ness be not discovered thereon. y, it

CHAPTER 21

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NOW these *are* the judg[ments] that I
which thou shalt set befo[re]
2 If thou buy an Hebrew ie gods,
six years he shall serve: an ople.
seventh he shall go out fre[e] *offer* the
ing. f thy liq-
3 If he came in by him[self] sons shalt
go out by himself: if he w[ere]
then his wife shall go ou[t] do with
4 If his master ha[ve] sheep: seven
wife, and she h[ave] the
daughters; the
shall be her m[aster's]
out by himsel[f]
5 And i

say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free:

6 Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever.

7 And if a man sell his daughter to be a maidservant, she shall not go out as the menservants do.

8 If she please not her master, who hath betrothed her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed: to sell her unto a strange nation he shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her.

9 And if he have betrothed her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters.

10 If he take him another *wife;* her food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage, shall he not diminish.

11 And if he do not these three unto her, then shall she go out free without money.

12 He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death.

13 And if a man lie not in wait, but God deliver *him* into his hand; then I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee.

14 But if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbour, to slay him with guile; thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die.

15 And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.

16 And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.

17 And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.

18 And if men strive together, and one smite another with a stone, or with *his* fist, and he die not, but keepeth *his* bed:

19 If he rise again, and walk abroad upon his staff, then shall he that smote *him* be quit: only he shall pay *for* the loss of his time, and shall cause *him* to be thoroughly healed.

20 And if a man smite his servant, or his maid, with a rod, and he die under his hand; he shall be surely punished.

21 Notwithstanding, if he continue a day or two, he shall not be punished: for he *is* his money.

22 If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart *from her*, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges *determine*.

23 And if *any* mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life,

24 Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

25 Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

26 And if a man smite the eye of his servant, or the eye of his maid, that it perish; he shall let him go free for his eye's sake.

27 And if he smite out his manservant's tooth, or his maidservant's tooth; he shall let him go free for his tooth's sake.

28 If an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die: then the ox shall be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox *shall be* quit.

29 But if the ox were wont to push with his horn in time past, and it hath been testified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, but that he hath killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and his owner also shall be put to death.

30 If there be laid on him a sum of money, then he shall give for the ransom of his life whatsoever is laid upon him.

31 Whether he have gored a son, or have gored a daughter, according to this judgment shall it be done unto him.

32 If the ox shall push a manservant or a maidservant; he shall give unto their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

33 And if a man shall open a pit, or a man shall dig a pit, and not cover it, and an ox or an ass fall therein;

34 The owner of the pit shall make *it* good, *and* give money unto the owner of them; and the dead *beast* shall be his.

35 And if one man's ox hurt another's, that he die; then they shall sell the live ox, and divide the money of it; and the dead ox also they shall divide.

36 Or if it be known that the ox hath used to push in time past, and his owner hath not kept him in; he shall

surely pay ox for ox; and the dead
shall be his own.

CHAPTER 22

IF a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep,
and kill it, or sell it; he shall restore
five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for
a sheep.
2 If a thief be found breaking up,
and be smitten that he die, *there shall*
no blood *be shed* for him.
3 If the sun be risen upon him,
there shall be blood *shed* for him; *for* he
should make full restitution; if he have
nothing, then he shall be sold for his
theft.
4 If the theft be certainly found in
his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass,
or sheep; he shall restore double.
5 If a man shall cause a field or
vineyard to be eaten, and shall put in
his beast, and shall feed in another
man's field; of the best of his own field,
and of the best of his own vineyard,
shall he make restitution.
6 If fire break out, and catch in
thorns, so that the stacks of corn, or
the standing corn, or the field, be con-
sumed *therewith;* he that kindled the
fire shall surely make restitution.
7 If a man shall deliver unto his
neighbour money or stuff to keep, and
it be stolen out of the man's house; if
the thief be found, let him pay double.
8 If the thief be not found, then the
master of the house shall be brought
unto the judges, *to see* whether he have
put his hand unto his neighbour's
goods.
9 For all manner of trespass, *whether*
it be for ox, for ass, for sheep, for rai-
ment, *or* for any manner of lost thing,
which *another* challengeth to be his,
the cause of both parties shall come
before the judges; *and* whom the
judges shall condemn, he shall pay
double unto his neighbour.
10 If a man deliver unto his neigh-
bour an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or
any beast, to keep; and it die, or be
hurt, or driven away, no man *seeing*
it:
11 *Then* shall an oath of the LORD
be between them both, that he hath
not put his hand unto his neighbour's
goods; and the owner of it shall accept
thereof, and he shall not make *it* good.
12 And if it be stolen from him, he
shall make restitution unto the owner
thereof.
13 If it be torn in pieces, *then* let
him bring it *for* witness, *and* he shall
not make good that which was torn.
14 And if a man borrow *ought* of his
neighbour, and it be hurt, or die, the
owner thereof *being* not with it, he
shall surely make *it* good.
15 *But* if the owner thereof *be* with
it, he shall not make *it* good: if it *be* an
hired *thing,* it came for his hire.
16 And if a man entice a maid that
is not betrothed, and lie with her, he
shall surely endow her to be his wife.
17 If her father utterly refuse to
give her unto him, he shall pay money
according to the dowry of virgins.
18 Thou shalt not suffer a witch to
live.
19 Whosoever lieth with a beast
shall surely be put to death.
20 He that sacrificeth unto *any* god,
save unto the LORD only, he shall be
utterly destroyed.
21 Thou shalt neither vex a stranger,
nor oppress him: for ye were strangers
in the land of Egypt.
22 Ye shall not afflict any widow, or
fatherless child.
23 If thou afflict them in any wise,
and they cry at all unto me, I will
surely hear their cry;
24 And my wrath shall wax hot,
and I will kill you with the sword; and
your wives shall be widows, and your
children fatherless.
25 If thou lend money to *any of* my
people *that is* poor by thee, thou *shalt*
not be to him as an usurer, *neither*
shalt thou lay upon him usury.
26 If thou at all take thy *neigh-*
bour's raiment to pledge, thou *shalt*
deliver it unto him by that the [illegible]
goeth down:
27 For that *is* his covering [illegible]
is his raiment for his skin: [illegible]
shall he sleep? and it shall [illegible]
pass, when he crieth unto me, [illegible]
will hear; for I *am* gracious.
28 Thou shalt not revile [illegible]
nor curse the ruler of thy [illegible]
29 Thou shalt not delay [illegible]
first of thy ripe fruits, [illegible]
uors: the firstborn of [illegible]
thou give unto me.
30 Likewise *shalt* [illegible]
thine oxen, *and* with [illegible]
days it shall be with [illegible]
eighth day [illegible]
31 And ye [illegible]
me: neither [illegible]
is torn of [illegible]
cast it to [illegible]

CHAPTER 23

THOU shalt not raise a false report:
put not thine hand with the wicked
to be an unrighteous witness.
2 Thou shalt not follow a multitude
to *do* evil; neither shalt thou speak in
a cause to decline after many to wrest
judgment:
3 Neither shalt thou countenance a
poor man in his cause.
4 If thou meet thine enemy's ox or
his ass going astray, thou shalt surely
bring it back to him again.
5 If thou see the ass of him that
hateth thee lying under his burden,
and wouldest forbear to help him, thou
shalt surely help with him.
6 Thou shalt not wrest the judg-
ment of thy poor in his cause.
7 Keep thee far from a false matter;
and the innocent and righteous slay
thou not: for I will not justify the
wicked.
8 And thou shalt take no gift: for
the gift blindeth the wise, and per-
verteth the words of the righteous.
9 Also thou shalt not oppress a
stranger: for ye know the heart of a
stranger, seeing ye were strangers in
the land of Egypt.
10 And six years thou shalt sow thy
land, and shalt gather in the fruits
thereof:
11 But the seventh *year* thou shalt
let it rest and lie still; that the poor of
thy people may eat: and what they
leave the beasts of the field shall eat.
In like manner thou shalt deal with
thy vineyard, *and* with thy olive
yard.
12 Six days thou shalt do thy work,
and on the seventh day thou shalt rest:
that thine ox and thine ass may rest,
and the son of thy handmaid, and the
stranger, may be refreshed.
13 And in all *things* that I have said
unto you be circumspect: and make no
mention of the name of other gods,
neither let it be heard out of thy
mouth.
14 Three times thou shalt keep a
feast unto me in the year.
15 Thou shalt keep the feast of un-
leavened bread: (thou shalt eat un-
leavened bread seven days, as I com-
manded thee, in the time appointed of
the month Abib; for in it thou camest
out from Egypt: and none shall appear
before me empty:)
16 And the feast of harvest, the
firstfruits of thy labours, which thou
hast sown in the field: and the feast of
ingathering, *which is* in the end of the
year, when thou hast gathered in thy
labours out of the field.
17 Three times in the year all thy
males shall appear before the Lord
GOD.
18 Thou shalt not offer the blood of
my sacrifice with leavened bread; nei-
ther shall the fat of my sacrifice re-
main until the morning.
19 The first of the firstfruits of thy
land thou shalt bring into the house of
the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not
seethe a kid in his mother's milk.
20 Behold, I send an Angel before
thee, to keep thee in the way, and to
bring thee into the place which I have
prepared.
21 Beware of him, and obey his
voice, provoke him not; for he will not
pardon your transgressions: for my
name *is* in him.
22 But if thou shalt indeed obey his
voice, and do all that I speak; then I
will be an enemy unto thine enemies,
and an adversary unto thine adver-
saries.
23 For mine Angel shall go before
thee, and bring thee in unto the Amo-
rites, and the Hittites, and the Per'iz-
zites, and the Canaanites, the Hi'vites,
and the Jeb'u-sites: and I will cut
them off.
24 Thou shalt not bow down to
their gods, nor serve them, nor do
after their works: but thou shalt ut-
terly overthrow them, and quite break
down their images.
25 And ye shall serve the LORD your
God, and he shall bless thy bread, and
thy water; and I will take sickness
away from the midst of thee.
26 There shall nothing cast their
young, nor be barren, in thy land: the
number of thy days I will fulfil.
27 I will send my fear before thee,
and will destroy all the people to
whom thou shalt come, and I will
make all thine enemies turn their
backs unto thee.
28 And I will send hornets before
thee, which shall drive out the Hi'vite,
the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from
before thee.
29 I will not drive them out from
before thee in one year; lest the land
become desolate, and the beast of the
field multiply against thee.
30 By little and little I will drive

them out from before thee, until thou
be increased, and inherit the land.
31 And I will set thy bounds from
the Red sea even unto the sea of the
Philistines, and from the desert unto
the river: for I will deliver the inhabi-
tants of the land into your hand; and
thou shalt drive them out before thee.
32 Thou shalt make no covenant
with them, nor with their gods.
33 They shall not dwell in thy land,
lest they make thee sin against me: for
if thou serve their gods, it will surely
be a snare unto thee.

CHAPTER 24

AND he said unto Moses, Come up
unto the LORD, thou, and Aaron,
Na'-dab, and A-bi'-hu, and seventy of
the elders of Israel; and worship ye
afar off.
2 And Moses alone shall come near
the LORD: but they shall not come
nigh; neither shall the people go up
with him.
3 And Moses came and told the peo-
ple all the words of the LORD, and all
the judgments: and all the people an-
swered with one voice, and said, All
the words which the LORD hath said
will we do.
4 And Moses wrote all the words of
the LORD, and rose up early in the
morning, and builded an altar under
the hill, and twelve pillars, according
to the twelve tribes of Israel.
5 And he sent young men of the
children of Israel, which offered burnt
offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings
of oxen unto the LORD.
6 And Moses took half of the blood,
and put *it* in basons; and half of the
blood he sprinkled on the altar.
7 And he took the book of the cove-
nant, and read in the audience of the
people: and they said, All that the
LORD hath said will we do, and be
obedient.
8 And Moses took the blood, and
sprinkled *it* on the people, and said,
Behold the blood of the covenant,
which the LORD hath made with you
concerning all these words.
9 Then went up Moses, and Aaron,
Na'-dab, and A-bi'-hu, and seventy of
the elders of Israel:
10 And they saw the God of Israel:
and *there was* under his feet as it were
a paved work of a sapphire stone, and
as it were the body of heaven in *his*
clearness.
11 And upon the nobles of the chil-
dren of Israel he laid not his hand: also
they saw God, and did eat and drink.
12 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Come up to me into the mount, and be
there: and I will give thee tables of
stone, and a law, and commandments
which I have written; that thou may-
est teach them.
13 And Moses rose up, and his min-
ister Joshua: and Moses went up into
the mount of God.
14 And he said unto the elders, Tar-
ry ye here for us, until we come again
unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur
are with you: if any man have any
matters to do, let him come unto them.
15 And Moses went up into the
mount, and a cloud covered the
mount.
16 And the glory of the LORD abode
upon mount Si'-nai, and the cloud cov-
ered *it* six days: and the seventh day
he called unto Moses out of the midst
of the cloud.
17 And the sight of the glory of the
LORD *was* like devouring fire on the top
of the mount in the eyes of the children
of Israel.
18 And Moses went into the midst
of the cloud, and gat him up into the
mount: and Moses was in the mount
forty days and forty nights.

CHAPTER 25

AND the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel,
that they bring me an offering: of
every man that giveth it willingly with
his heart ye shall take my offering.
3 And this *is* the offering which ye
shall take of them; gold, and silver,
and brass,
4 And blue, and purple, and scarlet,
and fine linen, and goats' *hair*,
5 And rams' skins dyed red, and
badgers' *skins*, and shittim wood,
6 Oil for the light, spices for anoint-
ing oil, and for sweet incense,
7 Onyx stones, and *stones to be set*
in the ephod, and in the breastplate.
8 And let them make me a sanc-
tuary; that I may dwell among them.
9 According to all that I shew thee,
after the pattern of the tabernacle, and
the pattern of all the instruments
thereof, even so shall ye make *it*.
10 And they shall make an ark *of*
shittim wood: two cubits and a *half*
shall be the length thereof, and a cubit

and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

11 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about.

12 And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put *them* in the four corners thereof; and two rings *shall be* in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it.

13 And thou shalt make staves *of* shittim wood, and overlay them with gold.

14 And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them.

15 The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it.

16 And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee.

17 And thou shalt make a mercy seat *of* pure gold: two cubits and a half *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

18 And thou shalt make two cherubims *of* gold, *of* beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat.

19 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: *even* of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof.

20 And the cherubims shall stretch forth *their* wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces *shall look* one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

21 And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee.

22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which *are* upon the ark of the testimony, of all *things* which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

23 Thou shalt also make a table *of* shittim wood: two cubits *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

24 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about.

25 And thou shalt make unto it a border of an hand breadth round about, and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about.

26 And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that *are* on the four feet thereof.

27 Over against the border shall the rings be for places of the staves to bear the table.

28 And thou shalt make the staves *of* shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be borne with them.

29 And thou shalt make the dishes thereof, and spoons thereof, and covers thereof, and bowls thereof, to cover withal: *of* pure gold shalt thou make them.

30 And thou shalt set upon the table shewbread before me alway.

31 And thou shalt make a candlestick *of* pure gold: *of* beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same.

32 And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side:

33 Three bowls made like unto almonds, *with* a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, *with* a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick.

34 And in the candlestick *shall be* four bowls made like unto almonds, *with* their knops and their flowers.

35 And *there shall be* a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick.

36 Their knops and their branches shall be of the same: all it *shall be* one beaten work *of* pure gold.

37 And thou shalt make the seven lamps thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it.

38 And the tongs thereof, and the snuffdishes thereof, *shall be of* pure gold.

39 *Of* a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels.

40 And look that thou make *them*

after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount.

CHAPTER 26

MOREOVER thou shalt make the tabernacle *with* ten curtains *of* fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: *with* cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them.

2 The length of one curtain *shall be* eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and every one of the curtains shall have one measure.

3 The five curtains shall be coupled together one to another; and *other* five curtains *shall be* coupled one to another.

4 And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling; and likewise shalt thou make in the uttermost edge of *another* curtain, in the coupling of the second.

5 Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that *is* in the coupling of the second; that the loops may take hold one of another.

6 And thou shalt make fifty taches of gold, and couple the curtains together with the taches: and it shall be one tabernacle.

7 And thou shalt make curtains *of* goats' *hair* to be a covering upon the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make.

8 The length of one curtain *shall be* thirty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and the eleven curtains *shall be all* of one measure.

9 And thou shalt couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shalt double the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tabernacle.

10 And thou shalt make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain *that is* outmost in the coupling, and fifty loops in the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second.

11 And thou shalt make fifty taches of brass, and put the taches into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one.

12 And the remnant that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remaineth, shall hang over the backside of the tabernacle.

13 And a cubit on the one side, and a cubit on the other side of that which remaineth in the length of the curtains of the tent, it shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle on this side and on that side, to cover it.

14 And thou shalt make a covering for the tent *of* rams' skins dyed red, and a covering above *of* badgers' skins.

15 And thou shalt make boards for the tabernacle *of* shittim wood standing up.

16 Ten cubits *shall be* the length of a board, and a cubit and a half *shall be* the breadth of one board.

17 Two tenons *shall there be* in one board, set in order one against another: thus shalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

18 And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the south side southward.

19 And thou shalt make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.

20 And for the second side of the tabernacle on the north side *there shall be* twenty boards:

21 And their forty sockets *of* silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

22 And for the sides of the tabernacle westward thou shalt make six boards.

23 And two boards shalt thou make for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.

24 And they shall be coupled together beneath, and they shall be coupled together above the head of it unto one ring: thus shall it be for them both; they shall be for the two corners.

25 And they shall be eight boards, and their sockets *of* silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

26 And thou shalt make bars *of* shittim wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,

27 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the two sides westward.

28 And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall reach from end to end.

29 And thou shalt overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings *of* gold *for* places for the bars: and thou shalt overlay the bars

30 And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which was shewed thee in the mount.

31 And thou shalt make a vail *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made:

32 And thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of shittim *wood* overlaid with gold: their hooks *shall be of* gold, upon the four sockets of silver.

33 And thou shalt hang up the vail under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the vail the ark of the testimony: and the vail shall divide unto you between the holy *place* and the most holy.

34 And thou shalt put the mercy seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy *place*.

35 And thou shalt set the table without the vail, and the candlestick over against the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south: and thou shalt put the table on the north side.

36 And thou shalt make an hanging for the door of the tent, *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework.

37 And thou shalt make for the hanging five pillars *of* shittim *wood*, and overlay them with gold, *and* their hooks *shall be of* gold: and thou shalt cast five sockets of brass for them.

CHAPTER 27

AND thou shalt make an altar *of* shittim wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be foursquare: and the height thereof *shall be* three cubits.

2 And thou shalt make the horns of it upon the four corners thereof: his horns shall be of the same: and thou shalt overlay it with brass.

3 And thou shalt make his pans to receive his ashes, and his shovels, and his basons, and his fleshhooks, and his firepans: all the vessels thereof thou shalt make *of* brass.

4 And thou shalt make for it a grate of network *of* brass; and upon the net shalt thou make four brasen rings in the four corners thereof.

5 And thou shalt put it under the compass of the altar beneath, that the net may be even to the midst of the altar.

6 And thou shalt make staves for the altar, staves *of* shittim wood, and overlay them with brass.

7 And the staves shall be put into the rings, and the staves shall be upon the two sides of the altar, to bear it.

8 Hollow with boards shalt thou make it: as it was shewed thee in the mount, so shall they make *it*.

9 And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the south side southward *there shall be* hangings for the court *of* fine twined linen of an hundred cubits long for one side:

10 And the twenty pillars thereof and their twenty sockets *shall be of* brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *shall be of* silver.

11 And likewise for the north side in length *there shall be* hangings of an hundred *cubits* long, and his twenty pillars and their twenty sockets *of* brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *of* silver.

12 And *for* the breadth of the court on the west side *shall be* hangings of fifty cubits: their pillars ten, and their sockets ten.

13 And the breadth of the court on the east side eastward *shall be* fifty cubits.

14 The hangings of one side *of the gate shall be* fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three.

15 And on the other side *shall be* hangings fifteen *cubits*: their pillars three, and their sockets three.

16 And for the gate of the court *shall be* an hanging of twenty cubits, *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework: *and* their pillars *shall be* four, and their sockets four.

17 All the pillars round about the court *shall be* filleted with silver; their hooks *shall be of* silver, and their sockets *of* brass.

18 The length of the court *shall be* an hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty every where, and the height five cubits *of* fine twined linen, and their sockets *of* brass.

19 All the vessels of the tabernacle in all the service thereof, and all the pins thereof, and all the pins of the court, *shall be of* brass.

20 And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always.

21 In the tabernacle of the congregation without the vail, which *is* before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning

before the LORD: *it shall be* a statute for ever unto their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel.

CHAPTER 28

AND take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, *even* Aaron, Na'-dab and A-bi'-hu, E-le-a'-zar and Ith'-a-mar, Aaron's sons.

2 And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty.

3 And thou shalt speak unto all *that are* wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

4 And these *are* the garments which they shall make; a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a broidered coat, a mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

5 And they shall take gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.

6 And they shall make the ephod *of* gold, *of* blue, and *of* purple, *of* scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cunning work.

7 It shall have the two shoulderpieces thereof joined at the two edges thereof; and *so* it shall be joined together.

8 And the curious girdle of the ephod, which *is* upon it, shall be of the same, according to the work thereof; *even of* gold, *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

9 And thou shalt take two onyx stones, and grave on them the names of the children of Israel:

10 Six of their names on one stone, and *the other* six names of the rest on the other stone, according to their birth.

11 With the work of an engraver in stone, *like* the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones with the names of the children of Israel: thou shalt make them to be set in ouches of gold.

12 And thou shalt put the two stones upon the shoulders of the ephod *for* stones of memorial unto the children of Israel: and Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD upon his two shoulders for a memorial.

13 And thou shalt make ouches *of* gold;

14 And two chains *of* pure gold at the ends; *of* wreathen work shalt thou make them, and fasten the wreathen chains to the ouches.

15 And thou shalt make the breastplate of judgment with cunning work; after the work of the ephod thou shalt make it; *of* gold, *of* blue, and *of* purple, and *of* scarlet, and *of* fine twined linen, shalt thou make it.

16 Foursquare it shall be *being* doubled; a span *shall be* the length thereof, and a span *shall be* the breadth thereof.

17 And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, *even* four rows of stones: *the first* row *shall be* a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: *this shall be* the first row.

18 And the second row *shall be* an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

19 And the third row a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst.

20 And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their inclosings.

21 And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, *like* the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes.

22 And thou shalt make upon the breastplate chains at the ends *of* wreathen work *of* pure gold.

23 And thou shalt make upon the breastplate two rings of gold, and shalt put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate.

24 And thou shalt put the two wreathen *chains* of gold in the two rings *which are* on the ends of the breastplate.

25 And *the other* two ends of the two wreathen *chains* thou shalt fasten in the two ouches, and put *them* on the shoulderpieces of the ephod before it.

26 And thou shalt make two rings of gold, and thou shalt put them upon the two ends of the breastplate in the border thereof, which *is* in the side of the ephod inward.

27 And two *other* rings of gold thou shalt make, and shalt put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the forepart thereof, over against the *other* coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod.

28 And they shall bind the breast-
plate by the rings thereof unto the
rings of the ephod with a lace of blue,
that *it* may be above the curious girdle
of the ephod, and that the breastplate
be not loosed from the ephod.
29 And Aaron shall bear the names
of the children of Israel in the breast-
plate of judgment upon his heart,
when he goeth in unto the holy *place*,
for a memorial before the LORD con-
tinually.
30 And thou shalt put in the breast-
plate of judgment the U'-rim and the
Thum'-mim; and they shall be upon
Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before
the LORD: and Aaron shall bear the
judgment of the children of Israel upon
his heart before the LORD continually.
31 And thou shalt make the robe of
the ephod all *of* blue.
32 And there shall be an hole in the
top of it, in the midst thereof: *it* shall
have a binding of woven work round
about the hole of it, as it were the hole
of an habergeon, that it be not rent.
33 And *beneath* upon the hem of it
thou shalt make pomegranates *of* blue,
and *of* purple, and *of* scarlet, round
about the hem thereof; and bells of
gold between them round about:
34 A golden bell and a pomegran-
ate, a golden bell and a pomegranate,
upon the hem of the robe round about.
35 And it shall be upon Aaron to
minister: and his sound shall be heard
when he goeth in unto the holy *place*
before the LORD, and when he cometh
out, that he die not.
36 And thou shalt make a plate *of*
pure gold, and grave upon it, *like* the
engravings of a signet, HOLINESS
TO THE LORD.
37 And thou shalt put it on a blue
lace, that it may be upon the mitre;
upon the forefront of the mitre it shall
be.
38 And it shall be upon Aaron's
forehead, that Aaron may bear the in-
iquity of the holy things, which the
children of Israel shall hallow in all
their holy gifts; and it shall be always
upon his forehead, that they may be
accepted before the LORD.
39 And thou shalt embroider the
coat of fine linen, and thou shalt make
the mitre *of* fine linen, and thou shalt
make the girdle *of* needlework.
40 And for Aaron's sons thou shalt
make coats, and thou shalt make for
them girdles, and bonnets shalt thou
make for them, for glory and for
beauty.
41 And thou shalt put them upon
Aaron thy brother, and his sons with
him; and shalt anoint them, and con-
secrate them, and sanctify them, that
they may minister unto me in the
priest's office.
42 And thou shalt make them linen
breeches to cover their nakedness;
from the loins even unto the thighs
they shall reach.
43 And they shall be upon Aaron,
and upon his sons, when they come in
unto the tabernacle of the congrega-
tion, or when they come near unto the
altar to minister in the holy *place*; that
they bear not iniquity, and die: *it shall
be* a statute for ever unto him and his
seed after him.

CHAPTER 29

AND this *is* the thing that thou shalt
do unto them to hallow them, to
minister unto me in the priest's office:
Take one young bullock, and two rams
without blemish,
2 And unleavened bread, and cakes
unleavened tempered with oil, and
wafers unleavened anointed with oil:
of wheaten flour shalt thou make
them.
3 And thou shalt put them into one
basket, and bring them in the basket
with the bullock and the two rams.
4 And Aaron and his sons thou shalt
bring unto the door of the tabernacle
of the congregation, and shalt wash
them with water.
5 And thou shalt take the garments,
and put upon Aaron the coat, and the
robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and
the breastplate, and gird him with the
curious girdle of the ephod:
6 And thou shalt put the mitre
upon his head, and put the holy crown
upon the mitre.
7 Then shalt thou take the anoint-
ing oil, and pour *it* upon his head, and
anoint him.
8 And thou shalt bring his sons, and
put coats upon them.
9 And thou shalt gird them with
girdles, Aaron and his sons, and put
the bonnets on them: and the priest's
office shall be theirs for a perpetual
statute: and thou shalt consecrate
Aaron and his sons.
10 And thou shalt cause a bullock
to be brought before the tabernacle of
the congregation: and Aaron and his

sons shall put their hands upon the head of the bullock.

11 And thou shalt kill the bullock before the LORD, *by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

12 And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar with thy finger, and pour all the blood beside the bottom of the altar.

13 And thou shalt take all the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul *that is* above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, and burn *them* upon the altar.

14 But the flesh of the bullock, and his skin, and his dung, shalt thou burn with fire without the camp: it *is* a sin offering.

15 Thou shalt also take one ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.

16 And thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt take his blood, and sprinkle *it* round about upon the altar.

17 And thou shalt cut the ram in pieces, and wash the inwards of him, and his legs, and put *them* unto his pieces, and unto his head.

18 And thou shalt burn the whole ram upon the altar: it *is* a burnt offering unto the LORD: it *is* a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

19 And thou shalt take the other ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.

20 Then shalt thou kill the ram, and take of his blood, and put *it* upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.

21 And thou shalt take of the blood that *is* upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle *it* upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him: and he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.

22 Also thou shalt take of the ram the fat and the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, and the right shoulder; for it *is* a ram of consecration:

23 And one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread that *is* before the LORD:

24 And thou shalt put all in the hands of Aaron, and in the hands of his sons; and shalt wave them *for* a wave offering before the LORD.

25 And thou shalt receive them of their hands, and burn *them* upon the altar for a burnt offering, for a sweet savour before the LORD: it *is* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

26 And thou shalt take the breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration, and wave it *for* a wave offering before the LORD: and it shall be thy part.

27 And thou shalt sanctify the breast of the wave offering, and the shoulder of the heave offering, which is waved, and which is heaved up, of the ram of the consecration, *even* of *that* which *is* for Aaron, and of *that* which is for his sons:

28 And it shall be Aaron's and his sons' by a statute for ever from the children of Israel: for it *is* an heave offering: and it shall be an heave offering from the children of Israel of the sacrifice of their peace offerings, *even* their heave offering unto the LORD.

29 And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his sons' after him, to be anointed therein, and to be consecrated in them.

30 *And* that son that is priest in his stead shall put them on seven days, when he cometh into the tabernacle of the congregation to minister in the holy *place*.

31 And thou shalt take the ram of the consecration, and seethe his flesh in the holy place.

32 And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that *is* in the basket, *by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

33 And they shall eat those things wherewith the atonement was made, to consecrate *and* to sanctify them: but a stranger shall not eat *thereof*, because they *are* holy.

34 And if ought of the flesh of the consecrations, or of the bread, remain unto the morning, then thou shalt burn the remainder with fire: it shall not be eaten, because it *is* holy.

35 And thus shalt thou do unto Aaron, and to his sons, according to all *things* which I have commanded thee: seven days shalt thou consecrate them.

36 And thou shalt offer every day a bullock *for* a sin offering for atonement: and thou shalt cleanse the altar, when thou hast made an atonement for it, and thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify it.

37 Seven days thou shalt make an atonement for the altar, and sanctify it; and it shall be an altar most holy: whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy.

38 Now this *is that* which thou shalt offer upon the altar; two lambs of the first year day by day continually.

39 The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning; and the other lamb thou shalt offer at even:

40 And with the one lamb a tenth deal of flour mingled with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oil; and the fourth part of an hin of wine *for* a drink offering.

41 And the other lamb thou shalt offer at even, and shalt do thereto according to the meat offering of the morning, and according to the drink offering thereof, for a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

42 *This shall be* a continual burnt offering throughout your generations *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD: where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee.

43 And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and *the tabernacle* shall be sanctified by my glory.

44 And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office.

45 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God.

46 And they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them: I *am* the LORD their God.

CHAPTER 30

AND thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: *of* shittim wood shalt thou make it.

2 A cubit *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof; foursquare shall it be: and two cubits *shall be* the height thereof: the horns thereof *shall be* of the same.

3 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, the top thereof, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns thereof; and thou shalt make unto it a crown of gold round about.

4 And two golden rings shalt thou make to it under the crown of it, by the two corners thereof, upon the two sides of it shalt thou make *it*; and they shall be for places for the staves to bear it withal.

5 And thou shalt make the staves *of* shittim wood, and overlay them with gold.

6 And thou shalt put it before the vail that *is* by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy seat that *is* over the testimony, where I will meet with thee.

7 And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense every morning: when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it.

8 And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.

9 Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon, nor burnt sacrifice, nor meat offering; neither shall ye pour drink offering thereon.

10 And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year *with the* blood of the sin offering of *atonements*: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: *it is* most holy unto the LORD.

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

12 When thou takest the sum of the children of Israel after their number, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto the LORD, when thou numberest them; that there be no plague among them, when *thou* numberest them.

13 This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary: (a shekel *is* twenty gerahs:) an half shekel *shall be* the offering of the LORD.

14 Every one that passeth among them that are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto the LORD.

15 The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when *they* give an offering unto the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.

16 And thou shalt take the atone-

ment money of the children of Israel, and shalt appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; *that it may* be a memorial unto the children of Israel before the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.

17 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

18 Thou shalt also make a laver *of* brass, and his foot *also of* brass, to wash *withal:* and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein.

19 For Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat:

20 When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD:

21 So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, *even* to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

22 Moreover the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

23 Take thou also unto thee principal spices, of pure myrrh five hundred *shekels,* and of sweet cinnamon half so much, *even* two hundred and fifty *shekels,* and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty *shekels,*

24 And of cassia five hundred *shekels,* after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of oil olive an hin:

25 And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be an holy anointing oil.

26 And thou shalt anoint the tabernacle of the congregation therewith, and the ark of the testimony,

27 And the table and all his vessels, and the candlestick and his vessels, and the altar of incense,

28 And the altar of burnt offering with all his vessels, and the laver and his foot.

29 And thou shalt sanctify them, that they may be most holy: whatsoever toucheth them shall be holy.

30 And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that *they* may minister unto me in the priest's office.

31 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be an holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations.

32 Upon man's flesh shall it not be poured, neither shall ye make *any other* like it, after the composition of it: it *is* holy, *and* it shall be holy unto you.

33 Whosoever compoundeth *any* like it, or whosoever putteth *any* of it upon a stranger, shall even be cut off from his people.

34 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; *these* sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like *weight:*

35 And thou shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure *and* holy:

36 And thou shalt beat *some* of it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I will meet with thee: it shall be unto you most holy.

37 And *as for* the perfume which thou shalt make, ye shall not make to yourselves according to the composition thereof: it shall be unto thee holy for the LORD.

38 Whosoever shall make like unto that, to smell thereto, shall even be cut off from his people.

CHAPTER 31

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 See, I have called by name Be-zal'-e-el the son of U'-ri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

4 To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

5 And in cutting of stones, to set *them,* and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.

6 And I, behold, I have given with him A-ho'-li-ab, the son of A-his'-a-mach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee;

7 The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that *is* thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle,

8 And the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the altar of incense,

9 And the altar of burnt offering
with all his furniture, and the laver
and his foot,
10 And the cloths of service, and
the holy garments for Aaron the priest,
and the garments of his sons, to min-
ister in the priest's office,
11 And the anointing oil, and sweet
incense for the holy *place:* according to
all that I have commanded thee shall
they do.
12 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
13 Speak thou also unto the chil-
dren of Israel, saying, Verily my sab-
baths ye shall keep: for it *is* a sign be-
tween me and you throughout your
generations; that *ye* may know that I
am the LORD that doth sanctify you.
14 Ye shall keep the sabbath there-
fore; for it *is* holy unto you: every one
that defileth it shall surely be put to
death: for whosoever doeth *any* work
therein, that soul shall be cut off from
among his people.
15 Six days may work be done; but
in the seventh *is* the sabbath of rest,
holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth *any*
work in the sabbath day, he shall
surely be put to death.
16 Wherefore the children of Israel
shall keep the sabbath, to observe the
sabbath throughout their generations,
for a perpetual covenant.
17 It *is* a sign between me and the
children of Israel for ever: for *in* six
days the LORD made heaven and
earth, and on the seventh day he
rested, and was refreshed.
18 And he gave unto Moses, when
he had made an end of communing
with him upon mount Si'-nai, two
tables of testimony, tables of stone,
written with the finger of God.

CHAPTER 32

AND when the people saw that Mo-
ses delayed to come down out of
the mount, the people gathered them-
selves together unto Aaron, and said
unto him, Up, make us gods, which
shall go before us; for *as for* this Moses,
the man that brought us up out of the
land of Egypt, we wot not what is be-
come of him.
2 And Aaron said unto them, Break
off the golden earrings, which *are* in
the ears of your wives, of your sons,
and of your daughters, and bring *them*
unto me.
3 And all the people brake off the
golden earrings which *were* in their
ears, and brought *them* unto Aaron.
4 And he received *them* at their
hand, and fashioned it with a graving
tool, after he had made it a molten
calf: and they said, These *be* thy gods,
O Israel, which brought thee up out of
the land of Egypt.
5 And when Aaron saw *it*, he built
an altar before it; and Aaron made
proclamation, and said, To morrow is
a feast to the LORD.
6 And they rose up early on the
morrow, and offered burnt offerings,
and brought peace offerings; and the
people sat down to eat and to drink,
and rose up to play.
7 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Go, get thee down; for thy people,
which thou broughtest out of the land
of Egypt, have corrupted *themselves:*
8 They have turned aside quickly
out of the way which I commanded
them: they have made them a molten
calf, and have worshipped it, and have
sacrificed thereunto, and said, These
be thy gods, O Israel, which have
brought thee up out of the land of
Egypt.
9 And the LORD said unto Moses, I
have seen this people, and, behold, it
is a stiffnecked people:
10 Now therefore let me alone, that
my wrath may wax hot against them,
and that I may consume them: and I
will make of thee a great nation.
11 And Moses besought the LORD
his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy
wrath wax hot against thy people,
which thou hast brought forth out of
the land of Egypt with great power,
and with a mighty hand?
12 Wherefore should the Egyptians
speak, and say, For mischief did he
bring them out, to slay them in the
mountains, and to consume them from
the face of the earth? Turn from thy
fierce wrath, and repent of this evil
against thy people.
13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and
Israel, thy servants, to whom thou
swarest by thine own self, and saidst
unto them, I will multiply your seed as
the stars of heaven, and all this land
that I have spoken of will I give unto
your seed, and they shall inherit *it* for
ever.
14 And the LORD repented of the
evil which he thought to do unto his
people.
15 And Moses turned, and went

down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony *were* in his hand: the tables *were* written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other *were* they written.

16 And the tables *were* the work of God, and the writing *was* the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, *There is* a noise of war in the camp.

18 And he said, *It is* not the voice of *them that* shout for mastery, neither *is it* the voice of *them that* cry for being overcome: *but* the noise of *them that* sing do I hear.

19 And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.

20 And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt *it* in the fire, and ground *it* to powder, and strawed *it* upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink *of it*.

21 And Moses said unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them?

22 And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they *are set* on mischief.

23 For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for *as for* this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

24 And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break *it* off. So they gave *it* me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.

25 And when Moses saw that the people *were* naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto *their* shame among their enemies:)

26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who *is* on the LORD's side? *let him come* unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.

27 And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, *and* go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour.

28 And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.

29 For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves to day to the LORD, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.

30 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.

31 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

33 And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.

34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto *the place* of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them.

35 And the LORD plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

CHAPTER 33

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Depart, *and* go up hence, thou and the people which thou has brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I sware unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it:

2 And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Per'iz-zite, the Hi'vite, and the Jeb'u-site:

3 Unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou *art* a stiffnecked people: lest I consume thee in the way.

4 And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on him his ornaments.

5 For the LORD had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye *are* a stiffnecked people: I will come

up into the midst of thee in a moment,
and consume thee: therefore now put
off thy ornaments from thee, that I
may know what to do unto thee.
6 And the children of Israel stripped
themselves of their ornaments by the
mount Ho'-reb.
7 And Moses took the tabernacle,
and pitched it without the camp, afar
off from the camp, and called it the
Tabernacle of the congregation. And it
came to pass, *that* every one which
sought the LORD went out unto the
tabernacle of the congregation, which
was without the camp.
8 And it came to pass, when Moses
went out unto the tabernacle, *that* all
the people rose up, and stood every
man *at* his tent door, and looked after
Moses, until he was gone into the tabernacle.
9 And it came to pass, as Moses entered
into the tabernacle, the cloudy
pillar descended, and stood *at* the door
of the tabernacle, and *the LORD* talked
with Moses.
10 And all the people saw the
cloudy pillar stand *at* the tabernacle
door: and all the people rose up and
worshipped, every man *in* his tent
door.
11 And the LORD spake unto Moses
face to face, as a man speaketh unto
his friend. And he turned again into
the camp: but his servant Joshua, the
son of Nun, a young man, departed
not out of the tabernacle.
12 And Moses said unto the LORD,
See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up
this people: and thou hast not let me
know whom thou wilt send with me.
Yet thou hast said, I know thee by
name, and thou hast also found grace
in my sight.
13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I
have found grace in thy sight, shew me
now thy way, that I may know thee,
that I may find grace in thy sight: and
consider that this nation *is* thy people.
14 And he said, My presence shall
go *with thee*, and I will give thee rest.
15 And he said unto him, If thy
presence go not *with me*, carry us not
up hence.
16 For wherein shall it be known
here that I and thy people have found
grace in thy sight? *is it* not in that thou
goest with us? so shall we be separated,
I and thy people, from all the people
that *are* upon the face of the earth.
17 And the LORD said unto Moses,
I will do this thing also that thou hast
spoken: for thou hast found grace in
my sight, and I know thee by name.
18 And he said, I beseech thee, shew
me thy glory.
19 And he said, I will make all my
goodness pass before thee, and I will
proclaim the name of the LORD before
thee; and will be gracious to whom I
will be gracious, and will shew mercy
on whom I will shew mercy.
20 And he said, Thou canst not see
my face: for there shall no man see me,
and live.
21 And the LORD said, Behold,
there is a place by me, and thou shalt
stand upon a rock:
22 And it shall come to pass, while
my glory passeth by, that I will put
thee in a clift of the rock, and will
cover thee with my hand while I pass by:
23 And I will take away mine hand,
and thou shalt see my back parts: but
my face shall not be seen.

CHAPTER 34

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Hew
thee two tables of stone like unto
the first: and I will write upon *these*
tables the words that were in the first
tables, which thou brakest.
2 And be ready in the morning, and
come up in the morning unto mount
Si'-nai, and present thyself there to me
in the top of the mount.
3 And no man shall come up with
thee, neither let any man be seen
throughout all the mount; neither let
the flocks nor herds feed before that
mount.
4 And he hewed two tables of stone
like unto the first; and Moses rose up
early in the morning, and went up
unto mount Si'-nai, as the LORD had
commanded him, and took in his hand
the two tables of stone.
5 And the LORD descended in the
cloud, and stood with him there, and
proclaimed the name of the LORD.
6 And the LORD passed by before
him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The
LORD God, merciful and gracious,
longsuffering, and abundant in goodness
and truth,
7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving
iniquity and transgression and
sin, and that will by no means clear
the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the
fathers upon the children, and upon
the children's children, unto the third
and to the fourth *generation*.

8 And Moses made haste, and
bowed his head toward the earth, and
worshipped.
9 And he said, If now I have found
grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my
Lord, I pray thee, go among us; for it
is a stiffnecked people; and pardon our
iniquity and our sin, and take us for
thine inheritance.
10 And he said, Behold, I make a
covenant: before all thy people I will
do marvels, such as have not been
done in all the earth, nor in any na-
tion: and all the people among which
thou *art* shall see the work of the LORD:
for it *is* a terrible thing that I will do
with thee.
11 Observe thou that which I com-
mand thee this day: behold, I drive
out before thee the Amorite, and the
Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the
Per'-iz-zite, and the Hi'-vite, and the
Jeb'-u-site.
12 Take heed to thyself, lest thou
make a covenant with the inhabitants
of the land whither thou goest, lest it
be for a snare in the midst of thee:
13 But ye shall destroy their altars,
break their images, and cut down
their groves:
14 For thou shalt worship no other
god: for the LORD, whose name *is*
Jealous, *is* a jealous God:
15 Lest thou make a covenant with
the inhabitants of the land, and they
go a whoring after their gods, and do
sacrifice unto their gods, and *one* call
thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice;
16 And thou take of their daughters
unto thy sons, and their daughters go
a whoring after their gods, and make
thy sons go a whoring after their gods.
17 Thou shalt make thee no molten
gods.
18 The feast of unleavened bread
shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt
eat unleavened bread, as I commanded
thee, in the time of the month Abib:
for in the month Abib thou camest out
from Egypt.
19 All that openeth the matrix *is*
mine; and every firstling among thy
cattle, *whether* ox or sheep, *that is*
male.
20 But the firstling of an ass thou
shalt redeem with a lamb: and if thou
redeem *him* not, then shalt thou break
his neck. All the firstborn of thy sons
thou shalt redeem. And none shall ap-
pear before me empty.
21 Six days thou shalt work, but on
the seventh day thou shalt rest: in ear-
ing time and in harvest thou shalt rest.
22 And thou shalt observe the feast
of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat
harvest, and the feast of ingathering
at the year's end.
23 Thrice in the year *shall* all your
menchildren appear before the Lord
GOD, the God of Israel.
24 For I will cast out the nations
before thee, and enlarge thy borders:
neither shall any man desire thy land,
when thou shalt go up to appear be-
fore the LORD thy God thrice in the
year.
25 Thou shalt not offer the blood of
my sacrifice with leaven; neither shall
the sacrifice of the feast of the pass-
over be left unto the morning.
26 The first of the firstfruits of thy
land thou shalt bring unto the house
of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not
seethe a kid in his mother's milk.
27 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Write thou these words: for after the
tenor of these words I have made a
covenant with thee and with Israel.
28 And he was there with the LORD
forty days and forty nights; he did
neither eat bread, nor drink water.
And he wrote upon the tables the
words of the covenant, the ten com-
mandments.
29 And it came to pass, when Moses
came down from mount Si'-nai with
the two tables of testimony in Moses'
hand, when he came down from the
mount, that Moses wist not that the
skin of his face shone while he talked
with him.
30 And when Aaron and all the chil-
dren of Israel saw Moses, behold, the
skin of his face shone; and they were
afraid to come nigh him.
31 And Moses called unto them; and
Aaron and all the rulers of the congre-
gation returned unto him: and Moses
talked with them.
32 And afterward all the children of
Israel came nigh: and he gave them in
commandment all that the LORD had
spoken with him in mount Si'-nai.
33 And *till* Moses had done speaking
with them, he put a vail on his face.
34 But when Moses went in before
the LORD to speak with him, he took
the vail off, until he came out. And he
came out, and spake unto the children
of Israel *that* which he was com-
manded.
35 And the childr

the face of Moses, that the skin of Mo-
ses' face shone: and Moses put the vail
upon his face again, until he went in
to speak with him.

CHAPTER 35

AND Moses gathered all the congre-
gation of the children of Israel to-
gether, and said unto them, These *are*
the words which the LORD hath com-
manded, that *ye* should do them.
2 Six days shall work be done, but
on the seventh day there shall be to
you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to
the LORD: whosoever doeth work
therein shall be put to death.
3 Ye shall kindle no fire throughout
your habitations upon the sabbath
day.
4 And Moses spake unto all the con-
gregation of the children of Israel, say-
ing, This *is* the thing which the LORD
commanded, saying,
5 Take ye from among you an offer-
ing unto the LORD: whosoever *is* of a
willing heart, let him bring it, an offer-
ing of the LORD; gold, and silver, and
brass,
6 And blue, and purple, and scarlet,
and fine linen, and goats' *hair*,
7 And rams' skins dyed red, and
badgers' skins, and shittim wood,
8 And oil for the light, and spices
for anointing oil, and for the sweet in-
cense,
9 And onyx stones, and stones to be
set for the ephod, and for the breast-
plate.
10 And every wise hearted among
you shall come, and make all that the
LORD hath commanded;
11 The tabernacle, his tent, and his
covering, his taches, and his boards,
his bars, his pillars, and his sockets,
12 The ark, and the staves thereof,
with the mercy seat, and the vail of the
covering,
13 The table, and his staves, and all
his vessels, and the shewbread,
14 The candlestick also for the
light, and his furniture, and his lamps,
with the oil for the light,
15 And the incense altar, and his
staves, and the anointing oil, and the
sweet incense, and the hanging for the
door at the entering in of the taber-
nacle,
16 The altar of burnt offering, with
his brasen grate, his staves, and all his
vessels, the laver and his foot,
17 The hangings of the court, his
pillars, and their sockets, and the
hanging for the door of the court,
18 The pins of the tabernacle, and
the pins of the court, and their cords,
19 The cloths of service, to do ser-
vice in the holy *place*, the holy gar-
ments for Aaron the priest, and the
garments of his sons, to minister in the
priest's office.
20 And all the congregation of the
children of Israel departed from the
presence of Moses.
21 And they came, every one whose
heart stirred him up, and every one
whom his spirit made willing, *and* they
brought the LORD'S offering to the
work of the tabernacle of the congrega-
tion, and for all his service, and for the
holy garments.
22 And they came, both men and
women, as many as were willing
hearted, *and* brought bracelets, and
earrings, and rings, and tablets, all
jewels of gold: and every man that
offered *offered* an offering of gold unto
the LORD.
23 And every man, with whom was
found blue, and purple, and scarlet,
and fine linen, and goats' *hair*, and red
skins of rams, and badgers' skins,
brought *them*.
24 Every one that did offer an offer-
ing of silver and brass brought the
LORD'S offering: and every man, with
whom was found shittim wood for any
work of the service, brought *it*.
25 And all the women that were
wise hearted did spin with their hands,
and brought that which they had
spun, *both* of blue, and of purple, *and*
of scarlet, and of fine linen.
26 And all the women whose heart
stirred them up in wisdom spun goats'
hair.
27 And the rulers brought onyx
stones, and stones to be set, for the
ephod, and for the breastplate;
28 And spice, and oil for the light,
and for the anointing oil, and for the
sweet incense.
29 The children of Israel brought a
willing offering unto the LORD, every
man and woman, whose heart made
them willing to bring for all manner of
work, which the LORD had commanded
to be made by the hand of Moses.
30 And Moses said unto the children
of Israel, See, the LORD hath called by
name Be-zal'-e-el the son of U'-ri, the
son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;
31 And he hath filled him with the

spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship;

32 And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

33 And in the cutting of stones, to *set them, and in* carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work.

34 And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, *both* he, and A-ho'-li-ab, the son of A-his'-a-mach, of the tribe of Dan.

35 Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, *even* of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.

CHAPTER 36

THEN wrought Be-zal'-e-el and A-ho'-li-ab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded.

2 And Moses called Be-zal'-e-el and A-ho'-li-ab, and every wise hearted man, in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, *even* every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it:

3 And they received of Moses all the offering, which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it *withal*. And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning.

4 And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made;

5 And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the LORD commanded to make.

6 And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing.

7 For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.

8 And every wise hearted man among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle made ten curtains *of* fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: *with* cherubims of cunning work made he them.

9 The length of one curtain *was* twenty and eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: the curtains *were* all of one size.

10 And he coupled the five curtains one unto another: and *the other* five curtains he coupled one unto another.

11 And he made loops of blue on the edge of one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling: likewise he made in the uttermost side of *another* curtain, in the coupling of the second.

12 Fifty loops made he in one curtain, and fifty loops made he in the edge of the curtain which *was* in the coupling of the second: the loops held one *curtain* to another.

13 And he made fifty taches of gold, and coupled the curtains one unto another with the taches: so it became one tabernacle.

14 And he made curtains *of* goats' *hair* for the tent over the tabernacle: eleven curtains he made them.

15 The length of one curtain *was* thirty cubits, and four cubits *was* the breadth of one curtain: the eleven curtains *were* of one size.

16 And he coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves.

17 And he made fifty loops upon the uttermost edge of the curtain in the coupling, and fifty loops made he upon the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second.

18 And he made fifty taches *of* brass to couple the tent together, that it might be one.

19 And he made a covering for the tent *of* rams' skins dyed red, and a covering *of* badgers' skins above *that*.

20 And he made boards for the tabernacle *of* shittim wood, standing up.

21 The length of a board *was* ten cubits, and the breadth of a board one cubit and a half.

22 One board had two tenons, equally distant one from another: thus did he make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

23 And he made boards for the tabernacle; twenty boards for the south side southward:

24 And forty sockets of silver he made under th

sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.

25 And for the other side of the tabernacle, *which is* toward the north corner, he made twenty boards,

26 And their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

27 And for the sides of the tabernacle westward he made six boards.

28 And two boards made he for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.

29 And they were coupled beneath, and coupled together at the head thereof, to one ring: thus he did to both of them in both the corners.

30 And there were eight boards; and their sockets *were* sixteen sockets of silver, under every board two sockets.

31 And he made bars of shittim wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,

32 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the sides westward.

33 And he made the middle bar to shoot through the boards from the one end to the other.

34 And he overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings *of* gold *to be* places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

35 And he made a vail *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: *with* cherubims made he it of cunning work.

36 And he made thereunto four pillars *of* shittim *wood*, and overlaid them with gold: their hooks *were of* gold; and he cast for them four sockets of silver.

37 And he made an hanging for the tabernacle door *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, of needlework;

38 And the five pillars of it with their hooks: and he overlaid their chapiters and their fillets with gold: but their five sockets *were of* brass.

CHAPTER 37

AND Be-zal'-e-el made the ark *of* shittim wood: two cubits and a half *was* the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it:

2 And he overlaid it with pure gold within and without, and made a crown of gold to it round about.

3 And he cast for it four rings of gold, *to be set* by the four corners of it; even two rings upon the one side of it, and two rings upon the other side of it.

4 And he made staves *of* shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold.

5 And he put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, to bear the ark.

6 And he made the mercy seat *of* pure gold: two cubits and a half *was* the length thereof, and one cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

7 And he made two cherubims *of* gold, beaten out of one piece made he them, on the two ends of the mercy seat;

8 One cherub on the end on this side, and another cherub on the *other* end on that side: out of the mercy seat made he the cherubims on the two ends thereof.

9 And the cherubims spread out *their* wings on high, *and* covered with their wings over the mercy seat, with their faces one to another; *even* to the mercy seatward were the faces of the cherubims.

10 And he made the table *of* shittim wood: two cubits *was* the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof:

11 And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made thereunto a crown of gold round about.

12 Also he made thereunto a border of an handbreadth round about; and made a crown of gold for the border thereof round about.

13 And he cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings upon the four corners that *were* in the four feet thereof.

14 Over against the border were the rings, the places for the staves to bear the table.

15 And he made the staves *of* shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold, to bear the table.

16 And he made the vessels which *were* upon the table, his dishes, and his spoons, and his bowls, and his covers to cover withal, *of* pure gold.

17 And he made the candlestick *of* pure gold: *of* beaten work made he the candlestick; his shaft, and his branch, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, were of the same:

18 And six branches going out of the sides thereof; three branches of the

candlestick out of the one side thereof, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side thereof:

19 Three bowls made after the fashion of almonds in one branch, a knop and a flower; and three bowls made like almonds in another branch, a knop and a flower: so throughout the six branches going out of the candlestick.

20 And in the candlestick *were* four bowls made like almonds, his knops, and his flowers:

21 And a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches going out of it.

22 Their knops and their branches were of the same: all of it *was* one beaten work *of* pure gold.

23 And he made his seven lamps, and his snuffers, and his snuffdishes, *of* pure gold.

24 *Of* a talent of pure gold made he it, and all the vessels thereof.

25 And he made the incense altar *of* shittim wood: the length of it *was* a cubit, and the breadth of it a cubit; *it was* foursquare; and two cubits *was* the height of it; the horns thereof were of the same.

26 And he overlaid it with pure gold, *both* the top of it, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns of it: also he made unto it a crown of gold round about.

27 And he made two rings of gold for it under the crown thereof, by the two corners of it, upon the two sides thereof, to be places for the staves to bear it withal.

28 And he made the staves *of* shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold.

29 And he made the holy anointing oil, and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the apothecary.

CHAPTER 38

AND he made the altar of burnt offering *of* shittim wood: five cubits *was* the length thereof, and five cubits the breadth thereof; *it was* foursquare; and three cubits the height thereof.

2 And he made the horns thereof on the four corners of it; the horns thereof were of the same: and he overlaid it with brass.

3 And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, and the basons, *and* the fleshhooks, and the firepans: all the vessels thereof made he *of* brass.

4 And he made for the altar a brasen grate of network under the compass thereof beneath unto the midst of it.

5 And he cast four rings for the four ends of the grate of brass, *to be* places for the staves.

6 And he made the staves *of* shittim wood, and overlaid them with brass.

7 And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, to bear it withal; he made the altar hollow with boards.

8 And he made the laver *of* brass, and the foot of it *of* brass, of the lookingglasses of *the women* assembling, which assembled *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

9 And he made the court: on the south side southward the hangings of the court *were of* fine twined linen, an hundred cubits:

10 Their pillars *were* twenty, and their brasen sockets twenty; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *were of* silver.

11 And for the north side *the hangings were* an hundred cubits, their pillars *were* twenty, and their sockets of brass twenty; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *of* silver.

12 And for the west side *were* hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their sockets ten; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *of* silver.

13 And for the east side eastward fifty cubits.

14 The hangings of the one side *of the gate were* fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.

15 And for the other side of the court gate, on this hand and that hand, *were* hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.

16 All the hangings of the court round about *were* of fine twined linen.

17 And the sockets for the pillars *were of* brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *of* silver; and the overlaying of their chapiters *of* silver; and all the pillars of the court *were* filleted with silver.

18 And the hanging for the gate of the court *was* needlework, *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: and twenty cubits *was* the length, and the height in the breadth

was five cubits, answerable to the hangings of the court.

19 And their pillars *were* four, and their sockets *of* brass four; their hooks *of* silver, and the overlaying of their chapiters and their fillets *of* silver.

20 And all the pins of the tabernacle, and of the court round about, *were of* brass.

21 This is the sum of the tabernacle, *even* of the tabernacle of testimony, as it was counted, according to the commandment of Moses, *for* the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ith'-a-mar, son to Aaron the priest.

22 And Be-zal'-e-el the son of U'-ri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD commanded Moses.

23 And with him *was* A-ho'-li-ab, son of A-his'-a-mach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a cunning workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and fine linen.

24 All the gold that was occupied for the work in all the work of the holy *place*, even the gold of the offering, was twenty and nine talents, and seven hundred and thirty shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary.

25 And the silver of them that were numbered of the congregation *was* an hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and threescore and fifteen shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary:

26 A bekah for every man, *that is*, half a shekel, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for every one that went to be numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty *men*.

27 And of the hundred talents of silver were cast the sockets of the sanctuary, and the sockets of the vail; an hundred sockets of the hundred talents, a talent for a socket.

28 And of the thousand seven hundred seventy and five *shekels* he made hooks for the pillars, and overlaid their chapiters, and filleted them.

29 And the brass of the offering *was* seventy talents, and two thousand and four hundred shekels.

30 And therewith he made the sockets to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the brasen altar, and the brasen grate for it, and all the vessels of the altar,

31 And the sockets of the court round about, and the sockets of the court gate, and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins of the court round about.

CHAPTER 39

AND of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made cloths of service, to do service in the holy *place*, and made the holy garments for Aaron; as the LORD commanded Moses.

2 And he made the ephod *of* gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

3 And they did beat the gold into thin plates, and cut *it into* wires, to work *it* in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, *with* cunning work.

4 They made shoulderpieces for it, to couple *it* together: by the two edges was it coupled together.

5 And the curious girdle of his ephod, that *was* upon it, *was* of the same, according to the work thereof; *of* gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; as the LORD commanded Moses.

6 And they wrought onyx stones inclosed in ouches of gold, graven, as signets are graven, with the names of the children of Israel.

7 And he put them on the shoulders of the ephod, *that they should be* stones for a memorial to the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses.

8 And he made the breastplate *of* cunning work, like the work of the ephod; *of* gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

9 It was foursquare; they made the breastplate double: a span *was* the length thereof, and a span the breadth thereof, *being* doubled.

10 And they set in it four rows of stones: *the first* row *was* a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this *was* the first row.

11 And the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

12 And the third row, a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst.

13 And the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper: *they were* inclosed in ouches of gold in their inclosings.

14 And the stones *were* according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, *like* the engravings of a signet, every one

with his name, according to the twelve tribes.

15 And they made upon the breastplate chains at the ends, *of* wreathen work *of* pure gold.

16 And they made two ouches *of* gold, and two gold rings; and put the two rings in the two ends of the breastplate.

17 And they put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breastplate.

18 And the two ends of the two wreathen chains they fastened in the two ouches, and put them on the shoulderpieces of the ephod, before it.

19 And they made two rings of gold, and put *them* on the two ends of the breastplate, upon the border of it, which *was* on the side of the ephod inward.

20 And they made two *other* golden rings, and put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the forepart of it, over against the *other* coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod.

21 And they did bind the breastplate by his rings unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it might be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breastplate might not be loosed from the ephod; as the LORD commanded Moses.

22 And he made the robe of the ephod *of* woven work, all *of* blue.

23 And *there was* an hole in the midst of the robe, as the hole of an habergeon, *with* a band round about the hole, that it should not rend.

24 And they made upon the hems of the robe pomegranates *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, *and* twined *linen*.

25 And they made bells *of* pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates upon the hem of the robe, round about between the pomegranates;

26 A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, round about the hem of the robe to minister *in*; as the LORD commanded Moses.

27 And they made coats *of* fine linen *of* woven work for Aaron, and for his sons,

28 And a mitre *of* fine linen, and goodly bonnets *of* fine linen, and linen breeches *of* fine twined linen,

29 And a girdle *of* fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, *of* needlework; as the LORD commanded Moses.

30 And they made the plate of the holy crown *of* pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, *like to* the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

31 And they tied unto it a lace of blue, to fasten *it* on high upon the mitre; as the LORD commanded Moses.

32 Thus was all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation finished: and the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they.

33 And they brought the tabernacle unto Moses, the tent, and all his furniture, his taches, his boards, his bars, and his pillars, and his sockets,

34 And the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of badgers' skins, and the vail of the covering,

35 The ark of the testimony, and the staves thereof, and the mercy seat,

36 The table, *and* all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread,

37 The pure candlestick, *with* the lamps thereof, *even with* the lamps to be set in order, and all the vessels thereof, and the oil for light,

38 And the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the tabernacle door,

39 The brasen altar, and his grate of brass, his staves, and all his vessels, the laver and his foot,

40 The hangings of the court, his pillars, and his sockets, and the hanging for the court gate, his cords, and his pins, and all the vessels of the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of the congregation,

41 The cloths of service to do service in the holy *place*, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, to minister in the priest's office.

42 According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work.

43 And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the LORD had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them.

CHAPTER 40

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 On the first day of the first month

shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.
3 And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony, and cover the ark with the vail.
4 And thou shalt bring in the table, and set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it; and thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and light the lamps thereof.
5 And thou shalt set the altar of gold for the incense before the ark of the testimony, and put the hanging of the door to the tabernacle.
6 And thou shalt set the altar of the burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.
7 And thou shalt set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and shalt put water therein.
8 And thou shalt set up the court round about, and hang up the hanging at the court gate.
9 And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that *is* therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy.
10 And thou shalt anoint the altar of the burnt offering, and all his vessels, and sanctify the altar: and it shall be an altar most holy.
11 And thou shalt anoint the laver and his foot, and sanctify it.
12 And thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water.
13 And thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and sanctify him; that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.
14 And thou shalt bring his sons, and clothe them with coats:
15 And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.
16 Thus did Moses: according to all that the LORD commanded him, so did he.
17 And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, *that* the tabernacle was reared up.
18 And Moses reared up the tabernacle, and fastened his sockets, and set up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up his pillars.
19 And he spread abroad the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it; as the LORD commanded Moses.
20 And he took and put the testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy seat above upon the ark:
21 And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the vail of the covering, and covered the ark of the testimony; as the LORD commanded Moses.
22 And he put the table in the tent of the congregation, upon the side of the tabernacle northward, without the vail.
23 And he set the bread in order upon it before the LORD; as the LORD had commanded Moses.
24 And he put the candlestick in the tent of the congregation, over against the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward.
25 And he lighted the lamps before the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.
26 And he put the golden altar in the tent of the congregation before the vail:
27 And he burnt sweet incense thereon; as the LORD commanded Moses.
28 And he set up the hanging *at* the door of the tabernacle.
29 And he put the altar of burnt offering *by* the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation, and offered upon it the burnt offering and the meat offering; as the LORD commanded Moses.
30 And he set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and put water there, to wash *withal*.
31 And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereat:
32 When they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed; as the LORD commanded Moses.
33 And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.
34 Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.
35 And Moses was not able to enter

into the tent of the congregation, be-
cause the cloud abode thereon, and
the glory of the LORD filled the taber-
nacle.
36 And when the cloud was taken
up from over the tabernacle, the chil-
dren of Israel went onward in all their
journeys:
37 But if the cloud were not taken
up, then they journeyed not till the
day that it was taken up.
38 For the cloud of the LORD *was*
upon the tabernacle by day, and fire
was on it by night, in the sight of all
the house of Israel, throughout all
their journeys.

The Third Book of Moses, called

Leviticus

CHAPTER 1

AND the LORD called unto Moses,
and spake unto him out of the
tabernacle of the congregation,
saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel,
and say unto them, If any man of you
bring an offering unto the LORD, ye
shall bring your offering of the cattle,
even of the herd, and of the flock.
3 If his offering *be* a burnt sacrifice
of the herd, let him offer a male with-
out blemish: he shall offer it of his own
voluntary will at the door of the taber-
nacle of the congregation before the
LORD.
4 And he shall put his hand upon
the head of the burnt offering; and it
shall be accepted for him to make
atonement for him.
5 And he shall kill the bullock be-
fore the LORD: and the priests, Aaron's
sons, shall bring the blood, and sprin-
kle the blood round about upon the
altar that *is by* the door of the taber-
nacle of the congregation.
6 And he shall flay the burnt offer-
ing, and cut it into his pieces.
7 And the sons of Aaron the priest
shall put fire upon the altar, and lay
the wood in order upon the fire:
8 And the priests, Aaron's sons,
shall lay the parts, the head, and the
fat, in order upon the wood that *is* on
the fire which *is* upon the altar:
9 But his inwards and his legs shall
he wash in water: and the priest shall
burn all on the altar, *to be* a burnt sac-
rifice, an offering made by fire, of a
sweet savour unto the LORD.
10 And if his offering *be* of the
flocks, *namely*, of the sheep, or of the
goats, for a burnt sacrifice; he shall
bring it a male without blemish.
11 And he shall kill it on the side of
the altar northward before the LORD:
and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall
sprinkle his blood round about upon
the altar.
12 And he shall cut it into his
pieces, with his head and his fat: and
the priest shall lay them in order on
the wood that *is* on the fire which *is*
upon the altar:
13 But he shall wash the inwards
and the legs with water: and the priest
shall bring *it* all, and burn *it* upon the
altar: it *is* a burnt sacrifice, an offering
made by fire, of a sweet savour unto
the LORD.
14 And if the burnt sacrifice for his
offering to the LORD *be* of fowls, then
he shall bring his offering of turtle-
doves, or of young pigeons.
15 And the priest shall bring it unto
the altar, and wring off his head, and
burn *it* on the altar; and the blood
thereof shall be wrung out at the side
of the altar:
16 And he shall pluck away his crop
with his feathers, and cast it beside the
altar on the east part, by the place of
the ashes:
17 And he shall cleave it with the
wings thereof, *but* shall not divide *it*
asunder: and the priest shall burn it
upon the altar, upon the wood that *is*
upon the fire: it *is* a burnt sacrifice, an
offering made by fire, of a sweet savour
unto the LORD.

CHAPTER 2

AND when any will offer a meat of-
fering unto the LORD, his offering
shall be *of* fine flour; and he shall pour

oil upon it, and put frankincense thereon:

2 And he shall bring it to Aaron's sons the priests: and he shall take thereout his handful of the flour thereof, and of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof; and the priest shall burn the memorial of it upon the altar, *to be* an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD:

3 And the remnant of the meat offering *shall be* Aaron's and his sons': *it is* a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire.

4 And if thou bring an oblation of a meat offering baken in the oven, *it shall be* unleavened cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil.

5 And if thy oblation *be* a meat offering *baken* in a pan, it shall be *of* fine flour unleavened, mingled with oil.

6 Thou shalt part it in pieces, and pour oil thereon: it *is* a meat offering.

7 And if thy oblation *be* a meat offering *baken* in the fryingpan, it shall be made *of* fine flour with oil.

8 And thou shalt bring the meat offering that is made of these things unto the LORD: and when it is presented unto the priest, he shall bring it unto the altar.

9 And the priest shall take from the meat offering a memorial thereof, and shall burn *it* upon the altar: *it is* an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

10 And that which is left of the meat offering *shall be* Aaron's and his sons': *it is* a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire.

11 No meat offering, which ye shall bring unto the LORD, shall be made with leaven: for ye shall burn no leaven, nor any honey, in any offering of the LORD made by fire.

12 As for the oblation of the firstfruits, ye shall offer them unto the LORD: but they shall not be burnt on the altar for a sweet savour.

13 And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt.

14 And if thou offer a meat offering of thy firstfruits unto the LORD, thou shalt offer for the meat offering of thy firstfruits green ears of corn dried by the fire, *even* corn beaten out of full ears.

15 And thou shalt put oil upon it, and lay frankincense thereon: it *is* a meat offering.

16 And the priest shall burn the memorial of it, *part* of the beaten corn thereof, and *part* of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof: *it is* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

CHAPTER 3

AND if his oblation *be* a sacrifice of peace offering, if he offer *it* of the herd; whether *it be* a male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the LORD.

2 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron's sons the priests shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.

3 And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace offering an offering made by fire unto the LORD; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards,

4 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* on them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

5 And Aaron's sons shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt sacrifice, which *is* upon the wood that *is* on the fire: *it is* an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

6 And if his offering for a sacrifice of peace offering unto the LORD *be* of the flock; male or female, he shall offer it without blemish.

7 If he offer a lamb for his offering, then shall he offer it before the LORD.

8 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron's sons shall sprinkle the blood thereof round about upon the altar.

9 And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace offering an offering made by fire unto the LORD; the fat thereof, *and* the whole rump, it shall he take off hard by the backbone; and the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards,

10 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

11 And the priest shall burn it upon the altar: *it is* the food of the offering made by fire unto the LORD.

12 And if his offering *be* a goat, then he shall offer it before the LORD.

13 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of it, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle the blood thereof upon the altar round about.

14 And he shall offer thereof his offering, *even* an offering made by fire unto the LORD; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards,

15 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

16 And the priest shall burn them upon the altar: *it is* the food of the offering made by fire for a sweet savour: all the fat *is* the LORD'S.

17 *It shall be* a perpetual statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor blood.

CHAPTER 4

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD *concerning things* which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them:

3 If the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish unto the LORD for a sin offering.

4 And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD; and shall lay his hand upon the bullock's head, and kill the bullock before the LORD.

5 And the priest that is anointed shall take of the bullock's blood, and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation:

6 And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the LORD, before the vail of the sanctuary.

7 And the priest shall put *some* of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which *is* in the tabernacle of the congregation; and shall pour all the blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which *is at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

8 And he shall take off from it all the fat of the bullock for the sin offering; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards,

9 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, *with the kidneys, it shall he take away*,

10 As it was taken off from the bullock of the sacrifice of peace offerings: and the priest shall burn them upon the altar of the burnt offering.

11 And the skin of the bullock, and all his flesh, with his head, and with his legs, and his inwards, and his dung,

12 Even the whole bullock shall he carry forth without the camp unto a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn him on the wood with fire: where the ashes are poured out shall he be burnt.

13 And if the whole congregation of Israel sin through ignorance, and the thing be hid from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done *somewhat against* any of the commandments of the LORD *concerning things* which should not be done, and are guilty;

14 When the sin, which they have sinned against it, is known, then the congregation shall offer a young bullock for the sin, and bring him before the tabernacle of the congregation.

15 And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before the LORD: and the bullock shall be killed before the LORD.

16 And the priest that is anointed shall bring of the bullock's blood to the tabernacle of the congregation:

17 And the priest shall dip his finger *in some* of the blood, and sprinkle *it* seven times before the LORD, *even* before the vail.

18 And he shall put *some* of the blood upon the horns of the altar which *is* before the LORD, that *is* in the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which *is at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

19 And he shall take all his fat from him, and burn *it* upon the altar.

20 And he shall do with the bullock as he did with the bullock for *a sin offering*, so shall he do with thi

priest shall make an atonement for them, and it shall be forgiven them.

21 And he shall carry forth the bullock without the camp, and burn him as he burned the first bullock: it *is* a sin offering for the congregation.

22 When a ruler hath sinned, and done *somewhat* through ignorance *against* any of the commandments of the LORD his God *concerning things* which should not be done, and is guilty;

23 Or if his sin, wherein he hath sinned, come to his knowledge; he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a male without blemish:

24 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering before the LORD: it *is* a sin offering.

25 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out his blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt offering.

26 And he shall burn all his fat upon the altar, as the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings: and the priest shall make an atonement for him as concerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven him.

27 And if any one of the common people sin through ignorance, while he doeth *somewhat against* any of the commandments of the LORD *concerning things* which ought not to be done, and be guilty;

28 Or if his sin, which he hath sinned, come to his knowledge: then he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he hath sinned.

29 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin offering, and slay the sin offering in the place of the burnt offering.

30 And the priest shall take of the blood thereof with his finger, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar.

31 And he shall take away all the fat thereof, as the fat is taken away from off the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall burn *it* upon the altar for a sweet savour unto the LORD; and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven him.

32 And if he bring a lamb for a sin offering, he shall bring it a female without blemish.

33 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin offering, and slay it for a sin offering in the place where they kill the burnt offering.

34 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar:

35 And he shall take away all the fat thereof, as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of the peace offerings; and the priest shall burn them upon the altar, according to the offerings made by fire unto the LORD: and the priest shall make an atonement for his sin that he hath committed, and it shall be forgiven him.

CHAPTER 5

AND if a soul sin, and hear the voice of swearing, and *is* a witness, whether he hath seen or known *of it;* if he do not utter *it*, then he shall bear his iniquity.

2 Or if a soul touch any unclean thing, whether *it be* a carcase of an unclean beast, or a carcase of unclean cattle, or the carcase of unclean creeping things, and *if* it be hidden from him; he also shall be unclean, and guilty.

3 Or if he touch the uncleanness of man, whatsoever uncleanness *it be* that a man shall be defiled withal, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth *of it*, then he shall be guilty.

4 Or if a soul swear, pronouncing with *his* lips to do evil, or to do good, whatsoever *it be* that a man shall pronounce with an oath, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth *of it*, then he shall be guilty in one of these.

5 And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these *things*, that he shall confess that he hath sinned in that *thing:*

6 And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD for his sin which he hath sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats, for a sin offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his sin.

7 And if he be not able to bring a lamb, then he shall bring for his tres-

pass, which he hath committed, two
turtledoves, or two young pigeons, un-
to the LORD; one for a sin offering, and
the other for a burnt offering.
8 And he shall bring them unto the
priest, who shall offer *that* which *is* for
the sin offering first, and wring off his
head from his neck, but shall not di-
vide *it* asunder:
9 And he shall sprinkle of the blood
of the sin offering upon the side of the
altar; and the rest of the blood shall be
wrung out at the bottom of the altar:
it *is* a sin offering.
10 And he shall offer the second *for*
a burnt offering, according to the man-
ner: and the priest shall make an
atonement for him for his sin which he
hath sinned, and it shall be forgiven
him.
11 But if he be not able to bring
two turtledoves, or two young pigeons,
then he that sinned shall bring for his
offering the tenth part of an ephah of
fine flour for a sin offering; he shall put
no oil upon it, neither shall he put *any*
frankincense thereon: for it *is* a sin
offering.
12 Then shall he bring it to the
priest, and the priest shall take his
handful of it, *even* a memorial thereof,
and burn *it* on the altar, according to
the offerings made by fire unto the
LORD: it *is* a sin offering.
13 And the priest shall make an
atonement for him as touching his sin
that he hath sinned in one of these,
and it shall be forgiven him: and *the*
remnant shall be the priest's, as a meat
offering.
14 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
15 If a soul commit a trespass, and
sin through ignorance, in the holy
things of the LORD; then he shall bring
for his trespass unto the LORD a ram
without blemish out of the flocks, with
thy estimation by shekels of silver,
after the shekel of the sanctuary, for a
trespass offering:
16 And he shall make amends for
the harm that he hath done in the holy
thing, and shall add the fifth part
thereto, and give it unto the priest:
and the priest shall make an atone-
ment for him with the ram of the tres-
pass offering, and it shall be forgiven
him.
17 And if a soul sin, and commit
any of these things which are forbid-
den to be done by the commandments
of the LORD; though he wist *it* not, yet
is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity.
18 And he shall bring a ram without
blemish out of the flock, with thy esti-
mation, for a trespass offering, unto
the priest: and the priest shall make an
atonement for him concerning his ig-
norance wherein he erred and wist *it*
not, and it shall be forgiven him.
19 It *is* a trespass offering: he hath
certainly trespassed against the LORD.

CHAPTER 6

AND the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
2 If a soul sin, and commit a tres-
pass against the LORD, and lie unto his
neighbour in that which was delivered
him to keep, or in fellowship, or in a
thing taken away by violence, or hath
deceived his neighbour;
3 Or have found that which was
lost, and lieth concerning it, and swear-
eth falsely; in any of all these that a
man doeth, sinning therein:
4 Then it shall be, because he hath
sinned, and is guilty, that he shall re-
store *that* which he took violently
away, or the thing which he hath de-
ceitfully gotten, or that which was de-
livered him to keep, or the lost thing
which he found,
5 Or all *that* about which he hath
sworn falsely; he shall even restore it
in the principal, and shall add the fifth
part more thereto, *and* give it unto
him to whom it appertaineth, in the
day of his trespass offering.
6 And he shall bring his trespass of-
fering unto the LORD, a ram without
blemish out of the flock, with thy esti-
mation, for a trespass offering, unto
the priest:
7 And the priest shall make an
atonement for him before the LORD:
and it shall be forgiven him for any
thing of all that he hath done in tres-
passing therein.
8 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
9 Command Aaron and his sons,
saying, This *is* the law of the burnt of-
fering: It *is* the burnt offering, because
of the burning upon the altar all night
unto the morning, and the fire of the
altar shall be burning in it.
10 And the priest shall put on his
linen garment, and his linen breeches
shall he put upon his flesh, and take
up the ashes which the fire hath con-
sumed with the bu[illegible]

altar, and he shall put them beside the altar.
11 And he shall put off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry forth the ashes without the camp unto a clean place.
12 And the fire upon the altar shall be burning in it; it shall not be put out: and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order upon it; and he shall burn thereon the fat of the peace offerings.
13 The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out.
14 And this *is* the law of the meat offering: the sons of Aaron shall offer it before the LORD, before the altar.
15 And he shall take of it his handful, of the flour of the meat offering, and of the oil thereof, and all the frankincense which *is* upon the meat offering, and shall burn *it* upon the altar *for* a sweet savour, *even* the memorial of it, unto the LORD.
16 And the remainder thereof shall Aaron and his sons eat: with unleavened bread shall it be eaten in the holy place; in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation they shall eat it.
17 It shall not be baken with leaven. I have given it *unto them for* their portion of my offerings made by fire; it *is* most holy, as *is* the sin offering, and as the trespass offering.
18 All the males among the children of Aaron shall eat of it. *It shall be* a statute for ever in your generations concerning the offerings of the LORD made by fire: every one that toucheth them shall be holy.
19 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
20 This *is* the offering of Aaron and of his sons, which they shall offer unto the LORD in the day when he is anointed; the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a meat offering perpetual, half of it in the morning, and half thereof at night.
21 In a pan it shall be made with oil; *and when it is* baken, thou shalt bring it in: *and* the baken pieces of the meat offering shalt thou offer *for* a sweet savour unto the LORD.
22 And the priest of his sons that is anointed in his stead shall offer it: *it is* a statute for ever unto the LORD; it shall be wholly burnt.
23 For every meat offering for the priest shall be wholly burnt: it shall not be eaten.
24 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
25 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, saying, This *is* the law of the sin offering: In the place where the burnt offering is killed shall the sin offering be killed before the LORD: it *is* most holy.
26 The priest that offereth it for sin shall eat it: in the holy place shall it be eaten, in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation.
27 Whatsoever shall touch the flesh thereof shall be holy: and when there is sprinkled of the blood thereof upon any garment, thou shalt wash that whereon it was sprinkled in the holy place.
28 But the earthen vessel wherein it is sodden shall be broken: and if it be sodden in a brasen pot, it shall be both scoured, and rinsed in water.
29 All the males among the priests shall eat thereof: it *is* most holy.
30 And no sin offering, whereof *any* of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of the congregation to reconcile *withal* in the holy *place*, shall be eaten: it shall be burnt in the fire.

CHAPTER 7

LIKEWISE this *is* the law of the trespass offering: it *is* most holy.
2 In the place where they kill the burnt offering shall they kill the trespass offering: and the blood thereof shall he sprinkle round about upon the altar.
3 And he shall offer of it all the fat thereof; the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards,
4 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* on them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul *that is* above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away:
5 And the priest shall burn them upon the altar *for* an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it *is* a trespass offering.
6 Every male among the priests shall eat thereof: it shall be eaten in the holy place: it *is* most holy.
7 As the sin offering *is*, so *is* the trespass offering: *there is* one law for them: the priest that maketh atonement therewith shall have *it*.
8 And the priest that offereth any man's burnt offering, *even* the priest shall have to himself the skin of the burnt offering which he hath offered.

9 And all the meat offering that is baken in the oven, and all that is dressed in the fryingpan, and in the pan, shall be the priest's that offereth it.

10 And every meat offering, mingled with oil, and dry, shall all the sons of Aaron have, one *as much* as another.

11 And this *is* the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he shall offer unto the LORD.

12 If he offer it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour, fried.

13 Besides the cakes, he shall offer *for* his offering leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offerings.

14 And of it he shall offer one out of the whole oblation *for* an heave offering unto the LORD, *and* it shall be the priest's that sprinkleth the blood of the peace offerings.

15 And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day that it is offered; he shall not leave any of it until the morning.

16 But if the sacrifice of his offering *be* a vow, or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offereth his sacrifice: and on the morrow also the remainder of it shall be eaten:

17 But the remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burnt with fire.

18 And if *any* of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings be eaten at all on the third day, it shall not be accepted, neither shall it be imputed unto him that offereth it: it shall be an abomination, and the soul that eateth of it shall bear his iniquity.

19 And the flesh that toucheth any unclean *thing* shall not be eaten; it shall be burnt with fire: and as for the flesh, all that be clean shall eat thereof.

20 But the soul that eateth *of* the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, that *pertain* unto the LORD, having his uncleanness upon him, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

21 Moreover the soul that shall touch any unclean *thing, as* the uncleanness of man, or *any* unclean beast, or any abominable unclean *thing*, and eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which *pertain* unto the LORD, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

22 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

23 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Ye shall eat no manner of fat, of ox, or of sheep, or of goat.

24 And the fat of the beast that dieth of itself, and the fat of that which is torn with beasts, may be used in any other use: but ye shall in no wise eat of it.

25 For whosoever eateth the fat of the beast, of which men offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, even the soul that eateth *it* shall be cut off from his people.

26 Moreover ye shall eat no manner of blood, *whether it be* of fowl or of beast, in any of your dwellings.

27 Whatsoever soul *it be* that eateth any manner of blood, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

28 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

29 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, He that offereth the sacrifice of his peace offerings unto the LORD shall bring his oblation unto the LORD of the sacrifice of his peace offerings.

30 His own hands shall bring the offerings of the LORD made by fire, the fat with the breast, it shall he bring, that the breast may be waved *for* a wave offering before the LORD.

31 And the priest shall burn the fat upon the altar: but the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons'.

32 And the right shoulder shall ye give unto the priest *for* an heave offering of the sacrifices of your peace offerings.

33 He among the sons of Aaron, that offereth the blood of the peace offerings, and the fat, shall have the right shoulder for *his* part.

34 For the wave breast and the heave shoulder have I taken of the children of Israel from off the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and have given them unto Aaron the priest and unto his sons by a statute for ever from among the children of Israel.

35 This *is the portion* of the anointing of Aaron, and of the anointing of his sons, out of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, in the day *when* he presented them to mini
LORD in the priest's offic

36 Which the LORD commanded to be given them of the children of Israel, in the day that he anointed them, *by* a statute for ever throughout their generations.

37 This *is* the law of the burnt offering, of the meat offering, and of the sin offering, and of the trespass offering, and of the consecrations, and of the sacrifice of the peace offerings;

38 Which the LORD commanded Moses in mount Si′-nai, in the day that he commanded the children of Israel to offer their oblations unto the LORD, in the wilderness of Si′-nai.

CHAPTER 8

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and a bullock for the sin offering, and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread;

3 And gather thou all the congregation together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him; and the assembly was gathered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

5 And Moses said unto the congregation, This *is* the thing which the LORD commanded to be done.

6 And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water.

7 And he put upon him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he girded him with the curious girdle of the ephod, and bound *it* unto him therewith.

8 And he put the breastplate upon him: also he put in the breastplate the U′-rim and the Thum′-mim.

9 And he put the mitre upon his head; also upon the mitre, *even* upon his forefront, did he put the golden plate, the holy crown; as the LORD commanded Moses.

10 And Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that *was* therein, and sanctified them.

11 And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all his vessels, both the laver and his foot, to sanctify them.

12 And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him.

13 And Moses brought Aaron's sons, and put coats upon them, and girded them with girdles, and put bonnets upon them; as the LORD commanded Moses.

14 And he brought the bullock for the sin offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the bullock for the sin offering.

15 And he slew *it*; and Moses took the blood, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured the blood at the bottom of the altar, and sanctified it, to make reconciliation upon it.

16 And he took all the fat that *was* upon the inwards, and the caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and Moses burned *it* upon the altar.

17 But the bullock, and his hide, his flesh, and his dung, he burnt with fire without the camp as the LORD commanded Moses.

18 And he brought the ram for the burnt offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

19 And he killed *it*; and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about.

20 And he cut the ram into pieces; and Moses burnt the head, and the pieces, and the fat.

21 And he washed the inwards and the legs in water; and Moses burnt the whole ram upon the altar: *it was* a burnt sacrifice for a sweet savour, *and* an offering made by fire unto the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.

22 And he brought the other ram, the ram of consecration: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

23 And he slew *it*; and Moses took of the blood of it, and put *it* upon the tip of Aaron's right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot.

24 And he brought Aaron's sons, and Moses put of the blood upon the tip of their right ear, and upon the thumbs of their right hands, and upon the great toes of their right feet: and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about.

25 And he took the fat, and the rump, and all the fat that *was* upon the inwards, and the caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and the right shoulder:

26 And out of the basket of unleavened bread, that *was* before the LORD, he took one unleavened cake, and a cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and put *them* on the fat, and upon the right shoulder:

27 And he put all upon Aaron's hands, and upon his sons' hands, and waved them *for* a wave offering before the LORD.

28 And Moses took them from off their hands, and burnt *them* on the altar upon the burnt offering: they *were* consecrations for a sweet savour: it *is* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

29 And Moses took the breast, and waved it *for* a wave offering before the LORD: *for* of the ram of consecration it was Moses' part; as the LORD commanded Moses.

30 And Moses took of the anointing oil, and of the blood which *was* upon the altar, and sprinkled *it* upon Aaron, *and* upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon his sons' garments with him; and sanctified Aaron, *and* his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.

31 And Moses said unto Aaron and to his sons, Boil the flesh *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and there eat it with the bread that *is* in the basket of consecrations, as I commanded, saying, Aaron and his sons shall eat it.

32 And that which remaineth of the flesh and of the bread shall ye burn with fire.

33 And ye shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation *in* seven days, until the days of your consecration be at an end: for seven days shall he consecrate you.

34 As he hath done this day, so the LORD hath commanded to do, to make an atonement for you.

35 Therefore shall ye abide *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation day and night seven days, and keep the charge of the LORD, that ye die not: for so I am commanded.

36 So Aaron and his sons did all things which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

CHAPTER 9

AND it came to pass on the eighth day, *that* Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel;

2 And he said unto Aaron, Take thee a young calf for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering, without blemish, and offer *them* before the LORD.

3 And unto the children of Israel thou shalt speak, saying, Take ye a kid of the goats for a sin offering; and a calf and a lamb, *both* of the first year, without blemish, for a burnt offering;

4 Also a bullock and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD; and a meat offering mingled with oil: for to day the LORD will appear unto you.

5 And they brought *that* which Moses commanded before the tabernacle of the congregation: and all the congregation drew near and stood before the LORD.

6 And Moses said, This *is* the thing which the LORD commanded that ye should do: and the glory of the LORD shall appear unto you.

7 And Moses said unto Aaron, Go unto the altar, and offer thy sin offering, and thy burnt offering, and make an atonement for thyself, and for the people: and offer the offering of the people, and make an atonement for them; as the LORD commanded.

8 Aaron therefore went unto the altar, and slew the calf of the sin offering, which *was* for himself.

9 And the sons of Aaron brought the blood unto him: and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the bottom of the altar:

10 But the fat, and the kidneys, and the caul above the liver of the sin offering, he burnt upon the altar; as the LORD commanded Moses.

11 And the flesh and the hide he burnt with fire without the camp.

12 And he slew the burnt offering; and Aaron's sons presented unto him the blood, which he sprinkled round about upon the altar.

13 And they presented the burnt offering unto him, with the pieces thereof, and the head: and he burnt *them* upon the altar.

14 And he did wash the inwards and the legs, and burnt *them* upon the burnt offering on the altar.

15 And he brought the people's offering, and took the goat, which *was* the sin offering for the people, and slew it, and offered it for sin, as the first.

16 And he brought the burnt offer-

ing, and offered it according to the
manner.
17 And he brought the meat offer-
ing, and took an handful thereof, and
burnt *it* upon the altar, beside the
burnt sacrifice of the morning.
18 He slew also the bullock and the
ram *for* a sacrifice of peace offerings,
which *was* for the people: and Aaron's
sons presented unto him the blood,
which he sprinkled upon the altar
round about,
19 And the fat of the bullock and of
the ram, the rump, and that which
covereth *the inwards*, and the kidneys,
and the caul *above* the liver:
20 And they put the fat upon the
breasts, and he burnt the fat upon the
altar:
21 And the breasts and the right
shoulder Aaron waved *for* a wave of-
fering before the LORD; as Moses com-
manded.
22 And Aaron lifted up his hand
toward the people, and blessed them,
and came down from offering of the
sin offering, and the burnt offering,
and peace offerings.
23 And Moses and Aaron went into
the tabernacle of the congregation,
and came out, and blessed the people:
and the glory of the LORD appeared
unto all the people.
24 And there came a fire out from
before the LORD, and consumed upon
the altar the burnt offering and the
fat: *which* when all the people saw,
they shouted, and fell on their faces.

CHAPTER 10

AND Nadab and A-bi'-hu, the sons of
Aaron, took either of them his
censer, and put fire therein, and put
incense thereon, and offered strange
fire before the LORD, which he com-
manded them not.
2 And there went out fire from the
LORD, and devoured them, and they
died before the LORD.
3 Then Moses said unto Aaron,
This *is it* that the LORD spake, saying,
I will be sanctified in them that come
nigh me, and before all the people I
will be glorified. And Aaron held his
peace.
4 And Moses called Mish'-a-el and
El'-za-phan, the sons of Uz'-zi-el the
uncle of Aaron, and said unto them,
Come near, carry your brethren from
before the sanctuary out of the camp.
5 So they went near, and carried
them in their coats out of the camp; as
Moses had said.
6 And Moses said unto Aaron, and
unto E-le-a'-zar and unto Ith'-a-mar,
his sons, Uncover not your heads, nei-
ther rend your clothes; lest ye die, and
lest wrath come upon all the people:
but let your brethren, the whole house
of Israel, bewail the burning which the
LORD hath kindled.
7 And ye shall not go out from the
door of the tabernacle of the congre-
gation, lest ye die: for the anointing
oil of the LORD *is* upon you. And they
did according to the word of Moses.
8 And the LORD spake unto Aaron,
saying,
9 Do not drink wine nor strong
drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee,
when ye go into the tabernacle of the
congregation, lest ye die: *it shall be* a
statute for ever throughout your gen-
erations:
10 And *that* ye may put difference
between holy and unholy, and be-
tween unclean and clean;
11 And that ye may teach the chil-
dren of Israel all the statutes which
the LORD hath spoken unto them by
the hand of Moses.
12 And Moses spake unto Aaron,
and unto E-le-a'-zar and unto Ith'-a-
mar, his sons that were left, Take the
meat offering that remaineth of the of-
ferings of the LORD made by fire, and
eat it without leaven beside the altar:
for it *is* most holy:
13 And ye shall eat it in the holy
place, because it *is* thy due, and thy
sons' due, of the sacrifices of the LORD
made by fire: for so I am commanded.
14 And the wave breast and heave
shoulder shall ye eat in a clean place;
thou, and thy sons, and thy daughters
with thee: for *they be* thy due, and thy
sons' due, *which* are given out of the
sacrifices of peace offerings of the chil-
dren of Israel.
15 The heave shoulder and the
wave breast shall they bring with the
offerings made by fire of the fat, to
wave *it for* a wave offering before the
LORD; and it shall be thine, and thy
sons' with thee, by a statute for ever;
as the LORD hath commanded.
16 And Moses diligently sought the
goat of the sin offering, and, behold, it
was burnt: and he was angry with E-le-
a'-zar and Ith'-a-mar, the sons of Aaron
which were left *alive*, saying,
17 Wherefore have ye not eaten the

sin offering in the holy place, seeing it
is most holy, and God hath given it you
to bear the iniquity of the congrega-
tion, to make atonement for them be-
fore the LORD?
18 Behold, the blood of it was not
brought in within the holy *place:* ye
should indeed have eaten it in the holy
place, as I commanded.
19 And Aaron said unto Moses, Be-
hold, this day have they offered their
sin offering and their burnt offering
before the LORD; and such things have
befallen me: and *if* I had eaten the sin
offering to day, should it have been
accepted in the sight of the LORD?
20 And when Moses heard *that,* he
was content.

CHAPTER 11

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and
to Aaron, saying unto them,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel,
saying, These *are* the beasts which ye
shall eat among all the beasts that *are*
on the earth.
3 Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and
is clovenfooted, *and* cheweth the cud,
among the beasts, that shall ye eat.
4 Nevertheless these shall ye not
eat of them that chew the cud, or of
them that divide the hoof: *as* the cam-
el, because he cheweth the cud, but
divideth not the hoof; he *is* unclean
unto you.
5 And the coney, because he chew-
eth the cud, but divideth not the hoof;
he *is* unclean unto you.
6 And the hare, because he cheweth
the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he
is unclean unto you.
7 And the swine, though he divide
the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he
cheweth not the cud; he *is* unclean to
you.
8 Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and
their carcase shall ye not touch; they
are unclean to you.
9 These shall ye eat of all that *are*
in the waters: whatsoever hath fins
and scales in the waters, in the seas,
and in the rivers, them shall ye eat.
10 And all that have not fins and
scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of
all that move in the waters, and of any
living thing which *is* in the waters,
they *shall be* an abomination unto you:
11 They shall be even an abomina-
tion unto you; ye shall not eat of their
flesh, but ye shall have their carcases
in abomination.
12 Whatsoever hath no fins nor
scales in the waters, that *shall be* an
abomination unto you.
13 And these *are they which* ye shall
have in abomination among the fowls;
they shall not be eaten, they *are* an
abomination: the eagle, and the ossi-
frage, and the ospray,
14 And the vulture, and the kite
after his kind;
15 Every raven after his kind;
16 And the owl, and the night
hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk
after his kind,
17 And the little owl, and the cor-
morant, and the great owl,
18 And the swan, and the pelican,
and the gier eagle,
19 And the stork, the heron after
her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.
20 All fowls that creep, going upon
all four, *shall be* an abomination unto
you.
21 Yet these may ye eat of every
flying creeping thing that goeth upon
all four, which have legs above their
feet, to leap withal upon the earth;
22 *Even* these of them ye may eat;
the locust after his kind, and the bald
locust after his kind, and the beetle
after his kind, and the grasshopper
after his kind.
23 But all *other* flying creeping
things, which have four feet, *shall be* an
abomination unto you.
24 And for these ye shall be un-
clean: whosoever toucheth the carcase
of them shall be unclean until the even.
25 And whosoever beareth *ought* of
the carcase of them shall wash his
clothes, and be unclean until the even.
26 *The carcases* of every beast
which divideth the hoof, and *is* not
clovenfooted, nor cheweth the cud, *are*
unclean unto you: every one that
toucheth them shall be unclean.
27 And whatsoever goeth upon his
paws, among all manner of beasts that
go on *all* four, those *are* unclean unto
you: whoso toucheth their carcase
shall be unclean until the even.
28 And he that beareth the carcase
of them shall wash his clothes, and be
unclean until the even: they *are* un-
clean unto you.
29 These also *shall be* unclean unto
you among the creeping things that
creep upon the earth; the weasel, and
the mouse, and the tortoise after his
kind,
30 And the ferret,

leon, and the lizard, and the snail, and
the mole.
31 These *are* unclean to you among
all that creep: whosoever doth touch
them, when they be dead, shall be un-
clean until the even.
32 And upon whatsoever *any* of
them, when they are dead, doth fall,
it shall be unclean; whether *it be* any
vessel of wood, or raiment, or skin, or
sack, whatsoever vessel *it be*, wherein
any work is done, it must be put into
water, and it shall be unclean until the
even; so it shall be cleansed.
33 Any every earthen vessel, where-
into *any* of them falleth, whatsoever *is*
in it shall be unclean; and ye shall
break it.
34 Of all meat which may be eaten,
that on which *such* water cometh shall
be unclean: and all drink that may be
drunk in every *such* vessel shall be un-
clean.
35 And every *thing* whereupon *any*
part of their carcase falleth shall be un-
clean; *whether it be* oven, or ranges for
pots, they shall be broken down: *for*
they *are* unclean, and shall be unclean
unto you.
36 Nevertheless a fountain or pit,
wherein there is plenty of water, shall
be clean: but that which toucheth their
carcase shall be unclean.
37 And if *any part* of their carcase
fall upon any sowing seed which is to
be sown, it *shall be* clean.
38 But if *any* water be put upon the
seed, and *any part* of their carcase
fall thereon, it *shall be* unclean unto
you.
39 And if any beast, of which ye
may eat, die; he that toucheth the car-
case thereof shall be unclean until the
even.
40 And he that eateth of the carcase
of it shall wash his clothes, and be un-
clean until the even: he also that bear-
eth the carcase of it shall wash his
clothes, and be unclean until the even.
41 And every creeping thing that
creepeth upon the earth *shall be* an
abomination; it shall not be eaten.
42 Whatsoever goeth upon the bel-
ly, and whatsoever goeth upon *all* four,
or whatsoever hath more feet among
all creeping things that creep upon the
earth, them ye shall not eat; for they
are an abomination.
43 Ye shall not make yourselves
abominable with any creeping thing
that creepeth, neither shall ye make
yourselves unclean with them, that ye
should be defiled thereby.
44 For I *am* the LORD your God: ye
shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and
ye shall be holy; for I *am* holy: neither
shall ye defile yourselves with any
manner of creeping thing that creepeth
upon the earth.
45 For I *am* the LORD that bringeth
you up out of the land of Egypt, to be
your God: ye shall therefore be holy,
for I *am* holy.
46 This *is* the law of the beasts, and
of the fowl, and of every living crea-
ture that moveth in the waters, and of
every creature that creepeth upon the
earth:
47 To make a difference between
the unclean and the clean, and be-
tween the beast that may be eaten and
the beast that may not be eaten.

CHAPTER 12

AND the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel,
saying, If a woman have conceived
seed, and born a man child: then she
shall be unclean seven days; according
to the days of the separation for her
infirmity shall she be unclean.
3 And in the eighth day the flesh of
his foreskin shall be circumcised.
4 And she shall then continue in the
blood of her purifying three and thirty
days; she shall touch no hallowed
thing, nor come into the sanctuary,
until the days of her purifying be ful-
filled.
5 But if she bear a maid child, then
she shall be unclean two weeks, as in
her separation: and she shall continue
in the blood of her purifying threescore
and six days.
6 And when the days of her purify-
ing are fulfilled, for a son, or for a
daughter, she shall bring a lamb of the
first year for a burnt offering, and a
young pigeon, or a turtledove, for a
sin offering, unto the door of the tab-
ernacle of the congregation, unto the
priest:
7 Who shall offer it before the
LORD, and make an atonement for her;
and she shall be cleansed from the is-
sue of her blood. This *is* the law for her
that hath born a male or a female.
8 And if she be not able to bring a
lamb, then she shall bring two turtles,
or two young pigeons; the one for the
burnt offering, and the other for a sin

offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be clean.

CHAPTER 13

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, saying,
2 When a man shall have in the skin of his flesh a rising, a scab, or bright spot, and it be in the skin of his flesh *like* the plague of leprosy; then he shall be brought unto Aaron the priest, or unto one of his sons the priests:
3 And the priest shall look on the plague in the skin of the flesh: and *when* the hair in the plague is turned white, and the plague in sight *be* deeper than the skin of his flesh, it *is* a plague of leprosy: and the priest shall look on him, and pronounce him unclean.
4 If the bright spot *be* white in the skin of his flesh, and in sight *be* not deeper than the skin, and the hair thereof be not turned white; then the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the plague seven days:
5 And the priest shall look on him the seventh day: and, behold, *if* the plague in his sight be at a stay, *and* the plague spread not in the skin; then the priest shall shut him up seven days more:
6 And the priest shall look on him again the seventh day: and, behold, *if* the plague *be* somewhat dark, *and* the plague spread not in the skin, the priest shall pronounce him clean: it *is but* a scab: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean.
7 But if the scab spread much abroad in the skin, after that he hath been seen of the priest for his cleansing, he shall be seen of the priest again:
8 And *if* the priest see that, behold, the scab spreadeth in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a leprosy.
9 When the plague of leprosy is in a man, then he shall be brought unto the priest;
10 And the priest shall see *him*: and, behold, *if* the rising *be* white in the skin, and it have turned the hair white, and *there be* quick raw flesh in the rising;
11 It *is* an old leprosy in the skin of his flesh, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean, and shall not shut him up: for he *is* unclean.
12 And if a leprosy break out abroad in the skin, and the leprosy cover all the skin of *him that hath* the plague from his head even to his foot, wheresoever the priest looketh;
13 Then the priest shall consider: and, behold, *if* the leprosy have covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce *him* clean *that hath* the plague: it is all turned white: he *is* clean.
14 But when raw flesh appeareth in him, he shall be unclean.
15 And the priest shall see the raw flesh, and pronounce him to be unclean: *for* the raw flesh *is* unclean: it *is* a leprosy.
16 Or if the raw flesh turn again, and be changed unto white, he shall come unto the priest;
17 And the priest shall see him: and, behold, *if* the plague be turned into white; then the priest shall pronounce *him* clean *that hath* the plague: he *is* clean.
18 The flesh also, in which, *even* in the skin thereof, was a boil, and is healed,
19 And in the place of the boil there be a white rising, or a bright spot, white, and somewhat reddish, and it be shewed to the priest;
20 And if, when the priest seeth it, behold, it *be* in sight lower than the skin, and the hair thereof be turned white; the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a plague of leprosy broken out of the boil.
21 But if the priest look on it, and, behold, *there be* no white hairs therein, and *if* it *be* not lower than the skin, but *be* somewhat dark; then the priest shall shut him up seven days:
22 And if it spread much abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a plague.
23 But if the bright spot stay in his place, *and* spread not, it *is* a burning boil; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.
24 Or if there be *any* flesh, in the skin whereof *there is* a hot burning, and the quick *flesh* that burneth have a white bright spot, somewhat reddish, or white;
25 Then the priest shall look upon it: and, behold, *if* the hair in the bright spot be turned white, and it *be in* sight deeper than the skin; it *is* a leprosy broken out of the burning: wherefore the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* the plague of leprosy.
26 But if the priest look on it, and, behold, *there be* no white hair in the

bright spot, and it *be* no lower than the *other* skin, but *be* somewhat dark; then the priest shall shut him up seven days:

27 And the priest shall look upon him the seventh day: *and* if it be spread much abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* the plague of leprosy.

28 And if the bright spot stay in his place, *and* spread not in the skin, but it *be* somewhat dark; it *is* a rising of the burning, and the priest shall pronounce him clean: for it *is* an inflammation of the burning.

29 If a man or woman have a plague upon the head or the beard;

30 Then the priest shall see the plague: and, behold, if it *be* in sight deeper than the skin; *and there be* in it a yellow thin hair; then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a dry scall, *even* a leprosy upon the head or beard.

31 And if the priest look on the plague of the scall, and, behold, it *be* not in sight deeper than the skin, and *that there is* no black hair in it; then the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the plague of the scall seven days:

32 And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the plague: and, behold, *if* the scall spread not, and there be in it no yellow hair, and the scall *be* not in sight deeper than the skin;

33 He shall be shaven, but the scall shall he not shave; and the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the scall seven days more:

34 And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the scall: and, behold, *if* the scall be not spread in the skin, nor *be* in sight deeper than the skin; then the priest shall pronounce him clean: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean.

35 But if the scall spread much in the skin after his cleansing;

36 Then the priest shall look on him: and, behold, if the scall be spread in the skin, the priest shall not seek for yellow hair; he *is* unclean.

37 But if the scall be in his sight at a stay, and *that* there is black hair grown up therein; the scall is healed, he *is* clean: and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

38 If a man also or a woman have in the skin of their flesh bright spots, *even* white bright spots;

39 Then the priest shall look: and, behold, *if* the bright spots in the skin of their flesh *be* darkish white; *it is* a freckled spot *that* groweth in the skin; he *is* clean.

40 And the man whose hair is fallen off his head, he *is* bald; *yet is* he clean.

41 And he that hath his hair fallen off from the part of his head toward his face, he *is* forehead bald: *yet is* he clean.

42 And if there be in the bald head, or bald forehead, a white reddish sore; it *is* a leprosy sprung up in his bald head, or his bald forehead.

43 Then the priest shall look upon it: and, behold, *if* the rising of the sore *be* white reddish in his bald head, or in *his* bald forehead, as the leprosy appeareth in the skin of the flesh;

44 He is a leprous man, he *is* unclean: the priest shall pronounce *him* utterly unclean; his plague *is* in his head.

45 And the leper in whom the plague *is*, his clothes shall be rent, and his head bare, and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean.

46 All the days wherein the plague *shall be* in him he shall be defiled; he *is* unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp *shall* his habitation *be*.

47 The garment also that the plague of leprosy is in, *whether it be* a woollen garment, or a linen garment;

48 Whether *it be* in the warp, or woof; of linen, or of woollen; whether in a skin, or in any thing made of skin;

49 And if the plague be greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the skin, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; *it is* a plague of leprosy, and shall be shewed unto the priest:

50 And the priest shall look upon the plague, and shut up *it that hath* the plague seven days:

51 And he shall look on the plague on the seventh day: if the plague be spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in a skin, *or* in any work that is made of skin; the plague *is* a fretting leprosy; it *is* unclean.

52 He shall therefore burn that garment, whether warp or woof, in woollen or in linen, or any thing of skin, wherein the plague is: for it *is* a fretting leprosy; it shall be burnt in the fire.

53 And if the priest shall look, and,

behold, the plague be not spread in the
garment, either in the warp, or in the
woof, or in any thing of skin;
54 Then the priest shall command
that they wash *the thing* wherein the
plague *is*, and he shall shut it up seven
days more:
55 And the priest shall look on the
plague, after that it is washed: and,
behold, *if* the plague have not changed
his colour, and the plague be not
spread; it *is* unclean; thou shalt burn
it in the fire; it *is* fret inward, *whether*
it *be* bare within or without.
56 And if the priest look, and, be-
hold, the plague *be* somewhat dark af-
ter the washing of it; then he shall
rend it out of the garment, or out of
the skin, or out of the warp, or out of
the woof:
57 *And if it appear still in the gar-*
ment, either in the warp, or in the
woof, or in any thing of skin; it *is* a
spreading *plague:* thou shalt burn that
wherein the plague *is* with fire.
58 And the garment, either warp, or
woof, or whatsoever thing of skin *it be,*
which thou shalt wash, if the plague
be departed from them, then it shall
be washed the second time, and shall
be clean.
59 This *is* the law of the plague of
leprosy in a garment of woollen or
linen, either in the warp, or woof, or
any thing of skins, to pronounce it
clean, or to pronounce it unclean.

CHAPTER 14

AND the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
2 This shall be the law of the leper
in the day of his cleansing: He shall be
brought unto the priest:
3 And the priest shall go forth out
of the camp; and the priest shall look,
and, behold, *if* the plague of leprosy be
healed in the leper;
4 Then shall the priest command to
take for him that is to be cleansed two
birds alive *and* clean, and cedar wood,
and scarlet, and hyssop:
5 And the priest shall command
that one of the birds be killed in an
earthen vessel over running water:
6 As for the living bird, he shall
take it, and the cedar wood, and the
scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip
them and the living bird in the blood
of the bird *that was* killed over the run-
ning water:
7 And he shall sprinkle upon him
that is to be cleansed from the leprosy
seven times, and shall pronounce him
clean, and shall let the living bird loose
into the open field.
8 And he that is to be cleansed shall
wash his clothes, and shave off all his
hair, and wash himself in water, that
he may be clean: and after that he
shall come into the camp, and shall
tarry abroad out of his tent seven
days.
9 But it shall be on the seventh day,
that he shall shave all his hair off his
head and his beard and his eyebrows,
even all his hair he shall shave off: and
he shall wash his clothes, also he shall
wash his flesh in water, and he shall be
clean.
10 And on the eighth day he shall
take two he lambs without blemish,
and one ewe lamb of the first year
without blemish, and three tenth deals
of fine flour *for* a meat offering, min-
gled with oil, and one log of oil.
11 And the priest that maketh *him*
clean shall present the man that *is* to
be made clean, and those things, be-
fore the LORD, *at* the door of the tab-
ernacle of the congregation:
12 And the priest shall take one he
lamb, and offer him for a trespass of-
fering, and the log of oil, and wave
them *for* a wave offering before the
LORD:
13 And he shall slay the lamb in the
place where he shall kill the sin offer-
ing and the burnt offering, in the holy
place: for as the sin offering *is* the
priest's, *so is* the trespass offering: it *is*
most holy:
14 And the priest shall take *some* of
the blood of the trespass offering, and
the priest shall put *it* upon the tip of
the right ear of him that is to be
cleansed, and upon the thumb of his
right hand, and upon the great toe of
his right foot:
15 And the priest shall take *some* of
the log of oil, and pour *it* into the palm
of his own left hand:
16 And the priest shall dip his right
finger in the oil that *is* in his left hand,
and shall sprinkle of the oil with his
finger seven times before the LORD:
17 And of the rest of the oil that *is*
in his hand shall the priest put upon
the tip of the right ear of him that is
to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of
his right hand, and upon the great toe
of his right foot, upon *the blood of the*
trespass offering:

18 And the remnant of the oil that
is in the priest's hand he shall pour
upon the head of him that is to be
cleansed: and the priest shall make an
atonement for him before the LORD.
19 And the priest shall offer the sin
offering, and make an atonement for
him that is to be cleansed from his un-
cleanness; and afterward he shall kill
the burnt offering:
20 And the priest shall offer the
burnt offering and the meat offering
upon the altar: and the priest shall
make an atonement for him, and he
shall be clean.
21 And if he *be* poor, and cannot get
so much; then he shall take one lamb
for a trespass offering to be waved, to
make an atonement for him, and one
tenth deal of fine flour mingled with
oil for a meat offering, and a log of oil;
22 And two turtledoves, or two
young pigeons, such as he is able to
get; and the one shall be a sin offering,
and the other a burnt offering.
23 And he shall bring them on the
eighth day for his cleansing unto the
priest, unto the door of the tabernacle
of the congregation, before the LORD.
24 And the priest shall take the
lamb of the trespass offering, and the
log of oil, and the priest shall wave
them *for* a wave offering before the
LORD:
25 And he shall kill the lamb of the
trespass offering, and the priest shall
take *some* of the blood of the trespass
offering, and put *it* upon the tip of the
right ear of him that is to be cleansed,
and upon the thumb of his right hand,
and upon the great toe of his right
foot:
26 And the priest shall pour of the
oil into the palm of his own left hand:
27 And the priest shall sprinkle
with his right finger *some* of the oil
that *is* in his left hand seven times be-
fore the LORD:
28 And the priest shall put of the
oil that *is* in his hand upon the tip of
the right ear of him that is to be
cleansed, and upon the thumb of his
right hand, and upon the great toe of
his right foot, upon the place of the
blood of the trespass offering:
29 And the rest of the oil that *is* in
the priest's hand he shall put upon the
head of him that is to be cleansed, to
make an atonement for him before the
LORD.
30 And he shall offer the one of the
turtledoves, or of the young pigeons,
such as he can get;
31 *Even* such as he is able to get, the
one *for* a sin offering, and the other *for*
a burnt offering, with the meat offer-
ing: and the priest shall make an
atonement for him that is to be
cleansed before the LORD.
32 This *is* the law *of him* in whom
is the plague of leprosy, whose hand is
not able to get *that which pertaineth* to
his cleansing.
33 And the LORD spake unto Moses
and unto Aaron, saying,
34 When ye be come into the land
of Canaan, which I give to you for a
possession, and I put the plague of lep-
rosy in a house of the land of your pos-
session;
35 And he that owneth the house
shall come and tell the priest, saying,
It seemeth to me *there is* as it were a
plague in the house:
36 Then the priest shall command
that they empty the house, before the
priest go *into it* to see the plague, that
all that *is* in the house be not made un-
clean: and afterward the priest shall go
in to see the house:
37 And he shall look on the plague,
and, behold, *if* the plague *be* in the
walls of the house with hollow strakes,
greenish or reddish, which in sight *are*
lower than the wall;
38 Then the priest shall go out of
the house to the door of the house, and
shut up the house seven days:
39 And the priest shall come again
the seventh day, and shall look: and,
behold, *if* the plague be spread in the
walls of the house;
40 Then the priest shall command
that they take away the stones in
which the plague *is*, and they shall
cast them into an unclean place with-
out the city:
41 And he shall cause the house to
be scraped within round about, and
they shall pour out the dust that they
scrape off without the city into an un-
clean place:
42 And they shall take other stones,
and put *them* in the place of those
stones; and he shall take other morter,
and shall plaister the house.
43 And if the plague come again,
and break out in the house, after that
he hath taken away the stones, and
after he hath scraped the house, and
after it is plaistered;
44 Then the priest shall come and

look, and, behold, *if* the plague be spread in the house, it *is* a fretting leprosy in the house: it *is* unclean.

45 And he shall break down the house, the stones of it, and the timber thereof, and all the morter of the house; and he shall carry *them* forth out of the city into an unclean place.

46 Moreover he that goeth into the house all the while that it is shut up shall be unclean until the even.

47 And he that lieth in the house shall wash his clothes; and he that eateth in the house shall wash his clothes.

48 And if the priest shall come in, and look *upon it*, and, behold, the plague hath not spread in the house, after the house was plaistered: then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed.

49 And he shall take to cleanse the house two birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop:

50 And he shall kill the one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water:

51 And he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times:

52 And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet:

53 But he shall let go the living bird out of the city into the open fields, and make an atonement for the house: and it shall be clean.

54 This *is* the law for all manner of plague of leprosy, and scall,

55 And for the leprosy of a garment, and of a house,

56 And for a rising, and for a scab, and for a bright spot:

57 To teach when *it is* unclean, and when *it is* clean: this *is* the law of leprosy.

CHAPTER 15

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When any man hath a running issue out of his flesh, *because of* his issue he *is* unclean.

3 And this shall be his uncleanness in his issue: whether his flesh run with his issue, or his flesh be stopped from his issue, it *is* his uncleanness.

4 Every bed, whereon he lieth that hath the issue, is unclean: and every thing, whereon he sitteth, shall be unclean.

5 And whosoever toucheth his bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

6 And he that sitteth on *any* thing whereon he sat that hath the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

7 And he that toucheth the flesh of him that hath the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

8 And if he that hath the issue spit upon him that is clean; then he shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

9 And what saddle soever he rideth upon that hath the issue shall be unclean.

10 And whosoever toucheth any thing that was under him shall be unclean until the even: and he that beareth *any of* those things shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

11 And whomsoever he toucheth that hath the issue, and hath not rinsed his hands in water, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even.

12 And the vessel of earth, that he toucheth which hath the issue, shall be broken: and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water.

13 And when he that hath an issue is cleansed of his issue; then he shall number to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean.

14 And on the eighth day he shall take to him two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, and come before the LORD unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and give them unto the priest:

15 And the priest shall offer them, the one *for* a sin offering, and the other *for* a burnt offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD for his is

16 And if any man's
tion go out from him

wash all his flesh in water, and be un-
clean until the even.
17 And every garment, and every
skin, whereon is the seed of copula-
tion, shall be washed with water, and
be unclean until the even.
18 The woman also with whom man
shall lie *with* seed of copulation, they
shall *both* bathe *themselves* in water,
and be unclean until the even.
19 And if a woman have an issue,
and her issue in her flesh be blood, she
shall be put apart seven days: and
whosoever toucheth her shall be un-
clean until the even.
20 And every thing that she lieth
upon in her separation shall be un-
clean: every thing also that she sitteth
upon shall be unclean.
21 And whosoever toucheth her bed
shall wash his clothes, and bathe *him-
self* in water, and be unclean until the
even.
22 And whosoever toucheth any
thing that she sat upon shall wash his
clothes, and bathe *himself* in water,
and be unclean until the even.
23 And if it *be* on *her* bed, or on any
thing whereon she sitteth, when he
toucheth it, he shall be unclean until
the even.
24 And if any man lie with her at
all, and her flowers be upon him, he
shall be unclean seven days; and all the
bed whereon he lieth shall be unclean.
25 And if a woman have an issue of
her blood many days out of the time
of her separation, or if it run beyond
the time of her separation; all the days
of the issue of her uncleanness shall be
as the days of her separation: she *shall
be* unclean.
26 Every bed whereon she lieth all
the days of her issue shall be unto her
as the bed of her separation: and what-
soever she sitteth upon shall be un-
clean, as the uncleanness of her sepa-
ration.
27 And whosoever toucheth those
things shall be unclean, and shall wash
his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water,
and be unclean until the even.
28 But if she be cleansed of her is-
sue, then she shall number to herself
seven days, and after that she shall be
clean.
29 And on the eighth day she shall
take unto her two turtles, or two
young pigeons, and bring them unto
the priest, to the door of the tabernacle
of the congregation.
30 And the priest shall offer the one
for a sin offering, and the other *for* a
burnt offering; and the priest shall
make an atonement for her before the
LORD for the issue of her uncleanness.
31 Thus shall ye separate the chil-
dren of Israel from their uncleanness;
that they die not in their uncleanness,
when they defile my tabernacle that *is*
among them.
32 This *is* the law of him that hath
an issue, and *of him* whose seed goeth
from him, and is defiled therewith;
33 And of her that is sick of her
flowers, and of him that hath an issue,
of the man, and of the woman, and of
him that lieth with her that is unclean.

CHAPTER 16

AND the LORD spake unto Moses af-
ter the death of the two sons of
Aaron, when they offered before the
LORD, and died;
2 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he
come not at all times into the holy
place within the vail before the mercy
seat, which *is* upon the ark; that he die
not: for I will appear in the cloud upon
the mercy seat.
3 Thus shall Aaron come into the
holy *place*: with a young bullock for a
sin offering, and a ram for a burnt
offering.
4 He shall put on the holy linen
coat, and he shall have the linen
breeches upon his flesh, and shall be
girded with a linen girdle, and with
the linen mitre shall he be attired:
these *are* holy garments; therefore
shall he wash his flesh in water, and *so*
put them on.
5 And he shall take of the congrega-
tion of the children of Israel two kids
of the goats for a sin offering, and one
ram for a burnt offering.
6 And Aaron shall offer his bullock
of the sin offering, which *is* for him-
self, and make an atonement for him-
self, and for his house.
7 And he shall take the two goats,
and present them before the LORD *at*
the door of the tabernacle of the con-
gregation.
8 And Aaron shall cast lots upon
the two goats; one lot for the LORD,
and the other lot for the scapegoat.
9 And Aaron shall bring the goat
upon which the LORD's lot fell, and
offer him *for* a sin offering.
10 But the goat, on which the lot

fell to be the scapegoat, shall be pre-
sented alive before the LORD, to make
an atonement with him, *and* to let
him go for a scapegoat into the wilder-
ness.
11 And Aaron shall bring the bul-
lock of the sin offering, which *is* for
himself, and shall make an atonement
for himself, and for his house, and shall
kill the bullock of the sin offering
which *is* for himself:
12 And he shall take a censer full of
burning coals of fire from off the altar
before the LORD, and his hands full of
sweet incense beaten small, and bring
it within the vail:
13 And he shall put the incense
upon the fire before the LORD, that the
cloud of the incense may cover the
mercy seat that *is* upon the testimony,
that he die not:
14 And he shall take of the blood of
the bullock, and sprinkle *it* with his
finger upon the mercy seat eastward;
and before the mercy seat shall he
sprinkle of the blood with his finger
seven times.
15 Then shall he kill the goat of the
sin offering, that *is* for the people, and
bring his blood within the vail, and do
with that blood as he did with the
blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it
upon the mercy seat, and before the
mercy seat:
16 And he shall make an atonement
for the holy *place*, because of the un-
cleanness of the children of Israel, and
because of their transgressions in all
their sins: and so shall he do for the
tabernacle of the congregation, that
remaineth among them in the midst of
their uncleanness.
17 And there shall be no man in the
tabernacle of the congregation when
he goeth in to make an atonement in
the holy *place*, until he come out, and
have made an atonement for himself,
and for his household, and for all the
congregation of Israel.
18 And he shall go out unto the al-
tar that *is* before the LORD, and make
an atonement for it; and shall take of
the blood of the bullock, and of the
blood of the goat, and put *it* upon the
horns of the altar round about.
19 And he shall sprinkle of the
blood upon it with his finger seven
times, and cleanse it, and hallow it
from the uncleanness of the children of
Israel.
20 And when he hath made an end
of reconciling the holy *place*, and the
tabernacle of the congregation, and
the altar, he shall bring the live goat:
21 And Aaron shall lay both his
hands upon the head of the live goat,
and confess over him all the iniquities
of the children of Israel, and all their
transgressions in all their sins, putting
them upon the head of the goat, and
shall send *him* away by the hand of a
fit man into the wilderness:
22 And the goat shall bear upon
him all their iniquities unto a land not
inhabited: and he shall let go the goat
in the wilderness.
23 And Aaron shall come into the
tabernacle of the congregation, and
shall put off the linen garments, which
he put on when he went into the holy
place, and shall leave them there:
24 And he shall wash his flesh with
water in the holy place, and put on his
garments, and come forth, and offer
his burnt offering, and the burnt offer-
ing of the people, and make an atone-
ment for himself, and for the people.
25 And the fat of the sin offering
shall he burn upon the altar.
26 And he that let go the goat for
the scapegoat shall wash his clothes,
and bathe his flesh in water, and after-
ward come into the camp.
27 And the bullock *for* the sin offer-
ing, and the goat *for* the sin offering,
whose blood was brought in to make
atonement in the holy *place*, shall *one*
carry forth without the camp; and
they shall burn in the fire their skins,
and *their flesh*, *and their dung*.
28 And he that burneth them shall
wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh
in water, and afterward he shall come
into the camp.
29 And *this* shall be a statute for
ever unto you: *that* in the seventh
month, on the tenth *day* of the month,
ye shall afflict your souls, and do no
work at all, *whether it be* one of your
own country, or a stranger *that* so-
journeth among you:
30 For on that day shall *the priest*
make an atonement for you, to cleanse
you, *that* ye may be clean from all your
sins before the LORD.
31 It *shall be* a sabbath of rest unto
you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by
a statute for ever.
32 And the priest, whom he shall
anoint, and whom he shall consecrate
to minister in the priest's office in his
father's stead, shall

ment, and shall put on the linen clothes, *even* the holy garments:

33 And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar, and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation.

34 And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 17

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto Aaron, and unto his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them; This *is* the thing which the LORD hath commanded, saying,

3 What man soever *there be* of the house of Israel, that killeth an ox, or lamb, or goat, in the camp, or that killeth *it* out of the camp,

4 And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer an offering unto the LORD before the tabernacle of the LORD; blood shall be imputed unto that man; he hath shed blood; and that man shall be cut off from among his people:

5 To the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices, which they offer in the open field, *even that* they may bring them unto the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest, and offer them *for* peace offerings unto the LORD.

6 And the priest shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar of the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and burn the fat for a sweet savour unto the LORD.

7 And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations.

8 And thou shalt say unto them, Whatsoever man *there be* of the house of Israel, or of the strangers which sojourn among you, that offereth a burnt offering or sacrifice,

9 And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer it unto the LORD; even that man shall be cut off from among his people.

10 And whatsoever man *there be* of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people.

11 For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it *is* the blood *that* maketh an atonement for the soul.

12 Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood.

13 And whatsoever man *there be* of the children of Israel, or of the strangers *that* sojourn among you, which hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust.

14 For *it is* the life of all flesh; the blood of it *is* for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh *is* the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.

15 And every soul that eateth that which died *of itself*, or that which was torn *with beasts, whether it be* one of your own country, or a stranger, he shall both wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even: then shall he be clean.

16 But if he wash *them* not, nor bathe his flesh; then he shall bear his iniquity.

CHAPTER 18

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the LORD your God.

3 After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances.

4 Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I *am* the LORD your God.

5 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a

man do, he shall live in them: I *am* the
LORD.
6 None of you shall approach to any
that is near of kin to him, to uncover
their nakedness: I *am* the LORD.
7 The nakedness of thy father, or
the nakedness of thy mother, shalt
thou not uncover: she *is* thy mother;
thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.
8 The nakedness of thy father's
wife shalt thou not uncover: it *is* thy
father's nakedness.
9 The nakedness of thy sister, the
daughter of thy father, or daughter of
thy mother, *whether she be* born at
home, or born abroad, *even* their na-
kedness thou shalt not uncover.
10 The nakedness of thy son's
daughter, or of thy daughter's daugh-
ter, *even* their nakedness thou shalt
not uncover: for theirs *is* thine own
nakedness.
11 The nakedness of thy father's
wife's daughter, begotten of thy fa-
ther, she is thy sister, thou shalt not
uncover her nakedness.
12 Thou shalt not uncover the na-
kedness of thy father's sister: she *is* thy
father's near kinswoman.
13 Thou shalt not uncover the na-
kedness of thy mother's sister: for she
is thy mother's near kinswoman.
14 Thou shalt not uncover the na-
kedness of thy father's brother, thou
shalt not approach to his wife: she *is*
thine aunt.
15 Thou shalt not uncover the na-
kedness of thy daughter in law: she *is*
thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover
her nakedness.
16 Thou shalt not uncover the na-
kedness of thy brother's wife: it *is* thy
brother's nakedness.
17 Thou shalt not uncover the na-
kedness of a woman and her daughter,
neither shalt thou take her son's
daughter, or her daughter's daughter,
to uncover her nakedness; *for* they *are*
her near kinswomen: it *is* wickedness.
18 Neither shalt thou take a wife to
her sister, to vex her, to uncover her
nakedness, beside the other in her life
time.
19 Also thou shalt not approach un-
to a woman to uncover her nakedness,
as long as she is put apart for her un-
cleanness.
20 Moreover thou shalt not lie car-
nally with thy neighbour's wife, to de-
file thyself with her.
21 And thou shalt not let any of thy
seed pass through *the fire* to Molech,
neither shalt thou profane the name of
thy God: I *am* the LORD.
22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind,
as with womankind: it *is* abomination.
23 Neither shalt thou lie with any
beast to defile thyself therewith: nei-
ther shall any woman stand before a
beast to lie down thereto: it *is* con-
fusion.
24 Defile not ye yourselves in any
of these things: for in all these the na-
tions are defiled which I cast out be-
fore you:
25 And the land is defiled: therefore
I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it,
and the land itself vomiteth out her in-
habitants.
26 Ye shall therefore keep my stat-
utes and my judgments, and shall not
commit *any* of these abominations;
neither any of your own nation, nor
any stranger that sojourneth among
you:
27 (For all these abominations have
the men of the land done, which *were*
before you, and the land is defiled;)
28 That the land spue not you out
also, when ye defile it, as it spued out
the nations that *were* before you.
29 For whosoever shall commit any
of these abominations, even the souls
that commit *them* shall be cut off from
among their people.
30 Therefore shall ye keep mine or-
dinance, that *ye* commit not *any one*
of these abominable customs, which
were committed before you, and that
ye defile not yourselves therein: I *am*
the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 19

AND the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
2 Speak unto all the congregation of
the children of Israel, and say unto
them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD
your God *am* holy.
3 Ye shall fear every man his mo-
ther, and his father, and keep my sab-
baths: I *am* the LORD your God.
4 Turn ye not unto idols, nor make
to yourselves molten gods: I *am* the
LORD your God.
5 And if ye offer a sacrifice of peace
offerings unto the LORD, ye shall offer
it at your own will.
6 It shall be eaten the same day ye
offer it, and on the morrow: and if
ought remain until the
shall be burnt in the fire.

7 And if it be eaten at all on the third day, it *is* abominable; it shall not be accepted.

8 Therefore *every one* that eateth it shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned the hallowed thing of the LORD: and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

9 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest.

10 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather *every* grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I *am* the LORD your God.

11 Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

12 And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I *am* the LORD.

13 Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob *him*: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.

14 Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumblingblock before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I *am* the LORD.

15 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty: *but* in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.

16 Thou shalt not go up and down *as* a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I *am* the LORD.

17 Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.

18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I *am* the LORD.

19 Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee.

20 And whosoever lieth carnally with a woman, that *is* a bondmaid, betrothed to an husband, and not at all redeemed, nor freedom given her; she shall be scourged; they shall not be put to death, because she was not free.

21 And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, *even* a ram for a trespass offering.

22 And the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering before the LORD for his sin which he hath done: and the sin which he hath done shall be forgiven him.

23 And when ye shall come into the land, and shall have planted all manner of trees for food, then ye shall count the fruit thereof as uncircumcised: three years shall it be as uncircumcised unto you: it shall not be eaten of.

24 But in the fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be holy to praise the LORD *withal*.

25 And in the fifth year shall ye eat of the fruit thereof, that it may yield unto you the increase thereof: I *am* the LORD your God.

26 Ye shall not eat *any thing* with the blood: neither shall ye use enchantment, nor observe times.

27 Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard.

28 Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I *am* the LORD.

29 Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness.

30 Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I *am* the LORD.

31 Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I *am* the LORD your God.

32 Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I *am* the LORD.

33 And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him.

34 *But* the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

35 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure.

36 Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye

have: I *am* the LORD your God, which
brought you out of the land of Egypt.
37 Therefore shall ye observe all my
statutes, and all my judgments, and do
them: I *am* the LORD.

CHAPTER 20

AND the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
2 Again, thou shalt say to the chil-
dren of Israel, Whosoever *he be* of the
children of Israel, or of the strangers
that sojourn in Israel, that giveth *any*
of his seed unto Molech; he shall surely
be put to death: the people of the land
shall stone him with stones.
3 And I will set my face against
that man, and will cut him off from
among his people; because he hath
given of his seed unto Molech, to defile
my sanctuary, and to profane my holy
name.
4 And if the people of the land do
any ways hide their eyes from the
man, when he giveth of his seed unto
Molech, and kill him not:
5 Then I will set my face against
that man, and against his family, and
will cut him off, and all that go a
whoring after him, to commit whore-
dom with Molech, from among their
people.
6 And the soul that turneth after
such as have familiar spirits, and after
wizards, to go a whoring after them, I
will even set my face against that soul,
and will cut him off from among his
people.
7 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and
be ye holy: for I *am* the LORD your
God.
8 And ye shall keep my statutes,
and do them: I *am* the LORD which
sanctify you.
9 For every one that curseth his fa-
ther or his mother shall be surely put
to death: he hath cursed his father or
his mother; his blood *shall be* upon
him.
10 And the man that committeth
adultery with *another* man's wife, *even*
he that committeth adultery with his
neighbour's wife, the adulterer and
the adulteress shall surely be put to
death.
11 And the man that lieth with his
father's wife hath uncovered his fa-
ther's nakedness: both of them shall
surely be put to death; their blood
shall be upon them.
12 And if a man lie with his daugh-
ter in law, both of them shall surely be
put to death: they have wrought con-
fusion; their blood *shall be* upon them.
13 If a man also lie with mankind,
as he lieth with a woman, both of them
have committed an abomination: they
shall surely be put to death; their
blood *shall be* upon them.
14 And if a man take a wife and her
mother, it *is* wickedness: they shall be
burnt with fire, both he and they; that
there be no wickedness among you.
15 And if a man lie with a beast, he
shall surely be put to death: and ye
shall slay the beast.
16 And if a woman approach unto
any beast, and lie down thereto, thou
shalt kill the woman, and the beast:
they shall surely be put to death; their
blood *shall be* upon them.
17 And if a man shall take his sister,
his father's daughter, or his mother's
daughter, and see her nakedness, and
she see his nakedness; it *is* a wicked
thing; and they shall be cut off in the
sight of their people: he hath uncov-
ered his sister's nakedness; he shall
bear his iniquity.
18 And if a man shall lie with a
woman having her sickness, and shall
uncover her nakedness; he hath dis-
covered her fountain, and she hath un-
covered the fountain of her blood: and
both of them shall be cut off from
among their people.
19 And thou shalt not uncover the
nakedness of thy mother's sister, nor
of thy father's sister: for he uncovereth
his near kin: they shall bear their in-
iquity.
20 And if a man shall lie with his
uncle's wife, he hath uncovered his
uncle's nakedness: they shall bear their
sin; they shall die childless.
21 And if a man shall take his broth-
er's wife, it *is* an unclean thing: he
hath uncovered his brother's naked-
ness; they shall be childless.
22 Ye shall therefore keep all my
statutes, and all my judgments, and do
them: that the land, whither I bring
you to dwell therein, spue you not out.
23 And ye shall not walk in the
manners of the nation, which I cast
out before you: for they committed all
these things, and therefore I abhorred
them.
24 But I have said unto you, Ye
shall inherit their land, and I will give
it unto you to possess it, a land that
floweth with milk and hon

LORD your God, which have separated
you from *other* people.
25 Ye shall therefore put difference
between clean beasts and unclean, and
between unclean fowls and clean: and
ye shall not make your souls abomi-
nable by beast, or by fowl, or by any
manner of living thing that creepeth
on the ground, which I have separated
from you as unclean.
26 And ye shall be holy unto me:
for I the LORD *am* holy, and have sev-
ered you from *other* people, that ye
should be mine.
27 A man also or woman that hath
a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard,
shall surely be put to death: they shall
stone them with stones: their blood
shall be upon them.

CHAPTER 21

AND the LORD said unto Moses,
Speak unto the priests the sons of
Aaron, and say unto them, There shall
none be defiled for the dead among his
people:
2 But for his kin, that is near unto
him, *that is*, for his mother, and for his
father, and for his son, and for his
daughter, and for his brother,
3 And for his sister a virgin, that is
nigh unto him, which hath had no hus-
band; for her may he be defiled.
4 But he shall not defile himself,
being a chief man among his people, to
profane himself.
5 They shall not make baldness up-
on their head, neither shall they shave
off the corner of their beard, nor make
any cuttings in their flesh.
6 They shall be holy unto their God,
and not profane the name of their
God: for the offerings of the LORD
made by fire, *and* the bread of their
God, they do offer: therefore they shall
be holy.
7 They shall not take a wife *that is*
a whore, or profane; neither shall they
take a woman put away from her hus-
band: for he *is* holy unto his God.
8 Thou shalt sanctify him there-
fore; for he offereth the bread of thy
God: he shall be holy unto thee: for I
the LORD, which sanctify you, *am*
holy.
9 And the daughter of any priest, if
she profane herself by playing the
whore, she profaneth her father: she
shall be burnt with fire.
10 And *he that is* the high priest
among his brethren, upon whose head
the anointing oil was poured, and that
is consecrated to put on the garments,
shall not uncover his head, nor rend
his clothes;
11 Neither shall he go in to any
dead body, nor defile himself for his
father, or for his mother;
12 Neither shall he go out of the
sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary
of his God; for the crown of the anoint-
ing oil of his God *is* upon him: I *am* the
LORD.
13 And he shall take a wife in her
virginity.
14 A widow, or a divorced woman,
or profane, *or* an harlot, these shall he
not take: but he shall take a virgin of
his own people to wife.
15 Neither shall he profane his seed
among his people: for I the LORD do
sanctify him.
16 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
17 Speak unto Aaron, saying, Who-
soever *he be* of thy seed in their genera-
tions that hath *any* blemish, let him
not approach to offer the bread of his
God.
18 For whatsoever man *he be* that
hath a blemish, he shall not approach:
a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath
a flat nose, or any thing superfluous,
19 Or a man that is brokenfooted,
or brokenhanded,
20 Or crookbackt, or a dwarf, or
that hath a blemish in his eye, or be
scurvy, or scabbed, or hath his stones
broken;
21 No man that hath a blemish of
the seed of Aaron the priest shall come
nigh to offer the offerings of the LORD
made by fire: he hath a blemish; he
shall not come nigh to offer the bread
of his God.
22 He shall eat the bread of his God,
both of the most holy, and of the holy.
23 Only he shall not go in unto the
vail, nor come nigh unto the altar, be-
cause he hath a blemish; that he pro-
fane not my sanctuaries: for I the
LORD do sanctify them.
24 And Moses told *it* unto Aaron,
and to his sons, and unto all the chil-
dren of Israel.

CHAPTER 22

AND the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
2 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons,
that they separate themselves from
the holy things of the children of Is-

have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.
25 Ye shall do no servile work *therein:* but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.
26 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
27 Also on the tenth *day* of this seventh month *there shall be* a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.
28 And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it *is* a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.
29 For whatsoever soul *it be* that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.
30 And whatsoever soul *it be* that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.
31 Ye shall do no manner of work: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.
32 It *shall be* unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth *day* of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.
33 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the feast of tabernacles *for* seven days unto the LORD.
35 On the first day *shall be* an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work *therein.*
36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it *is* a solemn assembly; *and* ye shall do no servile work *therein.*
37 These *are* the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day:
38 Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.
39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day *shall be* a sabbath, and on the eighth day *shall be* a sabbath.
40 And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.
41 *And ye shall keep it a feast unto* the LORD seven days in the year. *It shall be* a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.
42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths:
43 That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.
44 And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD.

CHAPTER 24

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamps to burn continually.
3 Without the vail of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before the LORD continually: *it shall be* a statute for ever in your generations.
4 He shall order the lamps upon the pure candlestick before the LORD continually.
5 And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth deals shall be in one cake.
6 And thou shalt set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table before the LORD.
7 And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon *each* row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, *even* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.
8 Every sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, *being taken* from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant.

up; ye shall leave none of it until the
morrow: I *am* the LORD.
31 Therefore shall ye keep my com-
mandments, and do them: I *am* the
LORD.
32 Neither shall ye profane my holy
name; but I will be hallowed among
the children of Israel: I *am* the LORD
which hallow you,
33 That brought you out of the land
of Egypt, to be your God: I *am* the
LORD.

CHAPTER 23

AND the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel,
and say unto them, *Concerning* the
feasts of the LORD, which ye shall pro-
claim *to be* holy convocations, *even*
these *are* my feasts.
3 Six days shall work be done: but
the seventh day *is* the sabbath of rest,
an holy convocation; ye shall do no
work *therein*: it *is* the sabbath of the
LORD in all your dwellings.
4 These *are* the feasts of the LORD,
even holy convocations, which ye shall
proclaim in their seasons.
5 In the fourteenth *day* of the first
month at even *is* the LORD's passover.
6 And on the fifteenth day of the
same month *is* the feast of unleavened
bread unto the LORD: seven days ye
must eat unleavened bread.
7 In the first day ye shall have an
holy convocation: ye shall do no servile
work therein.
8 But ye shall offer an offering
made by fire unto the LORD seven
days: in the seventh day *is* an holy
convocation: ye shall do no servile
work *therein*.
9 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
10 Speak unto the children of Is-
rael, and say unto them, When ye be
come into the land which I give unto
you, and shall reap the harvest there-
of, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the
firstfruits of your harvest unto the
priest:
11 And he shall wave the sheaf be-
fore the LORD, to be accepted for you:
on the morrow after the sabbath the
priest shall wave it.
12 And ye shall offer that day when
ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without
blemish of the first year for a burnt
offering unto the LORD.
13 And the meat offering thereof
shall be two tenth deals of fine flour
mingled with oil, an offering made by
fire unto the LORD *for* a sweet savour:
and the drink offering thereof *shall be*
of wine, the fourth *part* of an hin.
14 And ye shall eat neither bread,
nor parched corn, nor green ears, until
the selfsame day that ye have brought
an offering unto your God: *it shall be* a
statute for ever throughout your gen-
erations in all your dwellings.
15 And ye shall count unto you
from the morrow after the sabbath,
from the day that ye brought the
sheaf of the wave offering; seven sab-
baths shall be complete:
16 Even unto the morrow after the
seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty
days; and ye shall offer a new meat
offering unto the LORD.
17 Ye shall bring out of your habi-
tations two wave loaves of two tenth
deals: they shall be of fine flour; they
shall be baken with leaven; *they are* the
firstfruits unto the LORD.
18 And ye shall offer with the bread
seven lambs without blemish of the
first year, and one young bullock, and
two rams: they shall be *for* a burnt of-
fering unto the LORD, with their meat
offering, and their drink offerings,
even an offering made by fire, of sweet
savour unto the LORD.
19 Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of
the goats for a sin offering, and two
lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of
peace offerings.
20 And the priest shall wave them
with the bread of the firstfruits *for* a
wave offering before the LORD, with
the two lambs: they shall be holy to
the LORD for the priest.
21 And ye shall proclaim on the
selfsame day, *that* it may be an holy
convocation unto you: ye shall do no
servile work *therein*: *it shall be* a statute
for ever in all your dwellings through-
out your generations.
22 And when ye reap the harvest of
your land, thou shalt not make clean
riddance of the corners of thy field
when thou reapest, neither shalt thou
gather any gleaning of thy harvest:
thou shalt leave them unto the poor,
and to the stranger: I *am* the LORD
your God.
23 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
24 Speak unto the children of Is-
rael, saying, In the seventh month, in
the first *day* of the month, shall ye

have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.

25 Ye shall do no servile work *therein:* but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

26 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

27 Also on the tenth *day* of this seventh month *there shall be* a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

28 And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it *is* a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.

29 For whatsoever soul *it be* that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.

30 And whatsoever soul *it be* that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.

31 Ye shall do no manner of work: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

32 It *shall be* unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth *day* of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

33 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the feast of tabernacles *for* seven days unto the LORD.

35 On the first day *shall be* an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it *is* a solemn assembly; *and* ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

37 These *are* the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day:

38 Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.

39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day *shall be* a sabbath, and on the eighth day *shall be* a sabbath.

40 And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.

41 And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. *It shall be* a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

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7 And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon *each* row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, *even* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

8 Every sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, *being taken* from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant.

9 And it shall be Aaron's and his sons'; and they shall eat it in the holy place: for it *is* most holy unto him of the offerings of the LORD made by fire by a perpetual statute.
10 And the son of an Israelitish woman, whose father *was* an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel: and this son of the Israelitish *woman* and a man of Israel strove together in the camp;
11 And the Israelitish woman's son blasphemed the name *of the LORD*, and cursed. And they brought him unto Moses: (and his mother's name *was* Shel'-o-mith, the daughter of Dib'-ri, of the tribe of Dan:)
12 And they put *him* in ward, that the mind of the LORD might be shewed them.
13 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
14 Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard *him* lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him.
15 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin.
16 And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, *and* all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name *of the LORD*, shall be put to death.
17 And he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death.
18 And he that killeth a beast shall make it good; beast for beast.
19 And if a man cause a blemish in his neighbour; as he hath done, so shall it be done to him;
20 Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him *again*.
21 And he that killeth a beast, he shall restore it: and he that killeth a man, he shall be put to death.
22 Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country: for I *am* the LORD your God.
23 And Moses spake to the children of Israel, that they should bring forth him that had cursed out of the camp, and stone him with stones. And the children of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 25

AND the LORD spake unto Moses in mount Si'-nai, saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD.
3 Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof;
4 But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.
5 That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: *for* it is a year of rest unto the land.
6 And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee,
7 And for thy cattle, and for the beast that *are* in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat.
8 And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years.
9 Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth *day* of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.
10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout *all* the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.
11 A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather *the grapes* in it of thy vine undressed.
12 For it *is* the jubile; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field.
13 In the year of this jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession.
14 And if thou sell ought unto thy neighbour, or buyest *ought* of thy neighbour's hand, ye shall not oppress one another:

15 According to the number of
years after the jubile thou shalt buy
of thy neighbour, *and* according unto
the number of years of the fruits he
shall sell unto thee:
16 According to the multitude of
years thou shalt increase the price
thereof, and according to the fewness
of years thou shalt diminish the price
of it: for *according* to the number *of the*
years of the fruits doth he sell unto
thee.
17 Ye shall not therefore oppress
one another; but thou shalt fear thy
God: for I *am* the LORD your God.
18 Wherefore ye shall do my stat-
utes, and keep my judgments, and do
them; and ye shall dwell in the land in
safety.
19 And the land shall yield her
fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and
dwell therein in safety.
20 And if ye shall say, What shall
we eat the seventh year? behold, we
shall not sow, nor gather in our in-
crease:
21 Then I will command my bless-
ing upon you in the sixth year, and it
shall bring forth fruit for three years.
22 And ye shall sow the eighth
year, and eat *yet* of old fruit until the
ninth year; until her fruits come in ye
shall eat *of* the old *store*.
23 The land shall not be sold for
ever: for the land *is* mine; for ye *are*
strangers and sojourners with me.
24 And in all the land of your pos-
session ye shall grant a redemption for
the land.
25 If thy brother be waxen poor,
and hath sold away *some* of his pos-
session, and if any of his kin come to
redeem it, then shall he redeem that
which his brother sold.
26 And if the man have none to re-
deem it, and himself be able to re-
deem it;
27 Then let him count the years of
the sale thereof, and restore the over-
plus unto the man to whom he sold it;
that he may return unto his posses-
sion.
28 But if he be not able to restore
it to him, then that which is sold shall
remain in the hand of him that hath
bought it until the year of jubile: and
in the jubile it shall go out, and he
shall return unto his possession.
29 And if a man sell a dwelling
house in a walled city, then he may re-
deem it within a whole year after it is
sold; *within* a full year may he redeem
it.
30 And if it be not redeemed within
the space of a full year, then the house
that *is* in the walled city shall be estab-
lished for ever to him that bought it
throughout his generations: it shall not
go out in the jubile.
31 But the houses of the villages
which have no wall round about them
shall be counted as the fields of the
country: they may be redeemed, and
they shall go out in the jubile.
32 Notwithstanding the cities of
the Levites, *and* the houses of the
cities of their possession, may the Le-
vites redeem at any time.
33 And if a man purchase of the Le-
vites, then the house that was sold,
and the city of his possession, shall go
out in *the year of* jubile: for the houses
of the cities of the Levites *are* their
possession among the children of Is-
rael.
34 But the field of the suburbs of
their cities may not be sold; for it *is*
their perpetual possession.
35 And if thy brother be waxen
poor, and fallen in decay with thee;
then thou shalt relieve him: *yea, though*
he be a stranger, or a sojourner; that he
may live with thee.
36 Take thou no usury of him, or
increase: but fear thy God; that thy
brother may live with thee.
37 Thou shalt not give him thy
money upon usury, nor lend him thy
victuals for increase.
38 I *am* the LORD your God, which
brought you forth out of the land of
Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan,
and to be your God.
39 And if thy brother *that dwelleth*
by thee be waxen poor, and be sold un-
to thee; thou shalt not compel him to
serve as a bondservant:
40 *But* as an hired servant, *and* as a
sojourner, he shall be with thee, *and*
shall serve thee unto the year of jubile:
41 And *then* shall he depart from
thee, *both* he and his children with him,
and shall return unto his own family,
and unto the possession of his fathers
shall he return.
42 For they *are* my servants, which
I brought forth out of the land of
Egypt: they shall not be sold as bond-
men.
43 Thou shalt not rule over him
with rigour; but shalt fear thy God.
44 Both thy

bondmaids, which thou shalt have, *shall be* of the heathen that are round about you; of them shall ye buy bondmen and bondmaids.

45 Moreover of the children of the strangers that do sojourn among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their families that *are* with you, which they begat in your land: and they shall be your possession.

46 And ye shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit *them for* a possession; they shall be your bondmen for ever: but over your brethren the children of Israel, ye shall not rule one over another with rigour.

47 And if a sojourner or stranger wax rich by thee, and thy brother *that dwelleth* by him wax poor, and sell himself unto the stranger *or* sojourner by thee, or to the stock of the stranger's family:

48 After that he is sold he may be redeemed again; one of his brethren may redeem him:

49 Either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or *any* that is nigh of kin unto him of his family may redeem him; or if he be able, he may redeem himself.

50 And he shall reckon with him that bought him from the year that he was sold to him unto the year of jubile: and the price of his sale shall be according unto the number of years, according to the time of an hired servant shall it be with him.

51 If *there be* yet many years *behind*, according unto them he shall give again the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for.

52 And if there remain but few years unto the year of jubile, then he shall count with him, *and* according unto his years shall he give him again the price of his redemption.

53 *And* as a yearly hired servant shall he be with him: *and the other* shall not rule with rigour over him in thy sight.

54 And if he be not redeemed in these *years*, then he shall go out in the year of jubile, *both* he, and his children with him.

55 For unto me the children of Israel *are* servants; they *are* my servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 26

YE shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up *any* image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I *am* the LORD your God.

2 Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I *am* the LORD.

3 If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

4 Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

5 And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

6 And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make *you* afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.

7 And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.

8 And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

9 For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

10 And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new.

11 And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you.

12 And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

13 I *am* the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen; and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright.

14 But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments;

15 And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my

commandments, *but* that ye break my covenant:

16 I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

17 And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.

18 And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.

19 And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass:

20 And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.

21 And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.

22 I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your *high* ways shall be desolate.

23 And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me;

24 Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.

25 And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of *my* covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

26 *And* when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver *you* your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.

27 And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me;

28 Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.

29 And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.

30 And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcases upon the carcases of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you.

31 And I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours.

32 And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.

33 And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.

34 Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye *be* in your enemies' land; *even* then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths.

35 As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it.

36 And upon them that are left *alive* of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth.

37 And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies.

38 And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.

39 And they that are left
shall pine away in *their* iniqu
your enemies' lands; and also
iniquities of their fathers shall
pine away with them.

40 If they shall confess their
quity, and the iniquity of their fath
with their trespass which they
passed against me, and that also th
have walked contrary unto me;

41 And *that* I also have walked co
trary unto them, and have broug
them into the land of their enemies;
then their uncircumcised hearts
humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity:

42 Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.

43 The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy her sabbat

while she lieth desolate without them:
and they shall accept of the punish-
ment of their iniquity: because, even
because they despised my judgments,
and because their soul abhorred my
statutes.
44 And yet for all that, when they
be in the land of their enemies, I will
not cast them away, neither will I ab-
hor them, to destroy them utterly, and
to break my covenant with them: for
I *am* the LORD their God.
45 But I will for their sakes remem-
ber the covenant of their ancestors
whom I brought forth out of the land of
Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that
I might be their God: I *am* the LORD.
46 These *are* the statutes and judg-
ments and laws, which the LORD made
between him and the children of Israel
in mount Si'-nai by the hand of Moses.

CHAPTER 27

AND the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel,
and say unto them, When a man shall
make a singular vow, the persons *shall
be* for the LORD by thy estimation.
3 And thy estimation shall be of the
male from twenty years old even unto
sixty years old, even thy estimation
shall be fifty shekels of silver, after the
shekel of the sanctuary.
4 And if it *be* a female, then thy es-
timation shall be thirty shekels.
5 And if *it* be from five years old
even unto twenty years old, then thy
estimation shall be of the male twenty
shekels, and for the female ten shekels.
6 And if *it be* from a month old even
unto five years old, then thy estima-
tion shall be of the male five shekels of
silver, and for the female thy estima-
tion *shall be* three shekels of silver.
7 And if *it be* from sixty years old
and above; if *it be* a male, then thy es-
timation shall be fifteen shekels, and
for the female ten shekels.
8 But if he be poorer than thy esti-
mation, then he shall present himself
before the priest, and the priest shall
value him; according to his ability that
vowed shall the priest value him.
9 And if *it be* a beast, whereof men
bring an offering unto the LORD, all
that *any man* giveth of such unto the
LORD shall be holy.
10 He shall not alter it, nor change
it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a
good: and if he shall at all change
beast for beast, then it and the ex-
change thereof shall be holy.
11 And if *it be* any unclean beast, of
which they do not offer a sacrifice unto
the LORD, then he shall present the
beast before the priest:
12 And the priest shall value it,
whether it be good or bad: as thou
valuest it, *who art* the priest, so shall
it be.
13 But if he will at all redeem it,
then he shall add a fifth *part* thereof
unto thy estimation.
14 And when a man shall sanctify
his house *to be* holy unto the LORD,
then the priest shall estimate it,
whether it be good or bad: as the priest
shall estimate it, so shall it stand.
15 And if he that sanctified it will
redeem his house, then he shall add
the fifth *part* of the money of thy es-
timation unto it, and it shall be his.
16 And if a man shall sanctify unto
the LORD *some part* of a field of his pos-
session, then thy estimation shall be
according to the seed thereof: an ho-
mer of barley seed *shall be valued* at
fifty shekels of silver.
17 If he sanctify his field from the
year of jubile, according to thy estima-
tion it shall stand.
18 But if he sanctify his field after
the jubile, then the priest shall reckon
unto him the money according to the
years that remain, even unto the year
of the jubile, and it shall be abated
from thy estimation.
19 And if he that sanctified the field
will in any wise redeem it, then he shall
add the fifth *part* of the money of thy
estimation unto it, and it shall be as-
sured to him.
20 And if he will not redeem the
field, or if he have sold the field to an-
other man, it shall not be redeemed
any more.
21 But the field, when it goeth out
in the jubile, shall be holy unto the
LORD, as a field devoted; the possession
thereof shall be the priest's.
22 And if *a man* sanctify unto the
LORD a field which he hath bought,
which *is* not of the fields of his posses-
sion;
23 Then the priest shall reckon unto
him the worth of thy estimation, *even*
unto the year of the jubile: and he
shall give thine estimation in that day,
as a holy thing unto the LORD.
24 In the year of the jubile the field
shall return unto him of whom it was

bought, *even* to him to whom the possession of the land *did belong.*

25 And all thy estimations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary: twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.

26 Only the firstling of the beasts, which should be the LORD'S firstling, no man shall sanctify it; whether *it be* ox, or sheep: it *is* the LORD'S.

27 And if *it be* of an unclean beast, then he shall redeem *it* according to thine estimation, and shall add a fifth *part* of it thereto: or if it be not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to thy estimation.

28 Notwithstanding no devoted thing, that a man shall devote unto the LORD of all that he hath, *both* of man and beast, and of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed: every devoted thing *is* most holy unto the LORD.

29 None devoted, which shall be devoted of men, shall be redeemed; *but* shall surely be put to death.

30 And all the tithe of the land, *whether* of the seed of the land, *or* of the fruit of the tree, *is* the LORD'S: *it is* holy unto the LORD.

31 And if a man will at all redeem *ought* of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth *part* thereof.

32 And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, *even* of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.

33 He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.

34 These *are* the commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses for the children of Israel in mount Si′-nai.

The Fourth Book of Moses, called Numbers

CHAPTER 1

AND the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Si′-nai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first *day* of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2 Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of *their* names, every male by their polls;

3 From twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel: thou and Aaron shall number them by their armies.

4 And with you there shall be a man of every tribe; every one head of the house of his fathers.

5 And these *are* the names of the men that shall stand with you: of *the tribe of* Reuben; E-li′-zur the son of Shed′-e-ur.

6 Of Simeon; She-lu′-mi-el the son of Zu-ri-shad′-da-i.

7 Of Judah; Nah′-shon the son of Am-min′-a-dab.

8 Of Is′-sa-char; Ne-than′-e-el the son of Zu′-ar.

9 Of Zeb′-u-lun; E-li′-ab the son of He′-lon.

10 Of the children of Joseph: of E′-phra-im; E-lish′-a-ma the son of Am-mi′-hud: of Ma-nas′-seh; Ga-ma′-li-el the son of Pe-dah′-zur.

11 Of Benjamin; Ab′-i-dan the son of Gid-e-o′-ni.

12 Of Dan; A-hi-e′-zer the son of Am-mi-shad′-da-i.

13 Of Asher; Pa′-gi-el the son of Oc′-ran.

14 Of Gad; E-li′-a-saph the son of Deu′-el.

15 Of Naph′-ta-li; A-hi′-ra the son of E′-nan.

16 These *were* the renowned of the congregation, princes of the tribes of their fathers, heads of thousands in Israel.

17 And Moses and Aaron took these men which are expressed by *their* names:

18 And they assembled all the congregation together on the first *day* of the second month, and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by their polls.

19 As the LORD commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the wilderness of Si′-nai.

20 And the children of Reuben, Israel's eldest son, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

21 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Reuben, *were* forty and six thousand and five hundred.

22 Of the children of Simeon, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, those that were numbered of them, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

23 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Simeon, *were* fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.

24 Of the children of Gad, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

25 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Gad, *were* forty and five thousand six hundred and fifty.

26 Of the children of Judah, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

27 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Judah, *were* threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred.

28 Of the children of Is′-sa-char, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

29 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Is′-sa-char, *were* fifty and four thousand and four hundred.

30 Of the children of Zeb′-u-lun, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

31 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Zeb′-u-lun, *were* fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.

32 Of the children of Joseph, *namely*, of the children of E′-phra-im, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

33 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of E′-phra-im, *were* forty thousand and five hundred.

34 Of the children of Ma-nas′-seh, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

35 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Ma-nas′-seh, *were* thirty and two thousand and two hundred.

36 Of the children of Benjamin, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

37 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Benjamin, *were* thirty and five thousand and four hundred.

38 Of the children of Dan, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

39 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Dan, *were* threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.

40 Of the children of Asher, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

41 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Asher, *were* forty and one thousand and five hundred.

42 Of the children of Naph′-ta-li, throughout their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and up-

ward, all that were able to go forth to war;

43 Those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Naph′-ta-li, *were* fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

44 These *are* those that were numbered, which Moses and Aaron numbered, and the princes of Israel, *being* twelve men: each one was for the house of his fathers.

45 So were all those that were numbered of the children of Israel, by the house of their fathers, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Israel;

46 Even all they that were numbered were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

47 But the Levites after the tribe of their fathers were not numbered among them.

48 For the LORD had spoken unto Moses, saying,

49 Only thou shalt not number the tribe of Levi, neither take the sum of them among the children of Israel:

50 But thou shalt appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of testimony, and over all the vessels thereof, and over all things that *belong* to it: they shall bear the tabernacle, and all the vessels thereof; and they shall minister unto it, and shall encamp round about the tabernacle.

51 And when the tabernacle setteth forward, the Levites shall take it down: and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

52 And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, throughout their hosts.

53 But the Levites shall pitch round about the tabernacle of testimony, that there be no wrath upon the congregation of the children of Israel: and the Levites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of testimony.

54 And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they.

CHAPTER 2

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

2 Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch.

3 And on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch throughout their armies: and Nah′-shon the son of Am-min′-a-dab *shall be* captain of the children of Judah.

4 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred.

5 And those that do pitch next unto him *shall be* the tribe of Is′-sa-char: and Ne-than′-e-el the son of Zu′-ar *shall be* captain of the children of Is′-sa-char.

6 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, *were* fifty and four thousand and four hundred.

7 *Then* the tribe of Zeb′-u-lun: and E-li′-ab the son of He′-lon *shall be* captain of the children of Zeb′-u-lun.

8 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, *were* fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.

9 All that were numbered in the camp of Judah *were* an hundred thousand and fourscore thousand and six thousand and four hundred, throughout their armies. These shall first set forth.

10 On the south side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Reuben according to their armies: and the captain of the children of Reuben *shall be* E-li′-zur the son of Shed′-e-ur.

11 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, *were* forty and six thousand and five hundred.

12 And those which pitch by him *shall be* the tribe of Simeon: and the captain of the children of Simeon *shall be* She-lu′-mi-el the son of Zu-ri-shad′-da-i.

13 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.

14 Then the tribe of Gad: and the captain of the sons of Gad *shall be* E-li′-a-saph the son of *Reu′-el.*

15 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* forty and five thousand and six hundred and fifty.

16 All that were numbered in the camp of Reuben *were* an hundred thousand and fifty and one thousand and four hundred and fifty, throughout their armies. And they shall set forth in the second rank.

17 Then the tabernacle of the con-

gregation shall set forward with the
camp of the Levites in the midst of the
camp: as they encamp, so shall they
set forward, every man in his place by
their standards.
18 On the west side *shall be* the
standard of the camp of E'-phra-im according to their armies: and the captain of the sons of E'-phra-im *shall be*
E-lish'-a-ma the son of Am-mi'-hud.
19 And his host, and those that
were numbered of them, *were* forty
thousand and five hundred.
20 And by him *shall be* the tribe of
Ma-nas'-seh: and the captain of the
children of Ma-nas'-seh *shall be* Ga-ma'-li-el the son of Pe-dah'-zur.
21 And his host, and those that
were numbered of them, *were* thirty
and two thousand and two hundred.
22 Then the tribe of Benjamin: and
the captain of the sons of Benjamin
shall be Ab'-i-dan the son of Gid-e-o'-ni.
23 And his host, and those that
were numbered of them, *were* thirty
and five thousand and four hundred.
24 All that were numbered of the
camp of E'-phra-im *were* an hundred
thousand and eight thousand and an
hundred, throughout their armies. And
they shall go forward in the third rank.
25 The standard of the camp of
Dan *shall be* on the north side by their
armies: and the captain of the children
of Dan *shall be* A-hi-e'-zer the son of
Am-mi-shad'-da-i.
26 And his host, and those that
were numbered of them, *were* threescore and two thousand and seven
hundred.
27 And those that encamp by him
shall be the tribe of Asher: and the captain of the children of Asher *shall be*
Pa'-gi-el the son of Oc'-ran.
28 And his host, and those that
were numbered of them, *were* forty and
one thousand and five hundred.
29 Then the tribe of Naph'-ta-li: and
the captain of the children of Naph'-ta-li *shall be* A-hi'-ra the son of E'-nan.
30 And his host, and those that
were numbered of them, *were* fifty and
three thousand and four hundred.
31 All they that were numbered in
the camp of Dan *were* an hundred
thousand and fifty and seven thousand
and six hundred. They shall go hindmost with their standards.
32 These *are* those which were numbered of the children of Israel by the
house of their fathers: all those that
were numbered of the camps throughout their hosts *were* six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.
33 But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel; as
the LORD commanded Moses.
34 And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses: so they pitched by
their standards, and so they set forward, every one after their families,
according to the house of their fathers.

CHAPTER 3

THESE also *are* the generations of
Aaron and Moses in the day *that*
the LORD spake with Moses in mount
Si'-nai.
2 And these *are* the names of the
sons of Aaron; Nadab the firstborn,
and A-bi'-hu, E-le-a'-zar, and Ith'-a-mar.
3 These *are* the names of the sons of
Aaron, the priests which were anointed, whom he consecrated to minister
in the priest's office.
4 And Nadab and A-bi'-hu died before the LORD, when they offered
strange fire before the LORD, in the
wilderness of Si'-nai, and they had no
children: and E-le-a'-zar and Ith'-a-mar
ministered in the priest's office in the
sight of Aaron their father.
5 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
6 Bring the tribe of Levi near, and
present them before Aaron the priest,
that they may minister unto him.
7 And they shall keep his charge,
and the charge of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do the service of the tabernacle.
8 And they shall keep all the instruments of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the children
of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle.
9 And thou shalt give the Levites
unto Aaron and to his sons: they *are*
wholly given unto him out of the children of Israel.
10 And thou shalt appoint Aaron
and his sons, and they shall wait on
their priest's office: and the stranger
that cometh nigh shall be put to death.
11 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
12 And I, behold, I have taken the
Levites from among the children of Is-

rael instead of all the firstborn that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel: therefore the Levites shall be mine;

13 Because all the firstborn *are* mine; *for* on the day that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I hallowed unto me all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast: mine shall they be: I *am* the LORD.

14 And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Si´-nai, saying,

15 Number the children of Levi after the house of their fathers, by their families: every male from a month old and upward shalt thou number them.

16 And Moses numbered them according to the word of the LORD, as he was commanded.

17 And these were the sons of Levi by their names; Ger´-shon, and Ko´-hath, and Me-ra´-ri.

18 And these *are* the names of the sons of Ger´-shon by their families; Lib´-ni, and Shim´-e-i.

19 And the sons of Ko´-hath by their families; Amram, and Iz´-e-har, Hebron, and Uz´-zi-el.

20 And the sons of Me-ra´-ri by their families; Mah´-li, and Mu´-shi. These *are* the families of the Levites according to the house of their fathers.

21 Of Ger´-shon *was* the family of the Lib´-nites, and the family of the Shim´-ites: these *are* the families of the Ger´-shon-ites.

22 Those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, *even* those that were numbered of them *were* seven thousand and five hundred.

23 The families of the Ger´-shon-ites shall pitch behind the tabernacle westward.

24 And the chief of the house of the father of the Ger´-shon-ites *shall be* E-li´-a-saph the son of La´-el.

25 And the charge of the sons of Ger´-shon in the tabernacle of the congregation *shall be* the tabernacle, and the tent, the covering thereof, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,

26 And the hangings of the court, and the curtain for the door of the court, which *is* by the tabernacle, and by the altar round about, and the cords of it for all the service thereof.

27 And of Ko´-hath *was* the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Iz´-e-har-ites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uz´-zi-el-ites: these *are* the families of the Ko´-hath-ites.

28 In the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, *were* eight thousand and six hundred, keeping the charge of the sanctuary.

29 The families of the sons of Ko´-hath shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle southward.

30 And the chief of the house of the father of the families of the Ko´-hath-ites *shall be* E-liz´-a-phan the son of Uz´-zi-el.

31 And their charge *shall be* the ark, and the table, and the candlestick, and the altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary wherewith they minister, and the hanging, and all the service thereof.

32 And E-le-a´-zar the son of Aaron the priest *shall be* chief over the chief of the Levites, *and have* the oversight of them that keep the charge of the sanctuary.

33 Of Me-ra´-ri *was* the family of the Mah´-lites, and the family of the Mu´-shites: these *are* the families of Me-ra´-ri.

34 And those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, *were* six thousand and two hundred.

35 And the chief of the house of the father of the families of Me-ra´-ri *was* Zu´-ri-el the son of Ab-i-ha´-il: *these* shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle northward.

36 And *under* the custody and charge of the sons of Me-ra´-ri *shall be* the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the sockets thereof, and all the vessels thereof, and all that serveth thereto,

37 And the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords.

38 But those that encamp before the tabernacle toward the east, *even* before the tabernacle of the congregation eastward, *shall be* Moses, and Aaron and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary for the charge of the children of Israel; and the stran[illegible] that cometh nigh shall be put to dea[illegible]

39 All that were numbered of [illegible] Levites, which Moses and Aaron n[illegible] bered at the commandm[illegible] LORD, throughout their[illegible]

one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation,
40 Even those that were numbered of them, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers, were two thousand and six hundred and thirty.
41 These *are* they that were numbered of the families of the sons of Ger'-shon, of all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation, whom Moses and Aaron did number according to the commandment of the LORD.
42 And those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Me-ra'-ri, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers,
43 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation,
44 Even those that were numbered of them after their families, were three thousand and two hundred.
45 These *be* those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Me-ra'-ri, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.
46 All those that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the chief of Israel numbered, after their families, and after the house of their fathers,
47 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that came to do the service of the ministry, and the service of the burden in the tabernacle of the congregation,
48 Even those that were numbered of them, were eight thousand and five hundred and fourscore.
49 According to the commandment of the LORD they were numbered by the hand of Moses, every one according to his service, and according to his burden: thus were they numbered of him, as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 5

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Command the children of Israel, that they put out of the camp every leper, and every one that hath an issue, and whosoever is defiled by the dead:
3 Both male and female shall ye put out, without the camp shall ye put them; that they defile not their camps, in the midst whereof I dwell.
4 And the children of Israel did so, and put them out without the camp: as the LORD spake unto Moses, so did the children of Israel.
5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
6 Speak unto the children of Israel, When a man or woman shall commit any sin that men commit, to do a trespass against the LORD, and that person be guilty;
7 Then they shall confess their sin which they have done: and he shall recompense his trespass with the principal thereof, and add unto it the fifth *part* thereof, and give *it* unto *him* against whom he hath trespassed.
8 But if the man have no kinsman to recompense the trespass unto, let the trespass be recompensed unto the LORD, *even* to the priest; beside the ram of the atonement, whereby an atonement shall be made for him.
9 And every offering of all the holy things of the children of Israel, which they bring unto the priest, shall be his.
10 And every man's hallowed things shall be his: whatsoever any man giveth the priest, it shall be his.
11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
12 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man's wife go aside, and commit a trespass against him,
13 And a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept close, and she be defiled, and *there be* no witness against her, neither she be taken *with the manner;*
14 And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and *she be not* defiled:
15 Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth *part* of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon; for it *is* an offering of jealousy, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance.
16 And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the LORD:
17 And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the

dust that is in the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put *it* into the water:

18 And the priest shall set the woman before the LORD, and uncover the woman's head, and put the offering of memorial in her hands, which *is* the jealousy offering: and the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that causeth the curse:

19 And the priest shall charge her by an oath, and say unto the woman, If no man have lain with thee, and if thou hast not gone aside to uncleanness *with another* instead of thy husband, be thou free from this bitter water that causeth the curse:

20 But if thou hast gone aside *to another* instead of thy husband, and if thou be defiled, and some man have lain with thee beside thine husband:

21 Then the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman, The LORD make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the LORD doth make thy thigh to rot, and thy belly to swell;

22 And this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, to make *thy* belly to swell, and *thy* thigh to rot: And the woman shall say, Amen, amen.

23 And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot *them* out with the bitter water:

24 And he shall cause the woman to drink the bitter water that causeth the curse: and the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, *and become* bitter.

25 Then the priest shall take the jealousy offering out of the woman's hand, and shall wave the offering before the LORD, and offer it upon the altar:

26 And the priest shall take an handful of the offering, *even* the memorial thereof, and burn *it* upon the altar, and afterward shall cause the woman to drink the water.

27 And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it shall come to pass, *that*, if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, *and become* bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot: and the woman shall be a curse among her people.

28 And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed.

29 This *is* the law of jealousies, when a wife goeth aside *to another* instead of her husband, and is defiled:

30 Or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon him, and he be jealous over his wife, and shall set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law.

31 Then shall the man be guiltless from iniquity, and this woman shall bear her iniquity.

CHAPTER 6

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall separate *themselves* to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to separate *themselves* unto the LORD:

3 He shall separate *himself* from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried.

4 All the days of his separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the vine tree, from the kernels even to the husk.

5 All the days of the vow of his separation there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in the which he separateth *himself* unto the LORD, he shall be holy, *and* shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow.

6 All the days that he separateth *himself* unto the LORD he shall come at no dead body.

7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die: because the consecration of his God *is* upon his head.

8 All the days of his separation he *is* holy unto the LORD.

9 And if any man die very suddenly by him, and he hath defiled the head of his consecration; then he shall shave his head in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day shall he shave it.

10 And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons, to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:

11 And the priest shall offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, and make an atone-

one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation,
40 Even those that were numbered of them, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers, were two thousand and six hundred and thirty.
41 These *are* they that were numbered of the families of the sons of Ger'-shon, of all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation, whom Moses and Aaron did number according to the commandment of the LORD.
42 And those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Me-ra'-ri, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers,
43 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation,
44 Even those that were numbered of them after their families, were three thousand and two hundred.
45 These *be* those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Me-ra'-ri, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.
46 All those that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the chief of Israel numbered, after their families, and after the house of their fathers,
47 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that came to do the service of the ministry, and the service of the burden in the tabernacle of the congregation,
48 Even those that were numbered of them, were eight thousand and five hundred and fourscore.
49 According to the commandment of the LORD they were numbered by the hand of Moses, every one according to his service, and according to his burden: thus were they numbered of him, as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 5

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Command the children of Israel, that they put out of the camp every leper, and every one that hath an issue, and whosoever is defiled by the dead:
3 Both male and female shall ye put out, without the camp shall ye put them; that they defile not their camps, in the midst whereof I dwell.
4 And the children of Israel did so, and put them out without the camp: as the LORD spake unto Moses, so did the children of Israel.
5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
6 Speak unto the children of Israel, When a man or woman shall commit any sin that men commit, to do a trespass against the LORD, and that person be guilty;
7 Then they shall confess their sin which they have done: and he shall recompense his trespass with the principal thereof, and add unto it the fifth *part* thereof, and give *it* unto *him* against whom he hath trespassed.
8 But if the man have no kinsman to recompense the trespass unto, let the trespass be recompensed unto the LORD, *even* to the priest; beside the ram of the atonement, whereby an atonement shall be made for him.
9 And every offering of all the holy things of the children of Israel, which they bring unto the priest, shall be his.
10 And every man's hallowed things shall be his: whatsoever any man giveth the priest, it shall be his.
11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
12 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man's wife go aside, and commit a trespass against him,
13 And a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept close, and she be defiled, and *there be* no witness against her, neither she be taken *with the manner;*
14 And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled:
15 Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth *part* of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon; for *it is* an offering of jealousy, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance.
16 And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the LORD:
17 And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the

dust that is in the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put *it* into the water:
18 And the priest shall set the woman before the LORD, and uncover the woman's head, and put the offering of memorial in her hands, which *is* the jealousy offering: and the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that causeth the curse:
19 And the priest shall charge her by an oath, and say unto the woman, If no man have lain with thee, and if thou hast not gone aside to uncleanness *with another* instead of thy husband, be thou free from this bitter water that causeth the curse:
20 But if thou hast gone aside *to another* instead of thy husband, and if thou be defiled, and some man have lain with thee beside thine husband:
21 Then the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman, The LORD make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the LORD doth make thy thigh to rot, and thy belly to swell;
22 And this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, to make *thy* belly to swell, and *thy* thigh to rot: And the woman shall say, Amen, amen.
23 And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot *them* out with the bitter water:
24 And he shall cause the woman to drink the bitter water that causeth the curse: and the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, *and become* bitter.
25 Then the priest shall take the jealousy offering out of the woman's hand, and shall wave the offering before the LORD, and offer it upon the altar:
26 And the priest shall take an handful of the offering, *even* the memorial thereof, and burn *it* upon the altar, and afterward shall cause the woman to drink the water.
27 And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it shall come to pass, *that*, if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, *and become* bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot: and the woman shall be a curse among her people.
28 And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed.
29 This *is* the law of jealousies, when a wife goeth aside *to another* instead of her husband, and is defiled:
30 Or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon him, and he be jealous over his wife, and shall set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law.
31 Then shall the man be guiltless from iniquity, and this woman shall bear her iniquity.

CHAPTER 6

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall separate *themselves* to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to separate *themselves* unto the LORD:
3 He shall separate *himself* from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried.
4 All the days of his separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the vine tree, from the kernels even to the husk.
5 All the days of the vow of his separation there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in the which he separateth *himself* unto the LORD, he shall be holy, *and* shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow.
6 All the days that he separateth *himself* unto the LORD he shall come at no dead body.
7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die: because the consecration of his God *is* upon his head.
8 All the days of his separation he *is* holy unto the LORD.
9 And if any man die very suddenly by him, and he hath defiled the head of his consecration; then he shall shave his head in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day shall he shave it.
10 And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons, to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:
11 And the priest shall offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, and make an atone-

ment for him, for that he sinned by the dead, and shall hallow his head that same day.

12 And he shall consecrate unto the LORD the days of his separation, and shall bring a lamb of the first year for a trespass offering: but the days that were before shall be lost, because his separation was defiled.

13 And this *is* the law of the Nazarite, when the days of his separation are fulfilled: he shall be brought unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:

14 And he shall offer his offering unto the LORD, one he lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt offering, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish for a sin offering, and one ram without blemish for peace offerings,

15 And a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and wafers of unleavened bread anointed with oil, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings.

16 And the priest shall bring *them* before the LORD, and shall offer his sin offering, and his burnt offering:

17 And he shall offer the ram *for* a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread: the priest shall offer also his meat offering, and his drink offering.

18 And the Nazarite shall shave the head of his separation *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put *it* in the fire which *is* under the sacrifice of the peace offerings.

19 And the priest shall take the sodden shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put *them* upon the hands of the Nazarite, after *the hair of* his separation is shaven:

20 And the priest shall wave them *for* a wave offering before the LORD: this *is* holy for the priest, with the wave breast and heave shoulder: and after that the Nazarite may drink wine.

21 This *is* the law of the Nazarite who hath vowed, *and of* his offering unto the LORD for his separation, beside *that* that his hand shall get: according to the vow which he vowed, so he must do after the law of his separation.

22 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them,

24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:

25 The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

27 And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

CHAPTER 7

AND it came to pass on the day that Moses had fully set up the tabernacle, and had anointed it, and sanctified it, and all the instruments thereof, both the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them, and sanctified them;

2 That the princes of Israel, heads of the house of their fathers, who *were* the princes of the tribes, and were over them that were numbered, offered:

3 And they brought their offering before the LORD, six covered wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they brought them before the tabernacle.

4 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

5 Take *it* of them, that they may be to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; and thou shalt give them unto the Levites, to every man according to his service.

6 And Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them unto the Levites.

7 Two wagons and four oxen he gave unto the sons of Ger´-shon, according to their service:

8 And four wagons and eight oxen he gave unto the sons of Me-ra´-ri, according unto their service, under the hand of Ith´-a-mar the son of Aaron the priest.

9 But unto the sons of Ko´-hath he gave none: because the service of the sanctuary belonging unto them *was that* they should bear upon their shoulders.

10 And the princes offered for dedicating of the altar in the day that it was anointed, even the princes offered their offering before the altar.

11 And the LORD said unto Moses, They shall offer their offering, each prince on his day, for the dedicating of the altar.

12 And he that offered his offering the first day was Nah'-shon the son of Am-min'-a-dab, of the tribe of Judah:

13 And his offering *was* one silver charger, the weight thereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them *were* full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

14 One spoon of ten *shekels* of gold, full of incense:

15 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

16 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:

17 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Nah'-shon the son of Am-min'-a-dab.

18 On the second day Ne-than'-e-el the son of Zu'-ar, prince of Is'-sa-char, did offer:

19 He offered *for* his offering one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

20 One spoon of gold of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

21 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

22 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:

23 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Ne-than'-e-el the son of Zu'-ar.

24 On the third day E-li'-ab the son of He'-lon, prince of the children of Zeb'-u-lun, *did offer:*

25 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

26 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

27 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

28 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:

29 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of E-li'-ab the son of He'-lon.

30 On the fourth day E-li'-zur the son of Shed'-e-ur, prince of the children of Reuben, *did offer:*

31 His offering *was* one silver charger of the weight of an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

32 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

33 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

34 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:

35 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of E-li'-zur the son of Shed'-e-ur.

36 On the fifth day She-lu'-mi-el the son of Zu-ri-shad'-da-i, prince of the children of Simeon, *did offer:*

37 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

38 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

39 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

40 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:

41 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of She-lu'-mi-el the son of Zu-ri-shad'-da-i.

42 On the sixth day E-li'-a-saph the son of Deu'-el, prince of the children of Gad, *offered:*

43 His offering *was* one silver charger of the weight of an hundred and thirty *shekels*, a silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

44 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:
45 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
46 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
47 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of E-li'-a-saph the son of Deu'-el.
48 On the seventh day E-lish'-a-ma the son of Am-mi'-hud, prince of the children of E'-phra-im, *offered:*
49 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
50 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:
51 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
52 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
53 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of E-lish'-a-ma the son of Ammi'-hud.
54 On the eighth day *offered* Ga-ma'-li-el the son of Pe-dah'-zur, prince of the children of Ma-nas'-seh:
55 His offering *was* one silver charger of the weight of an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
56 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:
57 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
58 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
59 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Ga-ma'-li-el the son of Pe-dah'-zur.
60 On the ninth day Ab'-i-dan the son of Gid-e-o'-ni, prince of the children of Benjamin, *offered:*
61 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
62 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:
63 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
64 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
65 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Ab'-i-dan the son of Gid-e-o'-ni.
66 On the tenth day A-hi-e'-zer the son of Am-mi-shad'-da-i, prince of the children of Dan, *offered:*
67 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
68 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:
69 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
70 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
71 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of A-hi-e'-zer the son of Ammi-shad'-da-i.
72 On the eleventh day Pa'-gi-el the son of Oc'-ran, prince of the children of Asher, *offered:*
73 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:
74 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:
75 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:
76 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:
77 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Pa'-gi-el the son of Oc'-ran.
78 On the twelfth day A-hi'-ra the

son of E'-nan, prince of the children of Naph'-ta-li, *offered:*

79 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels,* one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

80 One golden spoon of ten *shekels,* full of incense:

81 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

82 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:

83 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of A-hi'-ra the son of E'-nan.

84 This *was* the dedication of the altar, in the day when it was anointed, by the princes of Israel: twelve chargers of silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve spoons of gold:

85 Each charger of silver *weighing* an hundred and thirty *shekels,* each bowl seventy: all the silver vessels *weighed* two thousand and four hundred *shekels,* after the shekel of the sanctuary:

86 The golden spoons *were* twelve, full of incense, *weighing* ten *shekels* apiece, after the shekel of the sanctuary: all the gold of the spoons *was* an hundred and twenty *shekels.*

87 All the oxen for the burnt offering *were* twelve bullocks, the rams twelve, the lambs of the first year twelve, with their meat offering: and the kids of the goats for sin offering twelve.

88 And all the oxen for the sacrifice of the peace offerings *were* twenty and four bullocks, the rams sixty, the he goats sixty, the lambs of the first year sixty. This *was* the dedication of the altar, after that it was anointed.

89 And when Moses was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation to speak with him, then he heard the voice of one speaking unto him from off the mercy seat that *was* upon the ark of testimony, from between the two cherubims: and he spake unto him.

CHAPTER 8

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, *saying,*

2 Speak unto Aaron, and say unto him, When thou lightest the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light over against the candlestick.

3 And Aaron did so; he lighted the lamps thereof over against the candlestick, as the LORD commanded Moses.

4 And this work of the candlestick *was of* beaten gold, unto the shaft thereof, unto the flowers thereof, *was* beaten work: according unto the pattern which the LORD had shewed Moses, so he made the candlestick.

5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

6 Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and cleanse them.

7 And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them: Sprinkle water of purifying upon them, and let them shave all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and *so* make themselves clean.

8 Then let them take a young bullock with his meat offering, *even* fine flour mingled with oil, and another young bullock shalt thou take for a sin offering.

9 And thou shalt bring the Levites before the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt gather the whole assembly of the children of Israel together:

10 And thou shalt bring the Levites before the LORD: and the children of Israel shall put their hands upon the Levites:

11 And Aaron shall offer the Levites before the LORD *for* an offering of the children of Israel, that they may execute the service of the LORD.

12 And the Levites shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bullocks: and thou shalt offer the one *for* a sin offering, and the other *for* a burnt offering, unto the LORD, to make an atonement for the Levites.

13 And thou shalt set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them *for* an offering unto the LORD.

14 Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from among the children of Israel: and the Levites shall be mine.

15 And after that shall the Levites go in to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt cleanse them, and offer them *for* an offering.

16 For they *are* wholly given unto me from among the children of Israel; instead of such as open every womb,

even instead of the firstborn of all the
children of Israel, have I taken them
unto me.
17 For all the firstborn of the chil-
dren of Israel *are* mine, *both* man and
beast: on the day that I smote every
firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanc-
tified them for myself.
18 And I have taken the Levites for
all the firstborn of the children of Is-
rael.
19 And I have given the Levites *as*
a gift to Aaron and to his sons from
among the children of Israel, to do the
service of the children of Israel in the
tabernacle of the congregation, and to
make an atonement for the children of
Israel: that there be no plague among
the children of Israel, when the chil-
dren of Israel come nigh unto the sanc-
tuary.
20 And Moses, and Aaron, and all
the congregation of the children of Is-
rael, did to the Levites according unto
all that the LORD commanded Moses
concerning the Levites, so did the chil-
dren of Israel unto them.
21 And the Levites were purified,
and they washed their clothes; and
Aaron offered them *as* an offering be-
fore the LORD; and Aaron made an
atonement for them to cleanse them.
22 And after that went the Levites
in to do their service in the tabernacle
of the congregation before Aaron, and
before his sons: as the LORD had com-
manded Moses concerning the Levites,
so did they unto them.
23 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
24 This *is it* that *belongeth* unto the
Levites: from twenty and five years
old and upward they shall go in to
wait upon the service of the tabernacle
of the congregation:
25 And from the age of fifty years
they shall cease waiting upon the ser-
vice *thereof*, and shall serve no more:
26 But shall minister with their
brethren in the tabernacle of the con-
gregation, to keep the charge, and
shall do no service. Thus shalt thou
do unto the Levites touching their
charge.

CHAPTER 9

AND the LORD spake unto Moses in
the wilderness of Si'-nai, in the
first month of the second year after
they were come out of the land of
Egypt, saying,
2 Let the children of Israel also
keep the passover at his appointed
season.
3 In the fourteenth day of this
month, at even, ye shall keep it in his
appointed season: according to all the
rites of it, and according to all the cere-
monies thereof, shall ye keep it.
4 And Moses spake unto the chil-
dren of Israel, that they should keep
the passover.
5 And they kept the passover on the
fourteenth day of the first month at
even in the wilderness of Si'-nai: ac-
cording to all that the LORD com-
manded Moses, so did the children of
Israel.
6 And there were certain men, who
were defiled by the dead body of a
man, that they could not keep the
passover on that day: and they came
before Moses and before Aaron on that
day:
7 And those men said unto him, We
are defiled by the dead body of a man:
wherefore are we kept back, that we
may not offer an offering of the LORD
in his appointed season among the
children of Israel?
8 And Moses said unto them, Stand
still, and I will hear what the LORD
will command concerning you.
9 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
10 Speak unto the children of Is-
rael, saying, If any man of you or of
your posterity shall be unclean by rea-
son of a dead body, or *be* in a journey
afar off, yet he shall keep the passover
unto the LORD.
11 The fourteenth day of the second
month at even they shall keep it, *and*
eat it with unleavened bread and bit-
ter *herbs*.
12 They shall leave none of it unto
the morning, nor break any bone of it:
according to all the ordinances of the
passover they shall keep it.
13 But the man that *is* clean, and is
not in a journey, and forbeareth to
keep the passover, even the same soul
shall be cut off from among his people:
because he brought not the offering of
the LORD in his appointed season, that
man shall bear his sin.
14 And if a stranger shall sojourn
among you, and will keep the passover
unto the LORD; according to the ordi-
nance of the passover, and according
to the manner thereof, so shall he do:
ye shall have one ordinance, both for

the stranger, and for him that was born in the land.

15 And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle, *namely*, the tent of the testimony: and at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning.

16 So it was alway: the cloud covered it *by day*, and the appearance of fire by night.

17 And when the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, then after that the children of Israel journeyed: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel pitched their tents.

18 At the commandment of the LORD the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the LORD they pitched: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents.

19 And when the cloud tarried long upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the charge of the LORD, and journeyed not.

20 And *so* it was, when the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle; according to the commandment of the LORD they abode in their tents, and according to the commandment of the LORD they journeyed.

21 And *so* it was, when the cloud abode from even unto the morning, and *that* the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed: whether *it was* by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed.

22 Or *whether it were* two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Israel abode in their tents, and journeyed not: but when it was taken up, they journeyed.

23 At the commandment of the LORD they rested in the tents, and at the commandment of the LORD they journeyed: they kept the charge of the LORD, at the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

CHAPTER 10

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.

3 And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 And if they blow *but* with one *trumpet*, then the princes, *which are* heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee.

5 When ye blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go forward.

6 When ye blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys.

7 But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm.

8 And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you for an ordinance for ever throughout your generations.

9 And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.

10 Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I *am* the LORD your God.

11 And it came to pass on the twentieth *day* of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony.

12 And the children of Israel took their journeys out of the wilderness of Si'-nai: and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran.

13 And they first took their journey according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

14 In the first *place* went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah according to their armies: and over his host *was* Nah'-shon the son of Am-min'-a-dab.

15 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Is'-sa-char *was* Nethan'-e-el the son of Zu'-ar.

16 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Zeb'-u-lun *was* E-li'-ab the son of He'-lon.

17 And the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Ger'-shon and

the sons of Me-ra'-ri set forward, bearing the tabernacle.
18 And the standard of the camp of Reuben set forward according to their armies: and over his host *was* E-li'-zur the son of Shed'-e-ur.
19 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Simeon *was* She-lu'-mi-el the son of Zu-ri-shad'-da-i.
20 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Gad *was* E-li'-a-saph the son of Deu'-el.
21 And the Ko'-hath-ites set forward, bearing the sanctuary: and *the other* did set up the tabernacle against they came.
22 And the standard of the camp of the children of E'-phra-im set forward according to their armies: and over his host *was* Eli'-shama the son of Am-mi'-hud.
23 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Ma-nas'-seh *was* Ga-ma'-li-el the son of Pe-dah'-zur.
24 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Benjamin *was* Ab'-i-dan the son of Gid-e-o'-ni.
25 And the standard of the camp of the children of Dan set forward, *which was* the rereward of all the camps throughout their hosts: and over his host *was* A-hi-e'-zer the son of Am-mi-shad'-da-i.
26 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Asher *was* Pa'-gi-el the son of Oc'-ran.
27 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Naph'-ta-li *was* A-hi'-ra the son of E'-nan.
28 Thus *were* the journeyings of the children of Israel according to their armies, when they set forward.
29 And Moses said unto Ho'-bab, the son of Ra-gu'-el the Mid'-i-an-ite, Moses' father in law, We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the LORD hath spoken good concerning Israel.
30 And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred.
31 And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou mayest be to us instead of eyes.
32 And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall be, that what goodness the LORD shall do unto us, the same will we do unto thee.
33 And they departed from the mount of the LORD three days' journey: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them.
34 And the cloud of the LORD *was* upon them by day, when they went out of the camp.
35 And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee.
36 And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, unto the many thousands of Israel.

CHAPTER 11

AND *when* the people complained, it displeased the LORD: and the LORD heard *it*; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed *them that were* in the uttermost parts of the camp.
2 And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses prayed unto the LORD, the fire was quenched.
3 And he called the name of the place Tab'-e-rah: because the fire of the LORD burnt among them.
4 And the mixt multitude that *was* among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?
5 We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick:
6 But now our soul *is* dried away: *there is* nothing at all, beside this manna, *before* our eyes.
7 And the manna *was* as coriander seed, and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium.
8 *And* the people went about, and gathered *it*, and ground *it* in mills, or beat *it* in a mortar, and baked *it* in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil.
9 And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.
10 Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.
11 And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy ser-

vant? and wherefore have I not found
favour in thy sight, that thou layest
the burden of all this people upon me?
12 Have I conceived all this people?
have I begotten them, that thou
shouldest say unto me, Carry them in
thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth
the sucking child, unto the land which
thou swarest unto their fathers?
13 Whence should I have flesh to
give unto all this people? for they weep
unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that
we may eat.
14 I am not able to bear all this peo-
ple alone, because *it is* too heavy for
me.
15 And if thou deal thus with me,
kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I
have found favour in thy sight; and
let me not see my wretchedness.
16 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Gather unto me seventy men of the
elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to
be the elders of the people, and officers
over them; and bring them unto the
tabernacle of the congregation, that
they may stand there with thee.
17 And I will come down and talk
with thee there: and I will take of the
spirit which *is* upon thee, and will put
it upon them; and they shall bear the
burden of the people with thee, that
thou bear *it* not thyself alone.
18 And say thou unto the people,
Sanctify yourselves against to mor-
row, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have
wept in the ears of the LORD, saying,
Who shall give us flesh to eat? for *it*
was well with us in Egypt: therefore
the LORD will give you flesh, and ye
shall eat.
19 Ye shall not eat one day, nor two
days, nor five days, neither ten days,
nor twenty days;
20 *But* even a whole month, until it
come out at your nostrils, and it be
loathsome unto you: because that ye
have despised the LORD which *is*
among you, and have wept before him,
saying, Why came we forth out of
Egypt?
21 And Moses said, The people,
among whom I *am, are* six hundred
thousand footmen; and thou hast said,
I will give them flesh, that they may
eat a whole month.
22 Shall the flocks and the herds be
slain for them, to suffice them? or shall
all the fish of the sea be gathered to-
gether for them, to suffice them?
23 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Is the LORD's hand waxed short? thou
shalt see now whether my word shall
come to pass unto thee or not.
24 And Moses went out, and told
the people the words of the LORD, and
gathered the seventy men of the eld-
ers of the people, and set them round
about the tabernacle.
25 And the LORD came down in a
cloud, and spake unto him, and took
of the spirit that *was* upon him, and
gave *it* unto the seventy elders: and it
came to pass, *that,* when the spirit
rested upon them, they prophesied,
and did not cease.
26 But there remained two *of the*
men in the camp, the name of the one
was El′-dad, and the name of the other
Me′-dad: and the spirit rested upon
them; and they *were* of them that were
written, but went not out unto the
tabernacle: and they prophesied in the
camp.
27 And there ran a young man, and
told Moses, and said, El′-dad and Me′-
dad do prophesy in the camp.
28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the
servant of Moses, *one* of his young
men, answered and said, My lord Mo-
ses, forbid them.
29 And Moses said unto him, En-
viest thou for my sake? would God
that all the LORD's people were pro-
phets, *and* that the LORD would put
his spirit upon them!
30 And Moses gat him into the
camp, he and the elders of Israel.
31 And there went forth a wind
from the LORD, and brought quails
from the sea, and let *them* fall by the
camp, as it were a day's journey on
this side, and as it were a day's jour-
ney on the other side, round about the
camp, and as it were two cubits *high*
upon the face of the earth.
32 And the people stood up all that
day, and all *that* night, and all the next
day, and they gathered the quails: he
that gathered least gathered ten ho-
mers: and they spread *them* all abroad
for themselves round about the camp.
33 And while the flesh *was* yet be-
tween their teeth, ere it was chewed,
the wrath of the LORD was kindled
against the people, and the LORD
smote the people with a very great
plague.
34 And he called the name of that
place Kib′-roth–hat-ta′-a-vah: because
there they buried the people that
lusted.

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17 And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get you up this *way* southward, and go up into the mountain:

18 And see the land, what it *is*; and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they *be* strong or weak, few or many;

19 And what the land *is* that they dwell in, whether it *be* good or bad; and what cities *they be* that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strong holds;
20 And what the land *is*, whether it *be* fat or lean, whether there be wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time *was* the time of the firstripe grapes.
21 So they went up, and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Re'-hob, as men come to Ha'-math.
22 And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where A-hi'-man, She'-shai, and Tal'-mai, the children of Anak, *were*. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zo'-an in Egypt.)
23 And they came unto the brook of Esh'-col, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and *they brought* of the pomegranates, and of the figs.
24 The place was called the brook Esh'-col, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence.
25 And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.
26 And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Ka'-desh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.
27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this *is* the fruit of it.
28 Nevertheless the people *be* strong that dwell in the land, and the cities *are* walled, *and* very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.
29 The Am'-a-lek-ites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jeb'-u-sites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.
30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.
31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they *are* stronger than we.
32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, *is* a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it *are* men of a great stature.
33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, *which come* of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

CHAPTER 14

AND all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.
2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!
3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?
4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.
5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.
6 And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Je-phun'-neh, *which were* of them that searched the land, rent their clothes:
7 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, *is* an exceeding good land.
8 If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey.
9 Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they *are* bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD *is* with us: fear them not.
10 But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.
11 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere th

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LORD, and to stand before the congre-
gation to minister unto them?
10 And he hath brought thee near
to him, and all thy brethren the sons
of Levi with thee: and seek ye the
priesthood also?
11 For which cause *both* thou and
all thy company *are* gathered together
against the LORD: and what *is* Aaron,
that ye murmur against him?
12 And Moses sent to call Da'-than
and A-bi'-ram, the sons of E-li'-ab:
which said, We will not come up:
13 *Is it* a small thing that thou hast
brought us up out of a land that flow-
eth with milk and honey, to kill us in
the wilderness, except thou make thy-
self altogether a prince over us?
14 Moreover thou hast not brought
us into a land that floweth with milk
and honey, or given us inheritance of
fields and vineyards: wilt thou put out
the eyes of these men? we will not
come up.
15 And Moses was very wroth, and
said unto the LORD, Respect not thou
their offering: I have not taken one ass
from them, neither have I hurt one of
them.
16 And Moses said unto Korah, Be
thou and all thy company before the
LORD, thou, and they, and Aaron, to
morrow:
17 And take every man his censer,
and put incense in them, and bring ye
before the LORD every man his censer,
two hundred and fifty censers; thou
also, and Aaron, each *of you* his censer.
18 And they took every man his
censer, and put fire in them, and laid
incense thereon, and stood in the door
of the tabernacle of the congregation
with Moses and Aaron.
19 And Korah gathered all the con-
gregation against them unto the door
of the tabernacle of the congregation:
and the glory of the LORD appeared
unto all the congregation.
20 And the LORD spake unto Moses
and unto Aaron, saying,
21 Separate yourselves from among
this congregation, that I may consume
them in a moment.
22 And they fell upon their faces,
and said, O God, the God of the spirits
of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt
thou be wroth with all the congrega-
tion?
23 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
24 Speak unto the congregation,
saying, Get you up from about the
tabernacle of Korah, Da'-than, and
A-bi'-ram.
25 And Moses rose up and went un-
to Da'-than and A-bi'-ram; and the eld-
ers of Israel followed him.
26 And he spake unto the congrega-
tion, saying, Depart, I pray you, from
the tents of these wicked men, and
touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be con-
sumed in all their sins.
27 So they gat up from the taber-
nacle of Korah, Da'-than, and A-bi'-
ram, on every side: and Da'-than and
A-bi'-ram came out, and stood in the
door of their tents, and their wives,
and their sons, and their little children.
28 And Moses said, Hereby ye shall
know that the LORD hath sent me to
do all these works; for I *have* not *done
them* of mine own mind.
29 If these men die the common
death of all men, or if they be visited
after the visitation of all men; *then* the
LORD hath not sent me.
30 But if the LORD make a new
thing, and the earth open her mouth,
and swallow them up, with all that *ap-
pertain* unto them, and they go down
quick into the pit; then ye shall under-
stand that these men have provoked
the LORD.
31 And it came to pass, as he had
made an end of speaking all these
words, that the ground clave asunder
that *was* under them.
32 And the earth opened her mouth,
and swallowed them up, and their
houses, and all the men that *apper-
tained* unto Korah, and all *their* goods.
33 They, and all that *appertained* to
them, went down alive into the pit,
and the earth closed upon them: and
they perished from among the congre-
gation.
34 And all Israel that *were* round
about them fled at the cry of them: for
they said, Lest the earth swallow us up
also.
35 And there came out a fire from
the LORD, and consumed the two hun-
dred and fifty men that offered in-
cense.
36 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
37 Speak unto E-le-a'-zar the son of
Aaron the priest, that he take up the
censers out of the burning, and scatter
thou the fire yonder; for they are hal-
lowed.
38 The censers of these sinners

25 And the priest shall make an
atonement for all the congregation of
the children of Israel, and it shall be
forgiven them; for *it is* ignorance: and
they shall bring their offering, a sac-
rifice made by fire unto the LORD, and
their sin offering before the LORD, for
their ignorance:
26 And it shall be forgiven all the
congregation of the children of Israel,
and the stranger that sojourneth
among them; seeing all the people
were in ignorance.
27 And if any soul sin through igno-
rance, then he shall bring a she goat
of the first year for a sin offering.
28 And the priest shall make an
atonement for the soul that sinneth
ignorantly, when he sinneth by igno-
rance before the LORD, to make an
atonement for him; and it shall be for-
given him.
29 Ye shall have one law for him
that sinneth through ignorance, *both*
for him that is born among the chil-
dren of Israel, and for the stranger
that sojourneth among them.
30 But the soul that doeth *ought*
presumptuously, *whether he be* born in
the land, or a stranger, the same re-
proacheth the LORD; and that soul
shall be cut off from among his people.
31 Because he hath despised the
word of the LORD, and hath broken his
commandment, that soul shall utterly
be cut off; his iniquity *shall be* upon
him.
32 And while the children of Israel
were in the wilderness, they found a
man that gathered sticks upon the
sabbath day.
33 And they that found him gath-
ering sticks brought him unto Moses
and Aaron, and unto all the congrega-
tion.
34 And they put him in ward, be-
cause it was not declared what should
be done to him.
35 And the LORD said unto Moses,
The man shall be surely put to death:
all the congregation shall stone him
with stones without the camp.
36 And all the congregation brought
him without the camp, and stoned him
with stones, and he died; as the LORD
commanded Moses.
37 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
38 Speak unto the children of Is-
rael, and bid them that they make
them fringes in the borders of their
garments throughout their genera-
tions, and that they put upon the
fringe of the borders a ribband of blue:
39 And it shall be unto you for a
fringe, that ye may look upon it, and
remember all the commandments of
the LORD, and do them; and that ye
seek not after your own heart and your
own eyes, after which ye use to go a
whoring:
40 That ye may remember, and do
all my commandments, and be holy
unto your God.
41 I *am* the LORD your God, which
brought you out of the land of Egypt,
to be your God: I *am* the LORD your
God.

CHAPTER 16

NOW Korah, the son of Iz'-har, the
son of Ko'-hath, the son of Levi,
and Da'-than and A-bi'-ram, the sons
of E-li'-ab, and On, the son of Pe'-leth,
sons of Reuben, took *men*:
2 And they rose up before Moses,
with certain of the children of Israel,
two hundred and fifty princes of the
assembly, famous in the congregation,
men of renown:
3 And they gathered themselves to-
gether against Moses and against Aar-
on, and said unto them, *Ye take* too
much upon you, seeing all the congre-
gation *are* holy, every one of them, and
the LORD *is* among them: wherefore
then lift ye up yourselves above the
congregation of the LORD?
4 And when Moses heard *it* he fell
upon his face:
5 And he spake unto Korah and un-
to all his company, saying, Even to
morrow the LORD will shew who *are*
his, and *who is* holy; and will cause
him to come near unto him: even *him*
whom he hath chosen will he cause to
come near unto him.
6 This do; Take you censers, Korah,
and all his company;
7 And put fire therein, and put in-
cense in them before the LORD to mor-
row: and it shall be *that* the man whom
the LORD doth choose, he *shall be* holy:
ye take too much upon you, ye sons of
Levi.
8 And Moses said unto Korah,
Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi:
9 *Seemeth it* but a small thing unto
you, that the God of Israel hath sepa-
rated you from the congregation of Is-
rael, to bring you near to himself to do
the service of the tabernacle of the

against their own souls, let them make them broad plates *for* a covering of the altar: for they offered them before the LORD, therefore they are hallowed: and they shall be a sign unto the children of Israel.

39 And E-le-a'-zar the priest took the brasen censers, wherewith they that were burnt had offered; and they were made broad *plates for* a covering of the altar:

40 *To be* a memorial unto the children of Israel, that no stranger, which *is* not of the seed of Aaron, come near to offer incense before the LORD; that he be not as Korah, and as his company: as the LORD said to him by the hand of Moses.

41 But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the LORD.

42 And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared.

43 And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation.

44 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

45 Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces.

46 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the LORD; the plague is begun.

47 And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people.

48 And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed.

49 Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, beside them that died about the matter of Korah.

50 And Aaron returned unto Moses unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the plague was stayed.

CHAPTER 17

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod according to the house of *their* fathers, of all their princes according to the house of their fathers twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod.

3 And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi: for one rod *shall be* for the head of the house of their fathers.

4 And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony, where I will meet with you.

5 And it shall come to pass, *that* the man's rod, whom I shall choose, shall blossom: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Israel, whereby they murmur against you.

6 And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and every one of their princes gave him a rod apiece, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, *even* twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron *was* among their rods.

7 And Moses laid up the rods before the LORD in the tabernacle of witness.

8 And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.

9 And Moses brought out all the rods from before the LORD unto all the children of Israel: and they looked, and took every man his rod.

10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Bring Aaron's rod again before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the rebels; and thou shalt quite take away their murmurings from me, that they die not.

11 And Moses did *so*: as the LORD commanded him, so did he.

12 And the children of Israel spake unto Moses, saying, Behold, we die, we perish, we all perish.

13 Whosoever cometh any thing near unto the tabernacle of the LORD shall die: shall we be consumed with dying?

CHAPTER 18

AND the LORD said unto Aaron, Thou and thy sons and thy father's house with thee shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary: and thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood.

2 And thy brethren also of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of thy father, bring thou with thee, that they may be joined unto thee, and minister unto thee: but thou and thy sons with thee *shall minister* before the tabernacle of witness.

3 And they shall keep thy charge, and the charge of all the tabernacle: only they shall not come nigh the vessels of the sanctuary and the altar, that neither they, nor ye also, die.

4 And they shall be joined unto thee, and keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, for all the service of the tabernacle: and a stranger shall not come nigh unto you.

5 And ye shall keep the charge of the sanctuary, and the charge of the altar: that there be no wrath any more upon the children of Israel.

6 And I, behold, I have taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel: to you *they are* given *as* a gift for the LORD, to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

7 Therefore thou and thy sons with thee shall keep your priest's office for every thing of the altar, and within the vail; and ye shall serve: I have given your priest's office *unto you as* a service of gift: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

8 And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Behold, I also have given thee the charge of mine heave offerings of all the hallowed things of the children of Israel; unto thee have I given them by reason of the anointing, and to thy sons, by an ordinance for ever.

9 This shall be thine of the most holy things, *reserved* from the fire: every oblation of theirs, every meat offering of theirs, and every sin offering of theirs, and every trespass offering of theirs which they shall render unto me, *shall be* most holy for thee and for thy sons.

10 In the most holy *place* shalt thou eat it; every male shall eat it: it shall be holy unto thee.

11 And this *is* thine; the heave offering of their gift, with all the wave offerings of the children of Israel: I have given them unto thee, and to thy sons and to thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: every one that is clean in thy house shall eat of it.

12 All the best of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, the firstfruits of them which they shall offer unto the LORD, them have I given thee.

13 *And* whatsoever is first ripe in the land, which they shall bring unto the LORD, shall be thine; every one that is clean in thine house shall eat *of* it.

14 Every thing devoted in Israel shall be thine.

15 Every thing that openeth the matrix in all flesh, which they bring unto the LORD, *whether it be* of men or beasts, shall be thine: nevertheless the firstborn of man shalt thou surely redeem, and the firstling of unclean beasts shalt thou redeem.

16 And those that are to be redeemed from a month old shalt thou redeem, according to thine estimation, for the money of five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, which *is* twenty gerahs.

17 But the firstling of a cow, or the firstling of a sheep, or the firstling of a goat, thou shalt not redeem; they *are* holy: thou shalt sprinkle their blood upon the altar, and shalt burn their fat *for* an offering made by fire, for a sweet savour unto the LORD.

18 And the flesh of them shall be thine, as the wave breast and as the right shoulder are thine.

19 All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer unto the LORD, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: it *is* a covenant of salt for ever before the LORD unto thee and to thy seed with thee.

20 And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: I *am* thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.

21 And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, *even* the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22 Neither must the children of Israel henceforth come nigh the taber-

nacle of the congregation, lest they bear sin, and die.

23 But the Levites shall do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they shall bear their iniquity: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they have no inheritance.

24 But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer *as* an heave offering unto the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

25 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

26 Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the LORD, *even* a tenth *part* of the tithe.

27 And *this* your heave offering shall be reckoned unto you, as though *it were* the corn of the threshingfloor, and as the fulness of the winepress.

28 Thus ye also shall offer an heave offering unto the LORD of all your tithes, which ye receive of the children of Israel; and ye shall give thereof the LORD'S heave offering to Aaron the priest.

29 Out of all your gifts ye shall offer every heave offering of the LORD, of all the best thereof, *even* the hallowed part thereof out of it.

30 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, When ye have heaved the best thereof from it, then it shall be counted unto the Levites as the increase of the threshingfloor, and as the increase of the winepress.

31 And ye shall eat it in every place, ye and your households: for it *is* your reward for your service in the tabernacle of the congregation.

32 And ye shall bear no sin by reason of it, when ye have heaved from it the best of it: neither shall ye pollute the holy things of the children of Israel, lest ye die.

CHAPTER 19

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

2 This *is* the ordinance of the law which the LORD hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a red heifer without spot, wherein *is* no blemish, *and* upon which never came yoke:

3 And ye shall give her unto E-le-a-zar the priest, that he may bring her forth without the camp, and *one* shall slay her before his face:

4 And E-le-a-zar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood directly before the tabernacle of the congregation seven times:

5 And *one* shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn:

6 And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast *it* into the midst of the burning of the heifer.

7 Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the even.

8 And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even.

9 And a man *that is* clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay *them* up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of separation: it *is* a purification for sin.

10 And he that gathereth the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: and it shall be unto the children of Israel, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever.

11 He that toucheth the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days.

12 He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean.

13 Whosoever toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and purifieth not himself, defileth the tabernacle of the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness *is* yet upon him.

14 This *is* the law, when a man dieth in a tent: all that come into the

tent, and all that *is* in the tent, shall be
unclean seven days.
15 And every open vessel, which
hath no covering bound upon it, *is* un-
clean.
16 And whosoever toucheth one
that is slain with a sword in the open
fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a
man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven
days.
17 And for an unclean *person* they
shall take of the ashes of the burnt
heifer of purification for sin, and run-
ning water shall be put thereto in a
vessel:
18 And a clean person shall take
hyssop, and dip *it* in the water, and
sprinkle *it* upon the tent, and upon all
the vessels, and upon the persons that
were there, and upon him that touched
a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a
grave:
19 And the clean *person* shall sprin-
kle upon the unclean on the third day,
and on the seventh day: and on the
seventh day he shall purify himself,
and wash his clothes, and bathe him-
self in water, and shall be clean at
even.
20 But the man that shall be un-
clean, and shall not purify himself,
that soul shall be cut off from among
the congregation, because he hath
defiled the sanctuary of the LORD:
the water of separation hath not
been sprinkled upon him; he *is* un-
clean.
21 And it shall be a perpetual stat-
ute unto them, that he that sprinkleth
the water of separation shall wash his
clothes; and he that toucheth the wa-
ter of separation shall be unclean until
even.
22 And whatsoever the unclean *per-
son* toucheth shall be unclean; and the
soul that toucheth *it* shall be unclean
until even.

CHAPTER 20

THEN came the children of Israel,
even the whole congregation, into
the desert of Zin in the first month:
and the people abode in Ka'-desh; and
Miriam died there, and was buried
there.
2 And there was no water for the
congregation: and they gathered them-
selves together against Moses and
against Aaron.
3 And the people chode with Moses,
and spake, saying, Would God that we
had died when our brethren died be-
fore the LORD!
4 And why have ye brought up the
congregation of the LORD into this
wilderness, that we and our cattle
should die there?
5 And wherefore have ye made us
to come up out of Egypt, to bring us
in unto this evil place? *it is* no place of
seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pome-
granates; neither *is* there any water to
drink.
6 And Moses and Aaron went from
the presence of the assembly unto the
door of the tabernacle of the congrega-
tion, and they fell upon their faces:
and the glory of the LORD appeared
unto them.
7 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
8 Take the rod, and gather thou the
assembly together, thou, and Aaron
thy brother, and speak ye unto the
rock before their eyes; and it shall give
forth his water, and thou shalt bring
forth to them water out of the rock: so
thou shalt give the congregation and
their beasts drink.
9 And Moses took the rod from be-
fore the LORD, as he commanded him.
10 And Moses and Aaron gathered
the congregation together before the
rock, and he said unto them, Hear
now, ye rebels; must we fetch you wa-
ter out of this rock?
11 And Moses lifted up his hand,
and with his rod he smote the rock
twice: and the water came out abun-
dantly, and the congregation drank,
and their beasts *also*.
12 And the LORD spake unto Moses
and Aaron, Because ye believed me
not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the
children of Israel, therefore ye shall
not bring this congregation into the
land which I have given them.
13 This *is* the water of Mer'-i-bah;
because the children of Israel strove
with the LORD, and he was sanctified
in them.
14 And Moses sent messengers from
Ka'-desh unto the king of Edom, Thus
saith thy brother Israel, Thou know-
est all the travail that hath befallen
us:
15 How our fathers went down into
Egypt, and we have dwelt in Egypt a
long time; and the Egyptians vexed us,
and our fathers:
16 And when we cried unto the
LORD, he heard our voice

angel, and hath brought us forth out of Egypt: and, behold, we *are* in Ka'-desh, a city in the uttermost of thy border:
17 Let us pass, I pray thee, through thy country: we will not pass through the fields, or through the vineyards, neither will we drink *of* the water of the wells: we will go by the king's *high* way, we will not turn to the right hand nor to the left, until we have passed thy borders.
18 And Edom said unto him, Thou shalt not pass by me, lest I come out against thee with the sword.
19 And the children of Israel said unto him, We will go by the high way: and if I and my cattle drink of thy water, then I will pay for it: I will only, without *doing* anything *else*, go through on my feet.
20 And he said, Thou shalt not go through. And Edom came out against him with much people, and with a strong hand.
21 Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border: wherefore Israel turned away from him.
22 And the children of Israel, *even* the whole congregation, journeyed from Ka'-desh, and came unto mount Hor.
23 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in mount Hor, by the coast of the land of Edom, saying,
24 Aaron shall be gathered unto his people: for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye rebelled against my word at the water of Mer'-i-bah.
25 Take Aaron and E-le-a'-zar *his* son, and bring them up unto mount Hor:
26 And strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon E-le-a'-zar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered *unto his people*, and shall die there.
27 And Moses did as the LORD commanded: and they went up into mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.
28 And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon E-le-a'-zar his son; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and E-le-a'-zar came down from the mount.
29 And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for Aaron thirty days, *even* all the house of Israel.

CHAPTER 21

AND *when* king A'-rad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the south, heard tell that Israel came by the way of the spies; then he fought against Israel, and took *some* of them prisoners.
2 And Israel vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.
3 And the LORD hearkened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities: and he called the name of the place Hor'-mah.
4 And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.
5 And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for *there is* no bread, neither *is there any* water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.
6 And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.
7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.
8 And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.
9 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.
10 And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in O'-both.
11 And they journeyed from O'-both, and pitched at Ij'-e-ab'-a-rim, in the wilderness which *is* before Moab, toward the sunrising.
12 From thence they removed, and pitched in the valley of Za'-red.
13 From thence they removed, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, which *is* in the wilderness that cometh out of the coasts of the Amorites: for Arnon *is* the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.
14 Wherefore it is said in the book

of the wars of the LORD, What he did
in the Red sea, and in the brooks of
Arnon,
15 And at the stream of the brooks
that goeth down to the dwelling of Ar,
and lieth upon the border of Moab.
16 And from thence *they went* to
Beer: that *is* the well whereof the
LORD spake unto Moses, Gather the
people together, and I will give them
water.
17 Then Israel sang this song,
Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it:
18 The princes digged the well, the
nobles of the people digged it, by *the
direction of* the lawgiver, with their
staves. And from the wilderness *they
went* to Mat'-ta-nah:
19 And from Mat'-ta-nah to Na-ha'-
li-el: and from Na-ha'-li-el to Ba'-moth:
20 And from Ba'-moth *in* the valley,
that *is* in the country of Moab, to the
top of Pis'-gah, which looketh toward
Jesh'-i-mon.
21 And Israel sent messengers unto
Sihon king of the Amorites, saying,
22 Let me pass through thy land:
we will not turn into the fields, or into
the vineyards; we will not drink *of* the
waters of the well: *but* we will go along
by the king's *high* way, until we be
past thy borders.
23 And Sihon would not suffer Is-
rael to pass through his border: but
Sihon gathered all his people together,
and went out against Israel into the
wilderness: and he came to Ja'-haz, and
fought against Israel.
24 And Israel smote him with the
edge of the sword, and possessed his
land from Arnon unto Jabbok, even
unto the children of Ammon: for the
border of the children of Ammon *was*
strong.
25 And Israel took all these cities:
and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the
Amorites, in Hesh'-bon, and in all the
villages thereof.
26 For Hesh'-bon *was* the city of
Sihon the king of the Amorites, who
had fought against the former king of
Moab, and taken all his land out of his
hand, even unto Arnon.
27 Wherefore they that speak in
proverbs say, Come into Hesh'-bon, let
the city of Sihon be built and pre-
pared:
28 For there is a fire gone out of
Hesh'-bon, a flame from the city of Si-
hon: it hath consumed Ar of Moab, *and*
the lords of the high places of Arnon.
29 Woe to thee, Moab! thou art un-
done, O people of Che'-mosh: he hath
given his sons that escaped, and his
daughters, into captivity unto Sihon
king of the Amorites.
30 We have shot at them; Hesh'-bon
is perished even unto Di'-bon, and we
have laid them waste even unto No'-
phah, which *reacheth* unto Med'-e-ba.
31 Thus Israel dwelt in the land of
the Amorites.
32 And Moses sent to spy out Ja-a'-
zer, and they took the villages thereof,
and drove out the Amorites that *were*
there.
33 And they turned and went up by
the way of Ba'-shan: and Og the king
of Ba'-shan went out against them, he,
and all his people, to the battle at
Ed'-re-i.
34 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Fear him not: for I have delivered him
into thy hand, and all his people, and
his land; and thou shalt do to him as
thou didst unto Sihon king of the
Amorites, which dwelt at Hesh'-bon.
35 So they smote him, and his sons,
and all his people, until there was none
left him alive: and they possessed his
land.

CHAPTER 22

AND the children of Israel set for-
ward, and pitched in the plains of
Moab on this side Jordan *by* Jericho.
2 And Balak the son of Zippor saw
all that Israel had done to the Amo-
rites.
3 And Moab was sore afraid of the
people, because they *were* many: and
Moab was distressed because of the
children of Israel.
4 And Moab said unto the elders of
Mid'-i-an, Now shall this company lick
up all *that are* round about us, as the
ox licketh up the grass of the field.
And Balak the son of Zippor *was* king
of the Moabites at that time.
5 He sent messengers therefore unto
Ba'-laam the son of Be'-or to Pe'-thor,
which *is* by the river of the land
of the children of his people, to call
him, saying, Behold, there is a people
come out from Egypt: behold, they
cover the face of the earth, and they
abide over against me:
6 Come now therefore, I pray thee,
curse me this people; for they *are* too
mighty for me: peradventure I shall
prevail, *that* we may smite them, and
that I may drive them out of the land:

for I wot that he whom thou blessest *is* blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed.

7 And the elders of Moab and the elders of Mid'-i-an departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Ba'-laam, and spake unto him the words of Balak.

8 And he said unto them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as the LORD shall speak unto me: and the princes of Moab abode with Ba'-laam.

9 And God came unto Ba'-laam, and said, What men *are* these with thee?

10 And Ba'-laam said unto God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath sent unto me, *saying*,

11 Behold, *there is* a people come out of Egypt, which covereth the face of the earth: come now, curse me them; peradventure I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.

12 And God said unto Ba'-laam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they *are* blessed.

13 And Ba'-laam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land: for the LORD refuseth to give me leave to go with you.

14 And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Ba'-laam refuseth to come with us.

15 And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honourable than they.

16 And they came to Ba'-laam, and said to him, Thus saith Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me:

17 For I will promote thee unto very great honour, and I will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people.

18 And Ba'-laam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more.

19 Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the LORD will say unto me more.

20 And God came unto Ba'-laam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, *and* go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do.

21 And Ba'-laam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.

22 And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants *were* with him.

23 And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Ba'-laam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.

24 But the angel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall *being* on this side, and a wall on that side.

25 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Ba'-laam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again.

26 And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place, where *was* no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.

27 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Ba'-laam: and Ba'-laam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.

28 And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Ba'-laam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?

29 And Ba'-laam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee.

30 And the ass said unto Ba'-laam, *Am* not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I *was* thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay.

31 Then the LORD opened the eyes of Ba'-laam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.

32 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because *thy* way is perverse before me:

33 And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive.

34 And Ba'-laam said unto the angel of the LORD, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again.

35 And the angel of the LORD said unto Ba'-laam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Ba'-laam went with the princes of Balak.

36 And when Balak heard that Ba'-laam was come, he went out to meet him unto a city of Moab, which *is* in the border of Arnon, which *is* in the utmost coast.

37 And Balak said unto Ba'-laam, Did I not earnestly send unto thee to call thee? wherefore camest thou not unto me? am I not able indeed to promote thee to honour?

38 And Ba'-laam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.

39 And Ba'-laam went with Balak, and they came unto Kir'-jath–hu'-zoth.

40 And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Ba'-laam, and to the princes that *were* with him.

41 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Ba'-laam, and brought him up into the high places of Ba'-al, that thence he might see the utmost *part* of the people.

CHAPTER 23

AND Ba'-laam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams.

2 And Balak did as Ba'-laam had spoken; and Balak and Ba'-laam offered on *every* altar a bullock and a ram.

3 And Ba'-laam said unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt offering, and I will go: peradventure the LORD will come to meet me: and whatsoever he sheweth me I will tell thee. And he went to an high place.

4 And God met Ba'-laam: and he said unto him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon *every* altar a bullock and a ram.

5 And the LORD put a word in Ba'-laam's mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak.

6 And he returned unto him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt sacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab.

7 And he took up his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from A'-ram, out of the mountains of the east, *saying*, Come, curse me Jacob, and come, defy Israel.

8 How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, *whom* the LORD hath not defied?

9 For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.

10 Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth *part* of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!

11 And Balak said unto Ba'-laam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed *them* altogether.

12 And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the LORD hath put in my mouth?

13 And Balak said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place, from whence thou mayest see them: thou shalt see but the utmost part of them, and shalt not see them all: and curse me them from thence.

14 And he brought him into the field of Zo'-phim, to the top of Pis'-gah, and built seven altars, and offered a bullock and a ram on *every* altar.

15 And he said unto Balak, Stand here by thy burnt offering, while I meet *the LORD* yonder.

16 And the LORD met Ba'-laam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again unto Balak, and say thus.

17 And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said unto him, What hath the LORD spoken?

18 And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor:

19 God *is* not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it*? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

20 Behold, I have received *commandment* to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.

21 He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the LORD his God *is* with him, and the shout of a king *is* among them.

22 God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn.

23 Surely *there is* no enchantment against Jacob, neither *is there* any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!

24 Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he eat *of* the prey, and drink the blood of the slain.

25 And Balak said unto Ba'-laam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all.

26 But Ba'-laam answered and said unto Balak, Told not I thee, saying, All that the LORD speaketh, that I must do?

27 And Balak said unto Ba'-laam, Come, I pray thee, I will bring thee unto another place; peradventure it will please God that thou mayest curse me them from thence.

28 And Balak brought Ba'-laam unto the top of Pe'-or, that looketh toward Jesh'-i-mon.

29 And Ba'-laam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams.

30 And Balak did as Ba'-laam had said, and offered a bullock and a ram on *every* altar.

CHAPTER 24

AND when Ba'-laam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness.

2 And Ba'-laam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding *in his tents* according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him.

3 And he took up his parable, and said, Ba'-laam the son of Be'-or hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:

4 He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling *into a trance*, but having his eyes open:

5 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, *and* thy tabernacles, O Israel!

6 As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lign aloes which the LORD hath planted, *and* as cedar trees beside the waters.

7 He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed *shall be* in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.

8 God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce *them* through with his arrows.

9 He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed *is* he that blesseth thee, and cursed *is* he that curseth thee.

10 And Balak's anger was kindled against Ba'-laam, and he smote his hands together: and Balak said unto Ba'-laam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed *them* these three times.

11 Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto great honour; but, lo, the LORD hath kept thee back from honour.

12 And Ba'-laam said unto Balak, Spake I not also to thy messengers which thou sentest unto me, saying,

13 If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do *either* good or bad of mine own mind; *but* what the LORD saith, that will I speak?

14 And now, behold, I go unto my people: come *therefore, and* I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days.

15 And he took up his parable, and said, Ba'-laam the son of Be'-or hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:

16 He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, *which* saw the vision of the Almighty, falling *into a trance*, but having his eyes open:

17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

18 And Edom shall be a possession, Se'-ir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly.

19 Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.

20 And when he looked on Am'-a-

lek, he took up his parable, and said,
Am'-a-lek *was* the first of the nations;
but his latter end *shall be* that he perish for ever.
21 And he looked on the Ken'-ites,
and took up his parable, and said,
Strong is thy dwellingplace, and thou
puttest thy nest in a rock.
22 Nevertheless the Ken'-ite shall
be wasted, until Asshur shall carry
thee away captive.
23 And he took up his parable, and
said, Alas, who shall live when God
doeth this!
24 And ships *shall come* from the
coast of Chittim, and shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict E'-ber, and he
also shall perish for ever.
25 And Ba'-laam rose up, and went
and returned to his place: and Balak
also went his way.

CHAPTER 25

AND Israel abode in Shit'-tim, and
the people began to commit
whoredom with the daughters of
Moab.
2 And they called the people unto
the sacrifices of their gods: and the
people did eat, and bowed down to
their gods.
3 And Israel joined *himself* unto
Ba'-al-pe'-or: and the anger of the
LORD was kindled against Israel.
4 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Take all the heads of the people, and
hang them up before the LORD against
the sun, that the fierce anger of the
LORD may be turned away from Israel.
5 And Moses said unto the judges of
Israel, Slay ye every one his men that
were joined unto Ba'-al-pe'-or.
6 And, behold, one of the children
of Israel came and brought unto his
brethren a Mid'-i-an-it-ish woman in
the sight of Moses, and in the sight of
all the congregation of the children of
Israel, who *were* weeping *before* the
door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
7 And when Phin'-e-has, the son of
E-le-a'-zar, the son of Aaron the priest,
saw *it*, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his
hand;
8 And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of
them through, the man of Israel, and
the woman through her belly. So the
plague was stayed from the children of
Israel.
9 And those that died in the plague
were twenty and four thousand.
10 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
11 Phin'-e-has, the son of E-le-a'-zar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath
turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for
my sake among them, that I consumed
not the children of Israel in my jealousy.
12 Wherefore say, Behold, I give
unto him my covenant of peace:
13 And he shall have it, and his
seed after him, *even* the covenant of an
everlasting priesthood; because he was
zealous for his God, and made an
atonement for the children of Israel.
14 Now the name of the Israelite
that was slain, *even* that was slain
with the Mid'-i-an-it-ish woman, *was*
Zimri, the son of Sa'-lu, a prince of a
chief house among the Simeonites.
15 And the name of the Mid'-i-an-itish woman that was slain *was* Coz'-bi,
the daughter of Zur; he *was* head over
a people, *and* of a chief house in Mid'-i-an.
16 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
17 Vex the Mid'-i-an-ites, and smite
them:
18 For they vex you with their
wiles, wherewith they have beguiled
you in the matter of Pe'-or, and in the
matter of Coz'-bi, the daughter of a
prince of Mid'-i-an, their sister, which
was slain in the day of the plague for
Pe'-or's sake.

CHAPTER 26

AND it came to pass after the plague,
that the LORD spake unto Moses
and unto E-le-a'-zar the son of Aaron
the priest, saying,
2 Take the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, from
twenty years old and upward, throughout their fathers' house, all that are
able to go to war in Israel.
3 And Moses and E-le-a'-zar the
priest spake with them in the plains of
Moab by Jordan *near* Jericho, saying,
4 *Take the sum of the people*, from
twenty years old and upward; as the
LORD commanded Moses and the children of Israel, which went forth out of
the land of Egypt.
5 Reuben, the eldest son of Israel:
the children of Reuben; Ha'-noch, *of*
whom come

noch-ites: of Pal´-lu, the family of the
Pal´-lu-ites:
6 Of Hez´-ron, the family of the
Hez´-ron-ites: of Car´-mi, the family of
the Car´-mites.
7 These *are* the families of the Reu-
benites: and they that were numbered
of them were forty and three thousand
and seven hundred and thirty.
8 And the sons of Pal´-lu; E-li´-ab.
9 And the sons of E-li´-ab; Ne-mu´-
el, and Da´-than, and A-bi´-ram. This *is*
that Da´-than and A-bi´-ram, *which*
were famous in the congregation, who
strove against Moses and against Aar-
on in the company of Korah, when
they strove against the LORD:
10 And the earth opened her mouth,
and swallowed them up together with
Korah, when that company died, what
time the fire devoured two hundred
and fifty men: and they became a
sign.
11 Notwithstanding the children of
Korah died not.
12 The sons of Simeon after their
families: of Ne-mu´-el, the family of the
Ne-mu´-el-ites: of Ja´-min, the family of
the Ja´-min-ites: of Ja´-chin, the family
of the Ja´-chin-ites:
13 Of Ze´-rah, the family of the Zar´-
hites: of Sha´-ul, the family of the Sha´-
ul-ites.
14 These *are* the families of the Sim-
eonites, twenty and two thousand and
two hundred.
15 The children of Gad after their
families: of Ze´-phon, the family of the
Ze´-phon-ites: of Hag´-gi, the family of
the Hag´-gites: of Shu´-ni, the family of
the Shu´-nites:
16 Of Oz´-ni, the family of the Oz´-
nites: of E´-ri, the family of the
E´-rites:
17 Of A´-rod, the family of the
A´-rod-ites: of A-re´-li, the family of the
A-re´-lites.
18 These *are* the families of the chil-
dren of Gad according to those that
were numbered of them, forty thou-
sand and five hundred.
19 The sons of Judah *were* Er and
O´-nan: and Er and O´-nan died in the
land of Canaan.
20 And the sons of Judah after their
families were; of She´-lah, the family of
the She´-lan-ites: of Pha´-rez, the family
of the Phar´-zites: of Ze´-rah, the family
of the Zar´-hites.
21 And the sons of Pha´-rez were; of
Hez´-ron, the family of the Hez´-ron-
ites: of Ha´-mul, the family of the Ha´-
mul-ites.
22 These *are* the families of Judah
according to those that were numbered
of them, threescore and sixteen thou-
sand and five hundred.
23 *Of* the sons of Is´-sa-char after
their families: *of* To´-la, the family of
the To´-la-ites: of Pu´-a, the family of
the Pu´-nites:
24 Of Jash´-ub, the family of the
Jash´-ub-ites: of Shim´-ron, the family
of the Shim´-ron-ites.
25 These *are* the families of Is´-sa-
char according to those that were
numbered of them, threescore and
four thousand and three hundred.
26 *Of* the sons of Zeb´-u-lun after
their families: of Se´-red, the family of
the Sar´-dites: of E´-lon, the family of
the E´-lon-ites: of Jah´-le-el, the family
of the Jah´-le-el-ites.
27 These *are* the families of the Zeb´-
u-lun-ites according to those that were
numbered of them, threescore thou-
sand and five hundred.
28 The sons of Joseph after their
families *were* Ma-nas´-seh and E´-phra-
im.
29 Of the sons of Ma-nas´-seh: of
Ma´-chir, the family of the Ma´-chir-
ites: and Ma´-chir begat Gilead: of Gil-
ead *come* the family of the Gileadites.
30 These *are* the sons of Gilead: *of*
Je-e´-zer, the family of the Je-e´-zer-
ites: of He´-lek, the family of the He´-
lek-ites:
31 And *of* As´-ri-el, the family of the
As´-ri-el-ites: and *of* She´-chem, the
family of the She´-chem-ites:
32 And *of* She-mi´-da, the family of
the She-mi´-da-ites: and *of* He´-pher,
the family of the He´-pher-ites.
33 And Ze-lo´-phe-had the son of
He´-pher had no sons, but daughters:
and the names of the daughters of Ze-
lo´-phe-had *were* Mah´-lah, and Noah,
Hog´-lah, Mil´-cah, and Tir´-zah.
34 These *are* the families of Ma-nas´-
seh, and those that were numbered of
them, fifty and two thousand and sev-
en hundred.
35 These *are* the sons of E´-phra-im
after their families: of Shu´-the-lah, the
family of the Shu´-thal-hites: of Be´-
cher, the family of the Bach´-rites: of
Ta´-han, the family of the Ta´-han-
ites.
36 And these *are* the sons of Shu´-
the-lah: of E´-ran, the family of the
E´-ran-ites.

37 These *are* the families of the sons
of E'-phra-im according to those that
were numbered of them, thirty and
two thousand and five hundred. These
are the sons of Joseph after their fam-
ilies.
38 The sons of Benjamin after their
families: of Be'-la, the family of the Be'-
la-ites: of Ash'-bel, the family of the
Ash'-bel-ites: of A-hi'-ram, the family
of the A-hi'-ram-ites:
39 Of Shu'-pham, the family of the
Shu'-pham-ites: of Hu'-pham, the fam-
ily of the Hu'-pham-ites.
40 And the sons of Be'-la were Ard
and Na'-a-man: *of Ard*, the family of
the Ard'-ites: *and* of Na'-a-man, the
family of the Na'-a-mites.
41 These *are* the sons of Benjamin
after their families: and they that were
numbered of them *were* forty and five
thousand and six hundred.
42 These *are* the sons of Dan after
their families: of Shu'-ham, the family
of the Shu'-ham-ites. These *are* the
families of Dan after their families.
43 All the families of the Shu'-ham-
ites, according to those that were num-
bered of them, *were* threescore and
four thousand and four hundred.
44 Of the children of Asher after
their families: of Jim'-na, the family of
the Jim'-nites: of Jes'-u-i, the family of
the Jes'-u-ites: of Be-ri'-ah, the family
of the Be-ri'-ites.
45 Of the sons of Be-ri'-ah: of He'-
ber, the family of the He'-ber-ites: of
Mal'-chi-el, the family of the Mal'-chi-
el-ites.
46 And the name of the daughter of
Asher *was* Sarah.
47 These *are* the families of the sons
of Asher according to those that were
numbered of them; *who were* fifty and
three thousand and four hundred.
48 *Of* the sons of Naph'-ta-li after
their families: of Jah'-ze-el, the family
of the Jah'-ze-el-ites: of Gu'-ni, the fam-
ily of the Gu'-nites:
49 Of Je'-zer, the family of the Je'-
zer-ites: of Shil'-lem, the family of the
Shil'-lem-ites.
50 These *are* the families of Naph'-
ta-li according to their families: and
they that were numbered of them *were*
forty and five thousand and four hun-
dred.
51 These *were* the numbered of the
children of Israel, six hundred thou-
sand and a thousand seven hundred
and thirty.
52 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
53 Unto these the land shall be di-
vided for an inheritance according to
the number of names.
54 To many thou shalt give the
more inheritance, and to few thou
shalt give the less inheritance: to every
one shall his inheritance be given ac-
cording to those that were numbered
of him.
55 Notwithstanding the land shall
be divided by lot: according to the
names of the tribes of their fathers
they shall inherit.
56 According to the lot shall the
possession thereof be divided between
many and few.
57 And these *are* they that were
numbered of the Levites after their
families: of Ger'-shon, the family of the
Ger'-shon-ites: of Ko'-hath, the family
of the Ko'-hath-ites: of Me-ra'-ri, the
family of the Me-ra'-rites.
58 These *are* the families of the Le-
vites: the family of the Lib'-nites, the
family of the Hebronites, the family of
the Mah'-lites, the family of the Mu'-
shites, the family of the Ko'-rath-ites.
And Ko'-hath begat Amram.
59 And the name of Amram's wife
was Joch'-e-bed, the daughter of Levi,
whom *her mother* bare to Levi in
Egypt: and she bare unto Amram
Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their
sister.
60 And unto Aaron was born Na-
dab, and A-bi'-hu, E-le-a'-zar, and Ith'-
a-mar.
61 And Nadab and A-bi'-hu died,
when they offered strange fire before
the LORD.
62 And those that were numbered
of them were twenty and three thou-
sand, all males from a month old and
upward: for they were not numbered
among the children of Israel, because
there was no inheritance given them
among the children of Israel.
63 These *are* they that were num-
bered by Moses and E-le-a'-zar the
priest, who numbered the children of
Israel in the plains of Moab by Jordan
near Jericho.
64 But among these there was not a
man of them whom Moses and Aaron
the priest numbered, when they num-
bered the children of Israel in the wil-
derness of Si'-nai.
65 For the LORD had said of them,
They shall surely die in the wilderness.

And there was not left a man of them, save Caleb the son of Je-phun'-neh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

CHAPTER 27

THEN came the daughters of Ze-lo'-phe-had, the son of He'-pher, the son of Gilead, the son of Ma'-chir, the son of Ma-nas'-seh, of the families of Ma-nas'-seh the son of Joseph: and these *are* the names of his daughters; Mah'-lah, Noah, and Hog'-lah, and Mil'-cah, and Tir'-zah.

2 And they stood before Moses, and before E-le-a'-zar the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, *by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

3 Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the company of them that gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah; but died in his own sin, and had no sons.

4 Why should the name of our father be done away from among his family, because he hath no son? Give unto us *therefore* a possession among the brethren of our father.

5 And Moses brought their cause before the LORD.

6 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

7 The daughters of Ze-lo'-phe-had speak right: thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brethren; and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them.

8 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter.

9 And if he have no daughter, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his brethren.

10 And if he have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his father's brethren.

11 And if his father have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his kinsman that is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it: and it shall be unto the children of Israel a statute of judgment, as the LORD commanded Moses.

12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Get thee up into this mount Ab'-a-rim, and see the land which I have given unto the children of Israel.

13 And when thou hast seen it, thou also shalt be gathered unto thy people, as Aaron thy brother was gathered.

14 For ye rebelled against my commandment in the desert of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify me at the water before their eyes: that *is* the water of Mer'-i-bah in Ka'-desh in the wilderness of Zin.

15 And Moses spake unto the LORD, saying,

16 Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation,

17 Which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep which have no shepherd.

18 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom *is* the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him;

19 And set him before E-le-a'-zar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight.

20 And thou shalt put *some* of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient.

21 And he shall stand before E-le-a'-zar the priest, who shall ask *counsel* for him after the judgment of U'-rim before the LORD: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, *both* he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation.

22 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him: and he took Joshua, and set him before E-le-a'-zar the priest, and before all the congregation:

23 And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

CHAPTER 28

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, My offering, *and* my bread for my sacrifices made by fire, *for* a sweet savour unto me, shall ye observe to offer unto me in their due season.

3 And thou shalt say unto them, This *is* the offering made by fire which ye shall offer unto the LORD; two lambs of the first year without spot

day by day, *for* a continual burnt
offering.
4 The one lamb shalt thou offer in
the morning, and the other lamb shalt
thou offer at even;
5 And a tenth *part* of an ephah of
flour for a meat offering, mingled with
the fourth *part* of an hin of beaten oil.
6 *It is* a continual burnt offering,
which was ordained in mount Si'nai
for a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by
fire unto the LORD.
7 And the drink offering thereof
shall be the fourth *part* of an hin for the
one lamb: in the holy *place* shalt thou
cause the strong wine to be poured un-
to the LORD *for* a drink offering.
8 And the other lamb shalt thou
offer at even: as the meat offering of
the morning, and as the drink offering
thereof, thou shalt offer *it*, a sacrifice
made by fire, of a sweet savour unto
the LORD.
9 And on the sabbath day two
lambs of the first year without spot,
and two tenth deals of flour *for* a meat
offering, mingled with oil, and the
drink offering thereof:
10 *This is* the burnt offering of
every sabbath, beside the continual
burnt offering, and his drink offering.
11 And in the beginnings of your
months ye shall offer a burnt offering
unto the LORD; two young bullocks,
and one ram, seven lambs of the first
year without spot;
12 And three tenth deals of flour *for*
a meat offering, mingled with oil, for
one bullock; and two tenth deals of
flour *for* a meat offering, mingled with
oil, for one ram;
13 And a several tenth deal of flour
mingled with oil *for* a meat offering
unto one lamb; *for* a burnt offering of
a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire
unto the LORD.
14 And their drink offerings shall be
half an hin of wine unto a bullock, and
the third *part* of an hin unto a ram,
and a fourth *part* of an hin unto a
lamb: this *is* the burnt offering of every
month throughout the months of the
year.
15 And one kid of the goats for a
sin offering unto the LORD shall be
offered, beside the continual burnt of-
fering, and his drink offering.
16 And in the fourteenth day of the
first month *is* the passover of the
LORD.
17 And in the fifteenth day of this
month *is* the feast: seven days shall un-
leavened bread be eaten.
18 In the first day *shall be* an holy
convocation; ye shall do no manner of
servile work *therein*:
19 But ye shall offer a sacrifice
made by fire *for* a burnt offering unto
the LORD; two young bullocks, and one
ram, and seven lambs of the first year:
they shall be unto you without blem-
ish:
20 And their meat offering *shall be
of* flour mingled with oil: three tenth
deals shall ye offer for a bullock, and
two tenth deals for a ram;
21 A several tenth deal shalt thou
offer for every lamb, throughout the
seven lambs:
22 And one goat *for* a sin offering,
to make an atonement for you.
23 Ye shall offer these beside the
burnt offering in the morning, which
is for a continual burnt offering.
24 After this manner ye shall offer
daily, throughout the seven days, the
meat of the sacrifice made by fire, of
a sweet savour unto the LORD: it shall
be offered beside the continual burnt
offering, and his drink offering.
25 And on the seventh day ye shall
have an holy convocation; ye shall do
no servile work.
26 Also in the day of the firstfruits,
when ye bring a new meat offering un-
to the LORD, after your weeks *be out*,
ye shall have an holy convocation; ye
shall do no servile work:
27 But ye shall offer the burnt of-
fering for a sweet savour unto the
LORD; two young bullocks, one ram,
seven lambs of the first year;
28 And their meat offering of flour
mingled with oil, three tenth deals un-
to one bullock, two tenth deals unto
one ram,
29 A several tenth deal unto one
lamb, throughout the seven lambs;
30 *And* one kid of the goats, to
make an atonement for you.
31 Ye shall offer *them* beside the
continual burnt offering, and his meat
offering, (they shall be unto you with-
out blemish) and their drink offer-
ings.

CHAPTER 29

AND in the seventh month, on the
first *day* of the month, ye shall
have an holy convocation; ye shall do
no servile work: it is a day of blowing
the trumpets unto you.

2 And ye shall offer a burnt offering for a sweet savour unto the LORD; one young bullock, one ram, *and* seven lambs of the first year without blemish:
3 And their meat offering *shall be of* flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals for a bullock, *and* two tenth deals for a ram,
4 And one tenth deal for one lamb, throughout the seven lambs:
5 And one kid of the goats *for* a sin offering, to make an atonement for you:
6 Beside the burnt offering of the month, and his meat offering, and the daily burnt offering, and his meat offering, and their drink offerings, according unto their manner, for a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.
7 And ye shall have on the tenth *day* of this seventh month an holy convocation; and ye shall afflict your souls: ye shall not do any work *therein*:
8 But ye shall offer a burnt offering unto the LORD *for* a sweet savour; one young bullock, one ram, *and* seven lambs of the first year; they shall be unto you without blemish:
9 And their meat offering *shall be of* flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals to a bullock, *and* two tenth deals to one ram,
10 A several tenth deal for one lamb, throughout the seven lambs:
11 One kid of the goats *for* a sin offering; beside the sin offering of atonement, and the continual burnt offering, and the meat offering of it, and their drink offerings.
12 And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work, and ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days:
13 And ye shall offer a burnt offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD; thirteen young bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year; they shall be without blemish:
14 And their meat offering *shall be of* flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals unto every bullock of the thirteen bullocks, two tenth deals to each ram of the two rams,
15 And a several tenth deal to each lamb of the fourteen lambs:
16 And one kid of the goats *for* a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering.
17 And on the second day *ye shall offer* twelve young bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without spot:
18 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:
19 And one kid of the goats *for* a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and the meat offering thereof, and their drink offerings.
20 And on the third day eleven bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish;
21 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:
22 And one goat *for* a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his drink offering.
23 And on the fourth day ten bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:
24 Their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:
25 And one kid of the goats *for* a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering.
26 And on the fifth day nine bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year without spot:
27 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:
28 And one goat *for* a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his drink offering.
29 And on the sixth day eight bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:
30 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:
31 And one goat *for* a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering,

his meat offering, and his drink offer-
ing.
32 And on the seventh day seven
bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs
of the first year without blemish:
33 And their meat offering and
their drink offerings for the bullocks,
for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall
be* according to their number, after the
manner:
34 And one goat *for* a sin offering;
beside the continual burnt offering,
his meat offering, and his drink offer-
ing.
35 On the eighth day ye shall have
a solemn assembly: ye shall do no ser-
vile work *therein:*
36 But ye shall offer a burnt offer-
ing, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet
savour unto the LORD: one bullock,
one ram, seven lambs of the first year
without blemish:
37 Their meat offering and their
drink offerings for the bullock, for the
ram, and for the lambs, *shall be* ac-
cording to their number, after the
manner:
38 And one goat *for* a sin offering;
beside the continual burnt offering,
and his meat offering, and his drink
offering.
39 These *things* ye shall do unto the
LORD in your set feasts, beside your
vows, and your freewill offerings, for
your burnt offerings, and for your
meat offerings, and for your drink of-
ferings, and for your peace offerings.
40 And Moses told the children of
Israel according to all that the LORD
commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 30

AND Moses spake unto the heads of
the tribes concerning the children
of Israel, saying, This *is* the thing
which the LORD hath commanded.
2 If a man vow a vow unto the
LORD, or swear an oath *to* bind his
soul with a bond; he shall not break
his word, he shall do *according* to all
that proceedeth out of his mouth.
3 If a woman also vow a vow unto
the LORD, and bind *herself* by a bond,
being in her father's house in her
youth;
4 And her father hear her vow, and
her bond wherewith she hath bound
her soul, and her father shall hold his
peace at her: then all her vows shall
stand, and every bond wherewith she
hath bound her soul shall stand.
5 But if her father disallow her in
the day that he heareth; not any of her
vows, or of her bonds wherewith she
hath bound her soul, shall stand: and
the LORD shall forgive her, because her
father disallowed her.
6 And if she had at all an husband,
when she vowed, or uttered ought out
of her lips, wherewith she bound her
soul;
7 And her husband heard *it*, and
held his peace at her in the day that he
heard *it:* then her vows shall stand,
and her bonds wherewith she bound
her soul shall stand.
8 But if her husband disallowed her
on the day that he heard *it;* then he
shall make her vow which she vowed,
and that which she uttered with her
lips, wherewith she bound her soul, of
none effect: and the LORD shall forgive
her.
9 But every vow of a widow, and of
her that is divorced, wherewith they
have bound their souls, shall stand
against her.
10 And if she vowed in her hus-
band's house, or bound her soul by a
bond with an oath;
11 And her husband heard *it*, and
held his peace at her, *and* disallowed
her not: then all her vows shall stand,
and every bond wherewith she bound
her soul shall stand.
12 But if her husband hath utterly
made them void on the day he heard
them; then whatsoever proceeded out
of her lips concerning her vows, or
concerning the bond of her soul, shall
not stand: her husband hath made
them void; and the LORD shall forgive
her.
13 Every vow, and every binding
oath to afflict the soul, her husband
may establish it, or her husband may
make *it* void.
14 But if her husband altogether
hold his peace at her from day to day;
then he establisheth all her vows, or
all her bonds, which *are* upon her: he
confirmeth them, because he held his
peace at her in the day that he heard
them.
15 But if he shall any ways make
them void after that he hath heard
them; then he shall bear her iniquity.
16 These *are* the statutes, which the
LORD commanded M
man and his wife, be
and his daughter, *bein*
in her father's house.

CHAPTER 31

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Avenge the children of Israel of the Mid'-i-an-ites: afterward shalt thou be gathered unto thy people.

3 And Moses spake unto the people, saying, Arm some of yourselves unto the war, and let them go against the Mid'-i-an-ites, and avenge the LORD of Mid'-i-an.

4 Of every tribe a thousand, throughout all the tribes of Israel, shall ye send to the war.

5 So there were delivered out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand of *every* tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.

6 And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand of *every* tribe, them and Phin'-e-has the son of E-le-a'-zar the priest, to the war, with the holy instruments, and the trumpets to blow in his hand.

7 And they warred against the Mid'-i-an-ites, as the LORD commanded Moses; and they slew all the males.

8 And they slew the kings of Mid'-i-an, beside the rest of them that were slain; *namely*, E'-vi, and Re'-kem, and Zur, and Hur, and Re'-ba, five kings of Mid'-i-an: Ba'-laam also the son of Be'-or they slew with the sword.

9 And the children of Israel took *all* the women of Mid'-i-an captives, and their little ones, and took the spoil of all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods.

10 And they burnt all their cities wherein they dwelt, and all their goodly castles, with fire.

11 And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, *both* of men and of beasts.

12 And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, unto Moses, and E-le-a'-zar the priest, and unto the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the camp at the plains of Moab, which *are* by Jordan *near* Jericho.

13 And Moses, and E-le-a'-zar the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went forth to meet them without the camp.

14 And Moses was wroth with the officers of the host, *with* the captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, which came from the battle.

15 And Moses said unto them, Have ye saved all the women alive?

16 Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Ba'-laam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Pe'-or, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.

17 Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying with him.

18 But all the women children, that have not known a man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves.

19 And do ye abide without the camp seven days: whosoever hath killed any person, and whosoever hath touched any slain, purify *both* yourselves and your captives on the third day, and on the seventh day.

20 And purify all *your* raiment, and all that is made of skins, and all work of goats' *hair*, and all things made of wood.

21 And E-le-a'-zar the priest said unto the men of war which went to the battle, This *is* the ordinance of the law which the LORD commanded Moses;

22 Only the gold, and the silver, the brass, the iron, the tin, and the lead,

23 Every thing that may abide the fire, ye shall make *it* go through the fire, and it shall be clean: nevertheless it shall be purified with the water of separation: and all that abideth not the fire ye shall make go through the water.

24 And ye shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and ye shall be clean, and afterward ye shall come into the camp.

25 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

26 Take the sum of the prey that was taken, *both* of man and of beast, thou, and E-le-a'-zar the priest, and the chief fathers of the congregation:

27 And divide the prey into two parts; between them that took the war upon them, who went out to battle, and between all the congregation:

28 And levy a tribute unto the LORD of the men of war which went out to battle; one soul of five hundred, *both* of the persons, and of the beeves, and of the asses, and of the sheep:

29 Take *it* of their half, and give *it* unto E-le-a'-zar the priest, *for* an heave offering of the LORD.

30 And of the children of Israel's half, thou shalt take one portion of fifty, of the persons, of the beeves, of

the asses, and of the flocks, of all manner of beasts, and give them unto the Levites, which keep the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD.
31 And Moses and E-le-a'-zar the priest did as the LORD commanded Moses.
32 And the booty, *being* the rest of the prey which the men of war had caught, was six hundred thousand and seventy thousand and five thousand sheep,
33 And threescore and twelve thousand beeves,
34 And threescore and one thousand asses,
35 And thirty and two thousand persons in all, of women that had not known man by lying with him.
36 And the half, *which was* the portion of them that went out to war, was in number three hundred thousand and seven and thirty thousand and five hundred sheep:
37 And the LORD's tribute of the sheep was six hundred and threescore and fifteen.
38 And the beeves *were* thirty and six thousand; of which the LORD's tribute *was* threescore and twelve.
39 And the asses *were* thirty thousand and five hundred; of which the LORD's tribute *was* threescore and one.
40 And the persons *were* sixteen thousand; of which the LORD's tribute *was* thirty and two persons.
41 And Moses gave the tribute, *which was* the LORD's heave offering, unto E-le-a'-zar the priest, as the LORD commanded Moses.
42 And of the children of Israel's half, which Moses divided from the men that warred,
43 (Now the half *that pertained unto* the congregation was three hundred thousand and thirty thousand *and* seven thousand and five hundred sheep,
44 And thirty and six thousand beeves,
45 And thirty thousand asses and five hundred,
46 And sixteen thousand persons;)
47 Even of the children of Israel's half, Moses took one portion of fifty, *both* of man and of beast, and gave them unto the Levites, which kept the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.
48 And the officers which *were* over thousands of the host, the captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, came near unto Moses:
49 And they said unto Moses, Thy servants have taken the sum of the men of war which *are* under our charge, and there lacketh not one man of us.
50 We have therefore brought an oblation for the LORD, what every man hath gotten, of jewels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, earrings, and tablets, to make an atonement for our souls before the LORD.
51 And Moses and E-le-a'-zar the priest took the gold of them, *even* all wrought jewels.
52 And all the gold of the offering that they offered up to the LORD, of the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels.
53 (*For* the men of war had taken spoil, every man for himself.)
54 And Moses and E-le-a'-zar the priest took the gold of the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the tabernacle of the congregation, *for* a memorial for the children of Israel before the LORD.

CHAPTER 32

NOW the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle: and when they saw the land of Ja'-zer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place *was* a place for cattle;
2 The children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spake unto Moses, and to E-le-a'-zar the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, saying,
3 At'-a-roth, and Di'-bon, and Ja'-zer, and Nim'-rah, and Hesh'-bon, and E-le-a'-leh, and She'-bam, and Nebo, and Be'-on,
4 *Even* the country which the LORD smote before the congregation of Israel, *is* a land for cattle, and thy servants have cattle:
5 Wherefore, said they, if we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given *unto* thy servants for a possession, *and* bring us not over Jordan.
6 And Moses said unto the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?
7 And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD hath given them?

8 Thus did your fathers, when I
sent them from Ka'desh-bar'ne-a to
see the land.
9 For when they went up unto the
valley of Esh'col, and saw the land,
they discouraged the heart of the chil-
dren of Israel, that they should not go
into the land which the LORD had
given them.
10 And the LORD's anger was kin-
dled the same time, and he sware, say-
ing,
11 Surely none of the men that
came up out of Egypt, from twenty
years old and upward, shall see the
land which I sware unto Abraham, un-
to Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they
have not wholly followed me:
12 Save Caleb the son of Je-phun'-
neh the Ken'ez-ite, and Joshua the son
of Nun: for they have wholly followed
the LORD.
13 And the LORD's anger was kin-
dled against Israel, and he made them
wander in the wilderness forty years,
until all the generation, that had done
evil in the sight of the LORD, was con-
sumed.
14 And, behold, ye are risen up in
your fathers' stead, an increase of sin-
ful men, to augment yet the fierce an-
ger of the LORD toward Israel.
15 For if ye turn away from after
him, he will yet again leave them in
the wilderness; and ye shall destroy all
this people.
16 And they came near unto him,
and said, We will build sheepfolds here
or our cattle, and cities for our little
nes:
17 But we ourselves will go ready
rmed before the children of Israel,
ntil we have brought them unto their
lace: and our little ones shall dwell in
e fenced cities because of the in-
abitants of the land.
18 We will not return unto our
ouses, until the children of Israel
ve inherited every man his inherit-
ce.
19 For we will not inherit with them
yonder side Jordan, or forward; be-
se our inheritance is fallen to us on
s side Jordan eastward.
o And Moses said unto them, If ye
do this thing, if ye will go armed
re the LORD to war,
I And will go all of you armed over
lan before the LORD, until he hath
en out his enemies from before

22 And the land be subdued before
the LORD: then afterward ye shall re-
turn, and be guiltless before the LORD,
and before Israel; and this land shall
be your possession before the LORD.
23 But if ye will not do so, behold,
ye have sinned against the LORD: and
be sure your sin will find you out.
24 Build you cities for your little
ones, and folds for your sheep; and do
that which hath proceeded out of your
mouth.
25 And the children of Gad and the
children of Reuben spake unto Mose
saying, Thy servants will do as m
lord commandeth.
26 Our little ones, our wives, ou
flocks, and all our cattle, shall be ther
in the cities of Gilead:
27 But thy servants will pass over
every man armed for war, before the
LORD to battle, as my lord saith.
28 So concerning them Moses com-
manded E-le-a'zar the priest, and
Joshua the son of Nun, and the chief
fathers of the tribes of the children of
Israel:
29 And Moses said unto them, If the
children of Gad and the children of
Reuben will pass with you over Jor-
dan, every man armed to battle, be-
fore the LORD, and the land shall be
subdued before you; then ye shall give
them the land of Gilead for a posses-
sion:
30 But if they will not pass over
with you armed, they shall have pos-
sessions among you in the land of Ca-
naan.
31 And the children of Gad and the
children of Reuben answered, saying,
As the LORD hath said unto thy ser-
vants, so will we do.
32 We will pass over armed before
the LORD into the land of Canaan, that
the possession of our inheritance on
this side Jordan *may be* ours.
33 And Moses gave unto them, *even*
to the children of Gad, and to the chil-
dren of Reuben, and unto half the
tribe of Ma-nas'seh the son of Joseph,
the kingdom of Sihon king of the
Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king
of Ba'shan, the land, with the cities
thereof in the coasts, *even* the cities of
the country round about.
34 And the children of Gad built
Di'bon, and At'a-roth, and Ar'o-er,
35 And At'roth, Sho'phan, and Ja-
a'zer, and Jog'be-hah,
36 And Beth-nim'rah, and Beth-

ha'-ran, fenced cities: and folds for
sheep.
37 And the children of Reuben
built Hesh'-bon, and E-le-a'-leh, and
Kir-jath-a'-im,
38 And Nebo, and Ba'-al–me'-on,
(their names being changed,) and Shib'-
mah: and gave other names unto the
cities which they builded.
39 And the children of Ma'-chir the
son of Ma-nas'-seh went to Gilead, and
took it, and dispossessed the Amorite
which *was* in it.
40 And Moses gave Gilead unto
Ma'-chir the son of Ma-nas'-seh; and he
dwelt therein.
41 And Ja'-ir the son of Ma-nas'-seh
went and took the small towns thereof,
and called them Ha'-voth–ja'-ir.
42 And No'-bah went and took Ke'-
nath, and the villages thereof, and
called it No'-bah, after his own name.

CHAPTER 33

THESE *are* the journeys of the chil-
dren of Israel, which went forth
out of the land of Egypt with their
armies under the hand of Moses and
Aaron.
2 And Moses wrote their goings out
according to their journeys by the
commandment of the LORD: and these
are their journeys according to their
goings out.
3 And they departed from Ra'-me-
ses in the first month, on the fifteenth
day of the first month; on the morrow
after the passover the children of Is-
rael went out with an high hand in the
sight of all the Egyptians.
4 For the Egyptians buried all *their*
firstborn, which the LORD had smitten
among them: upon their gods also the
LORD executed judgments.
5 And the children of Israel re-
moved from Ra'-me-ses, and pitched
in Suc'-coth.
6 And they departed from Suc'-
coth, and pitched in E'-tham, which *is*
in the edge of the wilderness.
7 And they removed from E'-tham,
and turned again unto Pi–ha-hi'-roth,
which *is* before Ba'-al–ze'-phon: and
they pitched before Mig'-dol.
8 And they departed from before
Pi–ha-hi'-roth, and passed through the
midst of the sea into the wilderness,
and went three days' journey in the
wilderness of E'-tham, and pitched in
Ma'-rah.
9 And they removed from Ma'-rah,
and came unto Elim: and in Elim *were*
twelve fountains of water, and three-
score and ten palm trees; and they
pitched there.
10 And they removed from Elim,
and encamped by the Red sea.
11 And they removed from the Red
sea, and encamped in the wilderness of
Sin.
12 And they took their journey out
of the wilderness of Sin, and encamped
in Doph'-kah.
13 And they departed from Doph'-
kah, and encamped in A'-lush.
14 And they removed from A'-lush,
and encamped at Reph'-i-dim, where
was no water for the people to
drink.
15 And they departed from Reph'-i-
dim, and pitched in the wilderness of
Si'-nai.
16 And they removed from the des-
ert of Si'-nai, and pitched at Kib'-roth–
hat-ta'-a-vah.
17 And they departed from Kib'-
roth–hat-ta'-a-vah, and encamped at
Ha-ze'-roth.
18 And they departed from Ha-ze'-
roth, and pitched in Rith'-mah.
19 And they departed from Rith'-
mah, and pitched at Rim'-mon–pa'-rez.
20 And they departed from Rim'-
mon–pa'-rez, and pitched in Lib'-nah.
21 And they removed from Lib'-
nah, and pitched at Ris'-sah.
22 And they journeyed from Ris'-
sah and pitched in Ke-hel'-a-thah.
23 And they went from Ke-hel'-a-
thah, and pitched in mount Sha'-pher.
24 And they removed from mount
Sha'-pher, and encamped in Har'-a-
dah.
25 And they removed from Har'-a-
dah, and pitched in Mak-he'-loth.
26 And they removed from Mak-he'-
loth, and encamped at Ta'-hath.
27 And they departed from Ta'-
hath, and pitched at Ta'-rah.
28 And they removed from Ta'-rah,
and pitched in Mith'-cah.
29 And they went from Mith'-cah,
and pitched in Hash-mo'-nah.
30 And they departed from Hash-
mo'-nah, and encamped at Mo-se'-roth.
31 And they departed from Mo-se'-
roth, and pitched in Ben-e–ja'-a-kan.
32 And they removed from Ben-e–
ja'-a-kan, and encamped at Hor–ha-
gid'-gad.
33 And they we
gid'-gad, and pitche

34 And they removed from Jot'-ba-
thah, and encamped at E-bro'-nah.
35 And they departed from E-bro'-
nah, and encamped at E'-zi-on–ga'-ber.
36 And they removed from E'-zi-
on–ga'-ber, and pitched in the wilder-
ness of Zin, which *is* Ka'-desh.
37 And they removed from Ka'-
desh, and pitched in mount Hor, in the
edge of the land of Edom.
38 And Aaron the priest went up
into mount Hor at the commandment
of the LORD, and died there, in the
fortieth year after the children of Is-
rael were come out of the land of
Egypt, in the first *day* of the fifth
month.
39 And Aaron *was* an hundred and
twenty and three years old when he
died in mount Hor.
40 And king A'-rad the Canaanite,
which dwelt in the south in the land of
Canaan, heard of the coming of the
children of Israel.
41 And they departed from mount
Hor, and pitched in Zal-mo'-nah.
42 And they departed from Zal-
mo'-nah, and pitched in Pu'-non.
43 And they departed from Pu'-non,
and pitched in O'-both.
44 And they departed from O'-both,
and pitched in Ij'-e–ab'-a-rim, in the
border of Moab.
45 And they departed from I'-im,
and pitched in Di'-bon–gad.
46 And they removed from Di'-bon–
gad, and encamped in Al'-mon–dib-la-
tha'-im.
47 And they removed from Al'-
mon–dib-la-tha'-im, and pitched in the
mountains of Ab'-a-rim, before Nebo.
48 And they departed from the
mountains of Ab'-a-rim, and pitched in
the plains of Moab by Jordan *near*
Jericho.
49 And they pitched by Jordan,
from Beth–jes'-i-moth *even* unto A'-
bel–shit'-tim in the plains of Moab.
50 And the LORD spake unto Moses
in the plains of Moab by Jordan *near*
Jericho, saying,
51 Speak unto the children of Is-
rael, and say unto them, When ye are
passed over Jordan into the land of
Canaan;
52 Then ye shall drive out all the
inhabitants of the land from before
you, and destroy all their pictures, and
destroy all their molten images, and
quite pluck down all their high places:
53 And ye shall dispossess *the in-
habitants of* the land, and dwell therein:
for I have given you the land to pos-
sess it.
54 And ye shall divide the land by
lot for an inheritance among your fam-
ilies: *and* to the more ye shall give the
more inheritance, and to the fewer ye
shall give the less inheritance: every
man's *inheritance* shall be in the place
where his lot falleth; according to the
tribes of your fathers ye shall inherit.
55 But if ye will not drive out the
inhabitants of the land from before
you; then it shall come to pass, that
those which ye let remain of them *shall
be* pricks in your eyes, and thorns in
your sides, and shall vex you in the
land wherein ye dwell.
56 Moreover it shall come to pass,
that I shall do unto you, as I thought
to do unto them.

CHAPTER 34

AND the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
2 Command the children of Israel,
and say unto them, When ye come
into the land of Canaan; (this *is* the
land that shall fall unto you for an
inheritance, *even* the land of Canaan
with the coasts thereof:)
3 Then your south quarter shall be
from the wilderness of Zin along by
the coast of Edom, and your south
border shall be the outmost coast of
the salt sea eastward:
4 And your border shall turn from
the south to the ascent of A-krab'-bim,
and pass on to Zin: and the going forth
thereof shall be from the south to Ka'-
desh–bar'-ne-a, and shall go on to Ha'-
zar–ad'-dar, and pass on to Az'-mon:
5 And the border shall fetch a com-
pass from Az'-mon unto the river of
Egypt, and the goings out of it shall
be at the sea.
6 And *as for* the western border, ye
shall even have the great sea for a
border: this shall be your west border.
7 And this shall be your north bor-
der: from the great sea ye shall point
out for you mount Hor:
8 From mount Hor ye shall point
out *your border* unto the entrance of
Ha'-math; and the goings forth of the
border shall be to Ze'-dad:
9 And the border shall go on to
Ziph'-ron, and the goings out of it shall
be at Ha'-zar–e'-nan: this shall be your
north border.
10 And ye shall point out your east

border from Ha'-zar–e'-nan to She'-pham:

11 And the coast shall go down from She'-pham to Rib'-lah, on the east side of A'-in; and the border shall descend, and shall reach unto the side of the sea of Chin'-ne-reth eastward:

12 And the border shall go down to Jordan, and the goings out of it shall be at the salt sea: this shall be your land with the coasts thereof round about.

13 And Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying, This *is* the land which ye shall inherit by lot, which the LORD commanded to give unto the nine tribes, and to the half tribe:

14 For the tribe of the children of Reuben according to the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of Gad according to the house of their fathers, have received *their inheritance;* and half the tribe of Ma-nas'-seh have received their inheritance:

15 The two tribes and the half tribe have received their inheritance on this side Jordan *near* Jericho eastward, toward the sunrising.

16 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

17 These *are* the names of the men which shall divide the land unto you: E-le-a'-zar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun.

18 And ye shall take one prince of every tribe, to divide the land by inheritance.

19 And the names of the men *are* these: Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Je-phun'-neh.

20 And of the tribe of the children of Simeon, She-mu'-el the son of Ammi'-hud.

21 Of the tribe of Benjamin, E-li'-dad the son of Chis'-lon.

22 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Dan, Buk'-ki the son of Jog'-li.

23 The prince of the children of Joseph, for the tribe of the children of Ma-nas'-seh, Han'-ni-el the son of Ephod.

24 And the prince of the tribe of the children of E'-phra-im, Ke-mu'-el the son of Shiph'-tan.

25 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Zeb'-u-lun, E-liz'-a-phan the son of Par'-nach.

26 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Is'-sa-char, Pal'-ti-el the son of Azzan.

27 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Asher, A-hi'-hud the son of Shel'-o-mi.

28 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Naph'-ta-li, Ped'-a-hel the son of Am-mi'-hud.

29 These *are they* whom the LORD commanded to divide the inheritance unto the children of Israel in the land of Canaan.

CHAPTER 35

AND the LORD spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan *near* Jericho, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, that they give unto the Levites of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and ye shall give *also* unto the Levites suburbs for the cities round about them.

3 And the cities shall they have to dwell in; and the suburbs of them shall be for their cattle, and for their goods, and for all their beasts.

4 And the suburbs of the cities, which ye shall give unto the Levites, *shall reach* from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits round about.

5 And ye shall measure from without the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits; and the city *shall be* in the midst: this shall be to them the suburbs of the cities.

6 And among the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites *there shall be* six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for the manslayer, that he may flee thither: and to them ye shall add forty and two cities.

7 So all the cities which ye shall give to the Levites *shall be* forty and eight cities: them *shall ye give* with their suburbs.

8 And the cities which ye shall give *shall be* of the possession of the children of Israel: from *them that have* many ye shall give many; but from *them that have* few ye shall give few: every one shall give of his cities unto the Levites according to his inheritance which he inheriteth.

9 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto t[illegible]

come over Jordan into the land of Canaan;

11 Then ye shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you; that the slayer may flee thither, which killeth any person at unawares.

12 And they shall be unto you cities for refuge from the avenger; that the manslayer die not, until he stand before the congregation in judgment.

13 And of these cities which ye shall give six cities shall ye have for refuge.

14 Ye shall give three cities on this side Jordan, and three cities shall ye give in the land of Canaan, *which* shall be cities of refuge.

15 These six cities shall be a refuge, *both* for the children of Israel, and for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them; that every one that killeth any person unawares may flee thither.

16 And if he smite him with an instrument of iron, so that he die, he *is* a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

17 And if he smite him with throwing a stone, wherewith he may die, and he die, he *is* a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

18 Or *if* he smite him with an hand weapon of wood, wherewith he may die, and he die, he *is* a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

19 The revenger of blood himself shall slay the murderer: when he meeteth him, he shall slay him.

20 But if he thrust him of hatred, or hurl at him by laying of wait, that he die;

21 Or in enmity smite him with his hand, that he die: he that smote *him* shall surely be put to death; *for* he *is* a murderer: the revenger of blood shall slay the murderer, when he meeteth him.

22 But if he thrust him suddenly without enmity, or have cast upon him any thing without laying of wait,

23 Or with any stone, wherewith a man may die, seeing *him* not, and cast *it* upon him, that he die, and *was* not his enemy, neither sought his harm:

24 Then the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the revenger of blood according to these judgments:

25 And the congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the revenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, whither he was fled: and he shall abide in it unto the death of the high priest, which was anointed with the holy oil.

26 But if the slayer shall at any time come without the border of the city of his refuge, whither he was fled;

27 And the revenger of blood find him without the borders of the city of his refuge, and the revenger of blood kill the slayer; he shall not be guilty of blood:

28 Because he should have remained in the city of his refuge until the death of the high priest: but after the death of the high priest the slayer shall return into the land of his possession.

29 So these *things* shall be for a statute of judgment unto you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

30 Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against any person *to cause him* to die.

31 Moreover ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which *is* guilty of death: but he shall be surely put to death.

32 And ye shall take no satisfaction for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the priest.

33 So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye *are*: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it.

34 Defile not therefore the land which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell: for I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel.

CHAPTER 36

AND the chief fathers of the families of the children of Gilead, the son of Ma'-chir, the son of Ma-nas'-seh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near, and spake before Moses, and before the princes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel:

2 And they said, The LORD commanded my lord to give the land for an inheritance by lot to the children of Israel: and my lord was commanded by the LORD to give the inheritance of Ze-lo'-phe-had our brother unto his daughters.

3 And if they be married to any of

the sons of the *other* tribes of the children of Israel, then shall their inheritance be taken from the inheritance of our fathers, and shall be put to the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they are received: so shall it be taken from the lot of our inheritance.

4 And when the jubile of the children of Israel shall be, then shall their inheritance be put unto the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they are received: so shall their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

5 And Moses commanded the children of Israel according to the word of the LORD, saying, The tribe of the sons of Joseph hath said well.

6 This *is* the thing which the LORD doth command concerning the daughters of Ze-lo′-phe-had, saying, Let them marry to whom they think best; only to the family of the tribe of their father shall they marry.

7 So shall not the inheritance of the children of Israel remove from tribe to tribe: for every one of the children of Israel shall keep himself to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

8 And every daughter, that possesseth an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel, shall be wife unto one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children of Israel may enjoy every man the inheritance of his fathers.

9 Neither shall the inheritance remove from *one* tribe to another tribe; but every one of the tribes of the children of Israel shall keep himself to his own inheritance.

10 Even as the LORD commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Ze-lo′-phe-had:

11 For Mah′-lah, Tir′-zah, and Hog′-lah, and Mil′-cah, and Noah, the daughters of Ze-lo′-phe-had, were married unto their father's brothers' sons:

12 *And* they were married into the families of the sons of Ma-nas′-seh the son of Joseph, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father.

13 These *are* the commandments and the judgments, which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses unto the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by Jordan *near* Jericho.

The Fifth Book of Moses, called

Deuteronomy

CHAPTER 1

THESE *be* the words which Moses spake unto all Israel on this side Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain over against the Red *sea*, between Paran, and To′-phel, and Laban, and Ha-ze′-roth, and Diz′-a-hab.

2 (*There are* eleven days' *journey* from Ho′-reb by the way of mount Se′-ir unto Ka′-desh–bar′-ne-a.)

3 And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first *day* of the month, *that* Moses spake unto the children of Israel, according unto all that the LORD had given him in commandment unto them;

4 After he had slain Sihon the king of the Amorites, which dwelt in Hesh′-bon, and Og the king of Ba′-shan, which dwelt at As′-ta-roth in Ed′-re-i:

5 On this side Jordan, in the land of Moab, began Moses to declare this law, saying,

6 The LORD our God spake unto us in Ho′-reb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount:

7 Turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Amorites, and unto all *the places* nigh thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the south, and by the sea side, to the land of the Canaanites, and unto Lebanon, unto the great river, the river Eu-phra′-tes.

8 Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.

9 And I spake unto you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you myself alone:

10 The LORD your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye *are* this day as the stars of heaven for multitude.

11 (The LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye *are*, and bless you, as he hath promised you!)

12 How can I myself alone bear your cumbrance, and your burden, and your strife?

13 Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you.

14 And ye answered me, and said, The thing which thou hast spoken *is* good *for us* to do.

15 So I took the chief of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes.

16 And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear *the causes* between your brethren, and judge righteously between *every* man and his brother, and the stranger *that is* with him.

17 Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; *but* ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment *is* God's: and the cause that is too hard for you, bring *it* unto me, and I will hear it.

18 And I commanded you at that time all the things which ye should do.

19 And when we departed from Ho'-reb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which ye saw by the way of the mountain of the Amorites, as the LORD our God commanded us; and we came to Ka'-desh-bar'-ne-a.

20 And I said unto you, Ye are come unto the mountain of the Amorites, which the LORD our God doth give unto us.

21 Behold, the LORD thy God hath set the land before thee: go up *and* possess *it*, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged.

22 And ye came near unto me every one of you, and said, We will send men before us, and they shall search us out the land, and bring us word again by what way we must go up, and into what cities we shall come.

23 And the saying pleased me well: and I took twelve men of you, one of a tribe:

24 And they turned and went up into the mountain, and came unto the valley of Esh'-col, and searched it out.

25 And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought *it* down unto us, and brought us word again, and said, *It is* a good land which the LORD our God doth give us.

26 Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God:

27 And ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because the LORD hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.

28 Whither shall we go up? our brethren have discouraged our heart, saying, The people *is* greater and taller than we; the cities *are* great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there.

29 Then I said unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them.

30 The LORD your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes;

31 And in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that the LORD thy God bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place.

32 Yet in this thing ye did not believe the LORD your God,

33 Who went in the way before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents *in*, in fire by night, to shew you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day.

34 And the LORD heard the voice of your words, and was wroth, and sware, saying,

35 Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I sware to give unto your fathers,

36 Save Caleb the son of Je-phun'-neh; he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed the LORD.

37 Also the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, saying, Thou also shalt not go in thither.

38 *But* Joshua the son of Nun, which standeth before thee, he shall go in thither: encourage him: for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

39 Moreover your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.

40 But *as for* you, turn you, and take your journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea.

41 Then ye answered and said unto me, We have sinned against the LORD, we will go up and fight, according to all that the LORD our God commanded us. And when ye had girded on every man his weapons of war, ye were ready to go up into the hill.

42 And the LORD said unto me, Say unto them, Go not up, neither fight; for I *am* not among you; lest ye be smitten before your enemies.

43 So I spake unto you; and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD, and went presumptuously up into the hill.

44 And the Amorites, which dwelt in that mountain, came out against you, and chased you, as bees do, and destroyed you in Se'-ir, *even* unto Hor'-mah.

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THEN we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea, as the LORD spake unto me: and we compassed mount Se'-ir many days.

2 And the LORD spake unto me, saying,

3 Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward.

4 And command thou the people, saying, Ye *are* to pass through the coast of your brethren the children of Esau, which dwell in Se'-ir; and they shall be afraid of you: take ye good heed unto yourselves therefore:

5 Meddle not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a foot breadth; because I have given mount Se'-ir unto Esau *for* a possession.

6 Ye shall buy meat of them for money, that ye may eat; and ye shall also buy water of them for money, that ye may drink.

7 For the LORD thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years the LORD thy God *hath been* with thee; thou hast lacked nothing.

8 And when we passed by from our brethren the children of Esau, which dwelt in Se'-ir, through the way of the plain from E'-lath, and from E'-zi-on-ga'-ber, we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

9 And the LORD said unto me, Distress not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land *for* a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot *for* a possession.

10 The E'-mims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims;

11 Which also were accounted giants, as the Anakims; but the Moabites call them E'-mims.

12 The Ho'-rims also dwelt in Se'-ir beforetime; but the children of Esau succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead; as Israel did unto the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them.

13 Now rise up, *said I*, and get you over the brook Ze'-red. And we went over the brook Ze'-red.

14 And the space in which we came from Ka'-desh–bar'-ne-a, until we were come over the brook Ze'-red, *was* thirty and eight years; until all the generation of the men of war were wasted out from among the host, as the LORD sware unto them.

15 For indeed the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from among the host, until they were consumed.

16 So it came to pass, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people,

17 That the LORD spake unto me, saying,

18 Thou art to pass over through Ar, the coast of Moab, this day:

19 And *when* thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon *any* possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot *for* a possession.

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11 Which also were accounted giants, as the Anakims; but the Moabites call them E'-mims.

12 The Ho'-rims also dwelt in Se'-ir beforetime; but the children of Esau succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead; as Israel did unto the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them.

13 Now rise up, *said* I, and get you over the brook Ze'-red. And we went over the brook Ze'-red.

14 And the space in which we came from Ka'-desh-bar'-ne-a, until we were come over the brook Ze'-red, *was* thirty and eight years; until all the generation of the men of war were wasted out from among the host, as the LORD sware unto them.

15 For indeed the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from among the host, until they were consumed.

16 So it came to pass, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people,

17 That the LORD spake unto me, saying,

18 Thou art to pass over through Ar, the coast of Moab, this day:

19 And *when* thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon *any* possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot *for* a possession.

10 The LORD your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye *are* this day as the stars of heaven for multitude.
11 (The LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye *are*, and bless you, as he *hath promised you!*)
12 How can I myself alone bear your cumbrance, and your burden, and your strife?
13 Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you.
14 And ye answered me, and said, The thing which thou hast spoken *is* good *for us* to do.
15 So I took the chief of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes.
16 And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear *the causes* between your brethren, and judge righteously between *every* man and his brother, and the stranger *that is* with him.
17 Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; *but* ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment *is* God's: and the cause that is too hard for you, bring *it* unto me, and I will hear it.
18 And I commanded you at that time all the things which ye should do.
19 And when we departed from Ho-reb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which ye saw by the way of the mountain of the Amorites, as the LORD our God commanded us; and we came to Ka-desh-bar-ne-a.
20 And I said unto you, Ye are come unto the mountain of the Amorites, which the LORD our God doth give unto us.
21 Behold, the LORD thy God hath set the land before thee: go up *and* possess *it*, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged.
22 And ye came near unto me every one of you, and said, We will send men before us, and they shall search us out the land, and bring us word again by what way we must go up, and into what cities we shall come.
23 And the saying pleased me well: and I took twelve men of you, one of a tribe:
24 And they turned and went up into the mountain, and came unto the valley of Esh-col, and searched it out.
25 And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought *it* down unto us, and brought us word again, and said, *It is* a good land which the LORD our God doth give us.
26 Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God:
27 And ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because the LORD hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.
28 Whither shall we go up? our brethren have discouraged our heart, saying, The people *is* greater and taller than we; the cities *are* great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there.
29 Then I said unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them.
30 The LORD your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes;
31 And in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that the LORD thy God bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place.
32 Yet in this thing ye did not believe the LORD your God,
33 Who went in the way before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents *in*, in fire by night, to shew you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day.
34 And the LORD heard the voice of your words, and was wroth, and sware, saying,
35 Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I sware to give unto your fathers,
36 Save Caleb the son of Je-phun-neh; he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed the LORD.
37 Also the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, saying, Thou also shalt not go in thither.
38 *But* Joshua the son of Nun, which standeth before thee, he shall go in thither: encourage him: for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

10 All the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Ba'-shan, unto Sal'-chah and Ed'-re-i, cities of the kingdom of Og in Ba'-shan.

11 For only Og king of Ba'-shan remained of the remnant of giants; behold, his bedstead *was* a bedstead of iron; *is* it not in Rab'-bath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits *was* the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

12 And this land, *which* we possessed at that time, from Ar'-o-er, which *is* by the river Arnon, and half mount Gilead, and the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites.

13 And the rest of Gilead, and all Ba'-shan, *being* the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Ma-nas'-seh; all the region of Ar'-gob, with all Ba'-shan, which was called the land of giants.

14 Ja'-ir the son of Ma-nas'-seh took all the country of Ar'-gob unto the coasts of Gesh'-u-ri and Ma-ach'-a-thi; and called them after his own name, Ba'-shan–ha'-voth–jair, unto this day.

15 And I gave Gilead unto Ma'-chir.

16 And unto the Reubenites and unto the Gadites I gave from Gilead even unto the river Arnon half the valley, and the border even unto the river Jabbok, *which is* the border of the children of Ammon;

17 The plain also, and Jordan, and the coast *thereof*, from Chin'-ne-reth even unto the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea, under Ash'-doth–pis'-gah eastward.

18 And I commanded you at that time, saying, The LORD your God hath given you this land to possess it: ye shall pass over armed before your brethren the children of Israel, all *that are* meet for the war.

19 But your wives, and your little ones, and your cattle, (*for* I know that ye have much cattle,) shall abide in your cities which I have given you;

20 Until the LORD have given rest unto your brethren, as well as unto you, and *until* they also possess the land which the LORD your God hath given them beyond Jordan: and *then* shall ye return every man unto his possession, which I have given you.

21 And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Thine eyes have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto these two kings: so shall the LORD do unto all the kingdoms whither thou passest.

22 Ye shall not fear them: for the LORD your God he shall fight for you.

23 And I besought the LORD at that time, saying,

24 O Lord GOD, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God *is there* in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might?

25 I pray thee, let me go over, and see the good land that *is* beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon.

26 But the LORD was wroth with me for your sakes, and would not hear me: and the LORD said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter.

27 Get thee up into the top of Pis'-gah, and lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold *it* with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jordan.

28 But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see.

29 So we abode in the valley over against Beth–pe'-or.

CHAPTER 4

NOW therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do *them*, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.

2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish *ought* from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

3 Your eyes have seen what the LORD did because of Ba'-al–pe'-or: for all the men that followed Ba'-al–pe'-or, the LORD thy God hath destroyed them from among you.

4 But ye that did cleave unto the LORD your God *are* alive every one of you this day.

5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.

20 (That also was accounted a land of giants: giants dwelt therein in old time; and the Ammonites call them Zam-zum′-mims;

21 A people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; but the LORD destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead:

22 As he did to the children of Esau, which dwelt in Se′-ir, when he destroyed the Ho′-rims from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day:

23 And the A′-vims which dwelt in Ha-ze′-rim, *even* unto Azzah, the Caph′-to-rims, which came forth out of Caph′-tor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.)

24 Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Hesh′-bon, and his land: begin to possess *it*, and contend with him in battle.

25 This day will I begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the nations *that are* under the whole heaven, who shall hear report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of thee.

26 And I sent messengers out of the wilderness of Ked′-e-moth unto Sihon king of Hesh′-bon with words of peace, saying,

27 Let me pass through thy land: I will go along by the high way, I will neither turn unto the right hand nor to the left.

28 Thou shalt sell me meat for money, that I may eat; and give me water for money, that I may drink: only I will pass through on my feet;

29 (As the children of Esau which dwell in Se′-ir, and the Moabites which dwell in Ar, did unto me;) until I shall pass over Jordan into the land which the LORD our God giveth us.

30 But Sihon king of Hesh′-bon would not let us pass by him: for the LORD thy God hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as *appeareth* this day.

31 And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee: begin to possess, that thou mayest inherit his land.

32 Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Ja′-haz.

33 And the LORD our God delivered him before us; and we smote him, and his sons, and all his people.

34 And we took all his cities at that time, and utterly destroyed the men, and the women, and the little ones, of every city, we left none to remain:

35 Only the cattle we took for a prey unto ourselves, and the spoil of the cities which we took.

36 From Ar′-o-er, which *is* by the brink of the river of Arnon, and *from* the city that *is* by the river, even unto Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us: the LORD our God delivered all unto us:

37 Only unto the land of the children of Ammon thou camest not, *nor* unto any place of the river Jabbok, nor unto the cities in the mountains, nor unto whatsoever the LORD our God forbad us.

CHAPTER 3

THEN we turned, and went up the way to Ba′-shan: and Og the king of Ba′-shan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Ed′-re-i.

2 And the LORD said unto me, Fear him not: for I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land, into thy hand; and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Hesh′-bon.

3 So the LORD our God delivered into our hands Og also, the king of Ba′-shan, and all his people: and we smote him until none was left to him remaining.

4 And we took all his cities at that time, there was not a city which we took not from them, threescore cities, all the region of Ar′-gob, the kingdom of Og in Ba′-shan.

5 All these cities *were* fenced with high walls, gates, and bars; beside unwalled towns a great many.

6 And we utterly destroyed them, as we did unto Sihon king of Hesh′-bon, utterly destroying the men, women, and children, of every city.

7 But all the cattle, and the spoil of the cities, we took for a prey to ourselves.

8 And we took at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites the land that *was* on this side Jordan, from the river of Arnon unto mount Hermon;

9 (*Which* Hermon the Si-do′-ni-ans call Sir′-i-on; and the Amorites call it She′-nir;)

10 All the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Ba'-shan, unto Sal'-chah and Ed'-re-i, cities of the kingdom of Og in Ba'-shan.

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5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.

6 Keep therefore and do *them*; for
this *is* your wisdom and your understanding
in the sight of the nations,
which shall hear all these statutes, and
say, Surely this great nation *is* a wise
and understanding people.
7 For what nation *is there so* great,
who *hath* God *so* nigh unto them, as
the LORD our God *is* in all *things that*
we call upon him *for*?
8 And what nation *is there so* great,
that hath statutes and judgments *so*
righteous as all this law, which I set
before you this day?
9 Only take heed to thyself, and
keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget
the things which thine eyes have
seen, and lest they depart from thy
heart all the days of thy life: but teach
them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;
10 *Specially* the day that thou
stoodest before the LORD thy God in
Ho'reb, when the LORD said unto me,
Gather me the people together, and I
will make them hear my words, that
they may learn to fear me all the days
that they shall live upon the earth, and
that they may teach their children.
11 And ye came near and stood under
the mountain; and the mountain
burned with fire unto the midst of heaven,
with darkness, clouds, and thick
darkness.
12 And the LORD spake unto you
out of the midst of the fire: ye heard
the voice of the words, but saw no
similitude; only *ye heard* a voice.
13 And he declared unto you his
covenant, which he commanded you to
perform, *even* ten commandments; and
he wrote them upon two tables of
stone.
14 And the LORD commanded me at
that time to teach you statutes and
judgments, that ye might do them in
the land whither ye go over to possess
it.
15 Take ye therefore good heed unto
yourselves; for ye saw no manner of
similitude on the day *that* the LORD
spake unto you in Ho'reb out of the
midst of the fire:
16 Lest ye corrupt *yourselves*, and
make you a graven image, the similitude
of any figure, the likeness of male
or female,
17 The likeness of any beast that *is*
on the earth, the likeness of any
winged fowl that flieth in the air,
18 The likeness of any thing that
creepeth on the ground, the likeness of
any fish that *is* in the waters beneath
the earth:
19 And lest thou lift up thine eyes
unto heaven, and when thou seest the
sun, and the moon, and the *stars, even*
all the host of heaven, shouldest be
driven to worship them, and serve
them, which the LORD thy God hath
divided unto all nations under the
whole heaven.
20 But the LORD hath taken you,
and brought you forth out of the iron
furnace, *even* out of Egypt, to be unto
him a people of inheritance, as *ye are*
this day.
21 Furthermore the LORD was angry
with me for your sakes, and sware
that I should not go over Jordan, and
that I should not go in unto that good
land, which the LORD thy God giveth
thee *for* an inheritance:
22 But I must die in this land, I
must not go over Jordan: but ye shall
go over, and possess that good land.
23 Take heed unto yourselves, lest
ye forget the covenant of the LORD
your God, which he made with you,
and make you a graven image, *or* the
likeness of any *thing*, which the LORD
thy God hath forbidden thee.
24 For the LORD thy God *is* a consuming
fire, *even* a jealous God.
25 When thou shalt beget children,
and children's children, and ye shall
have remained long in the land, and
shall corrupt *yourselves*, and make a
graven image, *or* the likeness of any
thing, and shall do evil in the sight of
the LORD thy God, to provoke him to
anger:
26 I call heaven and earth to witness
against you this day, that ye shall
soon utterly perish from off the land
whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess
it; ye shall not prolong *your* days
upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed.
27 And the LORD shall scatter you
among the nations, and ye shall be left
few in number among the heathen,
whither the LORD shall lead you.
28 And there ye shall serve gods,
the work of men's hands, wood and
stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor
eat, nor smell.
29 But if from thence thou shalt
seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find
him, if thou seek him with all thy
heart and with all thy soul.
30 When thou art in tribulation,
and all these things are come upon
thee, *even* in the latter days, if thou

turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt
be obedient unto his voice;
31 (For the LORD thy God *is* a mer-
ciful God;) he will not forsake thee,
neither destroy thee, nor forget the
covenant of thy fathers which he
sware unto them.
32 For ask now of the days that are
past, which were before thee, since the
day that God created man upon the
earth, and *ask* from the one side of
heaven unto the other, whether there
hath been *any such thing* as this great
thing *is*, or hath been heard like it?
33 Did *ever* people hear the voice of
God speaking out of the midst of the
fire, as thou hast heard, and live?
34 Or hath God assayed to go *and*
take him a nation from the midst of
another nation, by temptations, by
signs, and by wonders, and by war,
and by a mighty hand, and by a
stretched out arm, and by great ter-
rors, according to all that the LORD
your God did for you in Egypt before
your eyes?
35 Unto thee it was shewed, that
thou mightest know that the LORD he
is God; *there is* none else beside him.
36 Out of heaven he made thee to
hear his voice, that he might instruct
thee: and upon earth he shewed thee
his great fire; and thou heardest his
words out of the midst of the fire.
37 And because he loved thy fa-
thers, therefore he chose their seed
after them, and brought thee out in
his sight with his mighty power out of
Egypt;
38 To drive out nations from before
thee greater and mightier than thou
art, to bring thee in, to give thee their
land *for* an inheritance, as *it is* this day.
39 Know therefore this day, and
consider *it* in thine heart, that the
LORD he *is* God in heaven above, and
upon the earth beneath: *there is* none
else.
40 Thou shalt keep therefore his
statutes, and his commandments,
which I command thee this day, that
it may go well with thee, and with thy
children after thee, and that thou
mayest prolong *thy* days upon the
earth, which the LORD thy God giveth
thee, for ever.
41 Then Moses severed three cities
on this side Jordan toward the sunris-
ing;
42 That the slayer might flee thith-
er, which should kill his neighbour un-
awares, and hated him not in times
past; and that fleeing unto one of these
cities he might live:
43 *Namely*, Be'-zer in the wilder-
ness, in the plain country, of the Reu-
benites; and Ra'-moth in Gilead, of the
Gadites; and Go'-lan in Ba'-shan, of the
Ma-nas'-sites.
44 And this *is* the law which Moses
set before the children of Israel:
45 These *are* the testimonies, and
the statutes, and the judgments, which
Moses spake unto the children of Is-
rael, after they came forth out of
Egypt,
46 On this side Jordan, in the valley
over against Beth-pe'-or, in the land of
Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt
at Hesh'-bon, whom Moses and the
children of Israel smote, after they
were come forth out of Egypt:
47 And they possessed his land, and
the land of Og king of Ba'-shan, two
kings of the Amorites, which *were* on
this side Jordan toward the sunrising;
48 From Ar'-o-er, which *is* by the
bank of the river Arnon, even unto
mount Sion, which *is* Hermon,
49 And all the plain on this side
Jordan eastward, even unto the sea of
the plain, under the springs of Pis'-gah.

CHAPTER 5

AND Moses called all Israel, and said
unto them, Hear, O Israel, the
statutes and judgments which I speak
in your ears this day, that ye may
learn them, and keep, and do them.
2 The LORD our God made a cove-
nant with us in Ho'-reb.
3 The LORD made not this covenant
with our fathers, but with us, *even* us,
who *are* all of us here alive this day.
4 The LORD talked with you face to
face in the mount out of the midst of
the fire,
5 (I stood between the LORD and you
at that time, to shew you the word of
the LORD: for ye were afraid by reason
of the fire, and went not up into the
mount;) saying,
6 I *am* the LORD thy God, which
brought thee out of the land of Egypt,
from the house of bondage.
7 Thou shalt have none other gods
before me.
8 Thou shalt not make thee *any*
graven image, *or* any likeness *of any
thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that
is in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the
waters beneath the ear

9 Thou shalt not bow down thyself
unto them, nor serve them: for I the
LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visit-
ing the iniquity of the fathers upon the
children unto the third and fourth
generation of them that hate me,
10 And shewing mercy unto thou-
sands of them that love me and keep
my commandments.
11 Thou shalt not take the name of
the LORD thy God in vain: for the
LORD will not hold *him* guiltless that
taketh his name in vain.
12 Keep the sabbath day to sanc-
tify it, as the LORD thy God hath com-
manded thee.
13 Six days thou shalt labour, and
do all thy work:
14 But the seventh day *is* the sab-
bath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou
shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy
son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-
servant, nor thy maidservant, nor
thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy
cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within
thy gates; that thy manservant and thy
maidservant may rest as well as thou.
15 And remember that thou wast a
servant in the land of Egypt, and *that*
the LORD thy God brought thee out
thence through a mighty hand and by
a stretched out arm: therefore the
LORD thy God commanded thee to
keep the sabbath day.
16 Honour thy father and thy moth-
er, as the LORD thy God hath com-
manded thee; that thy days may be
prolonged, and that it may go well
with thee, in the land which the LORD
thy God giveth thee.
17 Thou shalt not kill.
18 Neither shalt thou commit adul-
ery.
19 Neither shalt thou steal.
20 Neither shalt thou bear false
itness against thy neighbour.
21 Neither shalt thou desire thy
ighbour's wife, neither shalt thou
et thy neighbour's house, his field,
is manservant, or his maidservant,
ox, or his ass, or any *thing* that *is*
neighbour's.
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your assembly in the mount out
e midst of the fire, of the cloud,
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your elders;
24 And ye said, Behold, the L
our God hath shewed us his glory
his greatness, and we have heard
voice out of the midst of the fire:
have seen this day that God doth ta
with man, and he liveth.
25 Now therefore why should w
die? for this great fire will consume u
if we hear the voice of the LORD ou
God any more, then we shall die.
26 For who *is there of* all flesh, that
hath heard the voice of the living God
speaking out of the midst of the fire, as
we *have*, and lived?
27 Go thou near, and hear all that
the LORD our God shall say: and speak
thou unto us all that the LORD our
God shall speak unto thee; and we will
hear *it*, and do *it*.
28 And the LORD heard the voice of
your words, when ye spake unto me;
and the LORD said unto me, I have
heard the voice of the words of this
people, which they have spoken unto
thee: they have well said all that they
have spoken.
29 O that there were such an heart
in them, that they would fear me, and
keep all my commandments always,
that it might be well with them, and
with their children for ever!
30 Go say to them, Get you into
your tents again.
31 But as for thee, stand thou here
by me, and I will speak unto thee all
the commandments, and the statutes,
and the judgments, which thou shalt
teach them, that they may do *them* in
the land which I give them to possess
it.
32 Ye shall observe to do therefore
as the LORD your God hath com-
manded you: ye shall not turn aside to
the right hand or to the left.
33 Ye shall walk in all the ways
which the LORD your God hath com-
manded you, that ye may live, and
that it may be well with you, and *that* ye
may prolong *your* days in the land
which ye shall possess.

CHAPTER 6

NOW these *are* the commandments,
the statutes, and the judgments,
which the LORD your God commanded
to teach you, that ye might do *them* in
the land whither ye go to possess

4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

5 But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

6 For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that *are* upon the face of the earth.

7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye *were* the fewest of all people:

8 But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

10 And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth [illegible] he will repay him to his face.

11 Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers:

13 And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

14 Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.

15 And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all *them* that hate thee.

16 And thou shalt consume all the people which the LORD thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that *will be* a snare unto thee.

17 If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations *are* more than I; how can I dispossess them?

18 Thou shalt not be afraid of them: *but* shalt well remember what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt;

19 The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched out arm, whereby the LORD thy God brought thee out: so shall the LORD thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid.

20 Moreover the LORD thy God will send the hornet among them, until they that are left, and hide themselves from thee, be destroyed.

21 Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the LORD thy God *is* among you, a mighty God and terrible.

22 And the LORD thy God will put out those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee.

23 But the LORD thy God shall deliver them unto thee, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, until they be destroyed.

24 And he shall deliver their kings into thine hand, and thou shalt destroy their name from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them.

25 The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold *that is* on them, nor take *it* unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it *is* an abomination to the LORD thy God.

26 Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: *but* thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it *is* a cursed thing.

CHAPTER 8

ALL the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and

multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers.

2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, *and* to prove thee, to know what *was* in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every *word* that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.

5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.

6 Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

7 For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

8 A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey;

9 A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any *thing* in it; a land whose stones *are* iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.

10 When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.

11 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:

12 Lest *when* thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt *therein*;

13 And *when* thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, *wherein were* fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where *there was* no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;

16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of *mine* hand hath gotten me this wealth.

18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.

19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.

20 As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 9

HEAR, O Israel: Thou *art* to pass over Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fenced up to heaven,

2 A people great and tall, the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and *of whom* thou hast heard *say*, Who can stand before the children of Anak!

3 Understand therefore this day, that the LORD thy God *is* he which goeth over before thee; *as* a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee.

4 Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the LORD thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to possess this land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD doth drive them out from before thee.

5 Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go to possess their land: but for the wickedness of these nations the

LORD thy God doth drive them out
from before thee, and that he may per-
form the word which the LORD sware
unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and
Jacob.
6 Understand therefore, that the
LORD thy God giveth thee not this
good land to possess it for thy right-
eousness; for thou *art* a stiffnecked
people.
7 Remember, *and* forget not, how
thou provokedst the LORD thy God to
wrath in the wilderness: from the day
that thou didst depart out of the land
of Egypt, until ye came unto this
place, ye have been rebellious against
the LORD.
8 Also in Ho'-reb ye provoked the
LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was
angry with you to have destroyed you.
9 When I was gone up into the
mount to receive the tables of stone,
even the tables of the covenant which
the LORD made with you, then I abode
in the mount forty days and forty
nights, I neither did eat bread nor
drink water.
10 And the LORD delivered unto me
two tables of stone written with the
finger of God; and on them *was written*
according to all the words, which the
LORD spake with you in the mount out
of the midst of the fire in the day of
the assembly.
11 And it came to pass at the end
forty days and forty nights, *that* the
[illegible] gave me the two tables of stone,
[illegible]en the tables of the covenant.
12 And the LORD said unto me,
Arise, get thee down quickly from
hence; for thy people which thou hast
brought forth out of Egypt have cor-
rupted *themselves*; they are quickly
turned aside out of the way which I
commanded them; they have made
them a molten image.
13 Furthermore the LORD spake un-
to me, saying, I have seen this people,
and, behold, it *is* a stiffnecked people:
14 Let me alone, that I may destroy
them, and blot out their name from
under heaven: and I will make of thee
a nation mightier and greater than
they.
15 So I turned and came down from
the mount, and the mount burned
with fire: and the two tables of the
covenant *were* in my two hands.
16 And I looked, and, behold, ye
had sinned against the LORD your God,
and had made you a molten calf: ye
had turned aside quickly out of the
way which the LORD had commanded
you.
17 And I took the two tables, and
cast them out of my two hands, and
brake them before your eyes.
18 And I fell down before the LORD,
as at the first, forty days and forty
nights: I did neither eat bread, nor
drink water, because of all your sins
which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in
the sight of the LORD, to provoke him
to anger.
19 For I was afraid of the anger and
hot displeasure, wherewith the LORD
was wroth against you to destroy you.
But the LORD hearkened unto me at
that time also.
20 And the LORD was very angry
with Aaron to have destroyed him:
and I prayed for Aaron also the same
time.
21 And I took your sin, the calf
which ye had made, and burnt it with
fire, and stamped it, *and* ground *it* very
small, *even* until it was as small as
dust: and I cast the dust thereof into
the brook that descended out of the
mount.
22 And at Tab'-e-rah, and at Mas'-
sah, and at Kib'-roth-hat-ta'-a-vah, ye
provoked the LORD to wrath.
23 Likewise when the LORD sent
you from Ka'-desh-bar'-ne-a, saying,
Go up and possess the land which I
have given you; then ye rebelled
against the commandment of the LORD
your God, and ye believed him not, nor
hearkened to his voice.
24 Ye have been rebellious against
the LORD from the day that I knew
you.
25 Thus I fell down before the LORD
forty days and forty nights, as I fell
down *at the first*; because the LORD had
said he would destroy you.
26 I prayed therefore unto the
LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, destroy
not thy people and thine inheritance,
which thou hast redeemed through thy
greatness, which thou hast brought
forth out of Egypt with a mighty
hand.
27 Remember thy servants, Abra-
ham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not unto
the stubbornness of this people, nor to
their wickedness, nor to their sin:
28 Lest the land whence thou
broughtest us out say, Because the
LORD was not able to bring them into
the land which he promised them, and

because he hated them, he hath
brought them out to slay them in the
wilderness.
29 Yet they *are* thy people and
thine inheritance, which thou brought-
est out by thy mighty power and by
thy stretched out arm.

CHAPTER 10

AT that time the LORD said unto me,
Hew thee two tables of stone like
unto the first, and come up unto me
into the mount, and make thee an ark
of wood.
2 And I will write on the tables the
words that were in the first tables
which thou brakest, and thou shalt put
them in the ark.
3 And I made an ark *of* shittim
wood, and hewed two tables of stone
like unto the first, and went up into
the mount, having the two tables in
mine hand.
4 And he wrote on the tables, ac-
cording to the first writing, the ten
commandments, which the LORD spake
unto you in the mount out of the
midst of the fire in the day of the as-
sembly: and the LORD gave them unto
me.
5 And I turned myself and came
down *from the mount*, and put the
tables in the ark which I had made;
and there they be, as the LORD com-
manded me.
6 And the children of Israel took
their journey from Be-e'roth of the
children of Ja'-a-kan to Mo-se'-ra: there
Aaron died, and there he was buried;
and E-le-a'-zar his son ministered in
the priest's office in his stead.
7 From thence they journeyed unto
Gud'-go-dah; and from Gud'-go-dah to
Jot'-bath, a land of rivers of waters.
8 At that time the LORD separated
the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the
covenant of the LORD, to stand before
the LORD to minister unto him, and to
bless in his name, unto this day.
9 Wherefore Levi hath no part nor
inheritance with his brethren: the
LORD *is* his inheritance, according as
the LORD thy God promised him.
10 And I stayed in the mount, ac-
cording to the first time, forty days
and forty nights; and the LORD heark-
ened unto me at that time also, and
the LORD would not destroy thee.
11 And the LORD said unto me,
Arise, take *thy* journey before the peo-
ple, that they may go in and possess
the land, which I sware unto their
fathers to give unto them.
12 And now, Israel, what doth the
LORD thy God require of thee, but to
fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all
his ways, and to love him, and to serve
the LORD thy God with all thy heart
and with all thy soul,
13 To keep the commandments of
the LORD, and his statutes, which I
command thee this day for thy good?
14 Behold, the heaven and the heav-
en of heavens *is* the LORD'S thy God,
the earth *also*, with all that therein
is.
15 Only the LORD had a delight in
thy fathers to love them, and he chose
their seed after them, *even* you above
all people, as *it is* this day.
16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin
of your heart, and be no more stiff-
necked.
17 For the LORD your God *is* God
of gods, and Lord of lords, a great
God, a mighty, and a terrible, which
regardeth not persons, nor taketh re-
ward:
18 He doth execute the judgment of
the fatherless and widow, and loveth
the stranger, in giving him food and
raiment.
19 Love ye therefore the stranger:
for ye were strangers in the land of
Egypt.
20 Thou shalt fear the LORD thy
God; him shalt thou serve, and to him
shalt thou cleave, and swear by his
name.
21 He *is* thy praise, and he *is* thy
God, that hath done for thee these
great and terrible things, which thine
eyes have seen.
22 Thy fathers went down into
Egypt with threescore and ten per-
sons; and now the LORD thy God hath
made thee as the stars of heaven for
multitude.

CHAPTER 11

THEREFORE thou shalt love the
LORD thy God, and keep his
charge, and his statutes, and his judg-
ments, and his commandments, alway.
2 And know ye this day: for I *speak*
not with your children which have not
known, and which have not seen the
chastisement of the LORD your God,
his greatness, his mighty hand, and his
stretched out arm,
3 And his miracles, and his acts,
which he did in the midst of Egypt

unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and
unto all his land;
4 And what he did unto the army of
Egypt, unto their horses, and to their
chariots; how he made the water of the
Red sea to overflow them as they pur-
sued after you, and *how* the LORD hath
destroyed them unto this day;
5 And what he did unto you in the
wilderness, until ye came into this
place;
6 And what he did unto Da'-than
and A-bi'-ram, the sons of E-li'-ab, the
son of Reuben: how the earth opened
her mouth, and swallowed them up,
and their households, and their tents,
and all the substance that *was* in their
possession, in the midst of all Israel:
7 But your eyes have seen all the
great acts of the LORD which he did.
8 Therefore shall ye keep all the
commandments which I command you
this day, that ye may be strong, and
go in and possess the land, whither ye
go to possess it;
9 And that ye may prolong *your*
days in the land, which the LORD
sware unto your fathers to give unto
them and to their seed, a land that
floweth with milk and honey.
10 For the land, whither thou goest
in to possess it, *is* not as the land of
Egypt, from whence ye came out,
where thou sowedst thy seed, and
wateredst *it* with thy foot, as a garden
of herbs:
11 But the land, whither ye go to
possess it, *is* a land of hills and valleys,
and drinketh water of the rain of heav-
en:
12 A land which the LORD thy God
careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy
God *are* always upon it, from the be-
ginning of the year even unto the end
of the year.
13 And it shall come to pass, if ye
shall hearken diligently unto my com-
mandments which I command you
this day, to love the LORD your God,
and to serve him with all your heart
and with all your soul,
14 That I will give *you* the rain of
your land in his due season, the first
rain and the latter rain, that thou
mayest gather in thy corn, and thy
wine, and thine oil.
15 And I will send grass in thy
fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest
eat and be full.
16 Take heed to yourselves, that
your heart be not deceived, and ye
turn aside, and serve other gods, and
worship them;
17 And *then* the LORD'S wrath be
kindled against you, and he shut up
the heaven, that there be no rain, and
that the land yield not her fruit; and
lest ye perish quickly from off the good
land which the LORD giveth you.
18 Therefore shall ye lay up these
my words in your heart and in your
soul, and bind them for a sign upon
your hand, that they may be as front-
lets between your eyes.
19 And ye shall teach them your
children, speaking of them when thou
sittest in thine house, and when thou
walkest by the way, when thou liest
down, and when thou risest up.
20 And thou shalt write them upon
the door posts of thine house, and
upon thy gates:
21 That your days may be multi-
plied, and the days of your children,
in the land which the LORD sware unto
your fathers to give them, as the days
of heaven upon the earth.
22 For if ye shall diligently keep all
these commandments which I com-
mand you, to do them, to love the
LORD your God, to walk in all his
ways, and to cleave unto him;
23 Then will the LORD drive out all
these nations from before you, and ye
shall possess greater nations and might-
ier than yourselves.
24 Every place whereon the soles of
your feet shall tread shall be yours:
from the wilderness and Lebanon,
from the river, the river Eu-phra'-tes,
even unto the uttermost sea shall your
coast be.
25 There shall no man be able to
stand before you: *for* the LORD your
God shall lay the fear of you and the
dread of you upon all the land that ye
shall tread upon, as he hath said unto
you.
26 Behold, I set before you this day
a blessing and a curse;
27 A blessing, if ye obey the com-
mandments of the LORD your God,
which I command you this day:
28 And a curse, if ye will not obey
the commandments of the LORD your
God, but turn aside out of the way
which I command you this day, to go
after other gods, which ye have not
known.
29 And it shall come to pass, when
the LORD thy God hath brought thee
in unto the land whither thou goest to

possess it, that thou shalt put the
blessing upon mount Ger'i-zim, and
the curse upon mount Ebal.
30 *Are* they not on the other side
Jordan, by the way where the sun
goeth down, *in the* land of the Canaan-
ites, which dwell in the champaign
over against Gilgal, beside the plains
of Mo'reh?
31 For ye shall pass over Jordan to
go in to possess the land which the
LORD your God giveth you, and ye
shall possess it, and dwell therein.
32 And ye shall observe to do all
the statutes and judgments which I
set before you this day.

CHAPTER 12

THESE *are* the statutes and judg-
ments, which ye shall observe to
do in the land, which the LORD God of
thy fathers giveth thee to possess it,
all the days that ye live upon the
earth.
2 Ye shall utterly destroy all the
places, wherein the nations which ye
shall possess served their gods, upon
the high mountains, and upon the
hills, and under every green tree:
3 And ye shall overthrow their al-
tars, and break their pillars, and burn
their groves with fire; and ye shall hew
down the graven images of their gods,
and destroy the names of them out of
that place.
4 Ye shall not do so unto the LORD
your God.
5 But unto the place which the
LORD your God shall choose out of all
your tribes to put his name there, *even*
unto his habitation shall ye seek, and
thither thou shalt come:
6 And thither ye shall bring your
burnt offerings, and your sacrifices,
and your tithes, and heave offerings of
your hand, and your vows, and your
freewill offerings, and the firstlings of
your herds and of your flocks:
7 And there ye shall eat before the
LORD your God, and ye shall rejoice in
all that ye put your hand unto, ye and
your households, wherein the LORD
thy God hath blessed thee.
8 Ye shall not do after all *the things*
that we do here this day, every man
whatsoever *is* right in his own eyes.
9 For ye are not as yet come to the
rest and to the inheritance, which the
LORD your God giveth you.
10 But *when* ye go over Jordan, and
dwell in the land which the LORD your
God giveth you to inherit, and *when*
he giveth you rest from all your ene-
mies round about, so that ye dwell in
safety;
11 Then there shall be a place which
the LORD your God shall choose to
cause his name to dwell there; thither
shall ye bring all that I command you;
your burnt offerings, and your sac-
rifices, your tithes, and the heave
offering of your hand, and all your
choice vows which ye vow unto the
LORD:
12 And ye shall rejoice before the
LORD your God, ye, and your sons, and
your daughters, and your menser-
vants, and your maidservants, and the
Levite that *is* within your gates; foras-
much as he hath no part nor inherit-
ance with you.
13 Take heed to thyself that thou
offer not thy burnt offerings in every
place that thou seest:
14 But in the place which the LORD
shall choose in one of thy tribes, there
thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings,
and there thou shalt do all that I com-
mand thee.
15 Notwithstanding thou mayest
kill and eat flesh in all thy gates, what-
soever thy soul lusteth after, according
to the blessing of the LORD thy God
which he hath given thee: the unclean
and the clean may eat thereof, as of
the roebuck, and as of the hart.
16 Only ye shall not eat the blood;
ye shall pour it upon the earth as
water.
17 Thou mayest not eat within thy
gates the tithe of thy corn, or of thy
wine, or of thy oil, or the firstlings of
thy herds or of thy flock, nor any of
thy vows which thou vowest, nor thy
freewill offerings, or heave offering of
thine hand:
18 But thou must eat them before
the LORD thy God in the place which
the LORD thy God shall choose, thou,
and thy son, and thy daughter, and
thy manservant, and thy maidservant,
and the Levite that *is* within thy
gates: and thou shalt rejoice before the
LORD thy God in all that thou puttest
thine hands unto.
19 Take heed to thyself that thou
forsake not the Levite as long as thou
livest upon the earth.
20 When the LORD thy God shall
enlarge thy border, as he hath prom-
ised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat
flesh, because thy sou

flesh; thou mayest eat flesh, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after.

21 If the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to put his name there be too far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy herd and of thy flock, which the LORD hath given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou shalt eat in thy gates whatsoever thy soul lusteth after.

22 Even as the roebuck and the hart is eaten, so thou shalt eat them: the unclean and the clean shall eat *of* them alike.

23 Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood *is* the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh.

24 Thou shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour it upon the earth as water.

25 Thou shalt not eat it; that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, when thou shalt do *that which is* right in the sight of the LORD.

26 Only thy holy things which thou hast, and thy vows, thou shalt take, and go unto the place which the LORD shall choose:

27 And thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of the LORD thy God: and the blood of thy sacrifices shall be poured out upon the altar of the LORD thy God, and thou shalt eat the flesh.

28 Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest *that which is* good and right in the sight of the LORD thy God.

29 When the LORD thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their land;

30 Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise.

31 Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.

32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

CHAPTER 13

IF there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder,

2 And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;

3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn *you* away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

6 If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which *is* as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers;

7 *Namely*, of the gods of the people which *are* round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth;

8 Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him:

9 But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

10 And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

11 And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.

12 If thou shalt hear *say* in one of thy cities, which the LORD thy God hath given thee to dwell there, saying,

13 *Certain* men, the children of Be'li-al, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known;

14 Then shalt thou enquire, and make search, and ask diligently, and, behold, *if it be* truth, *and* the thing certain, *that* such abomination is wrought among you;

15 Thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, and all that *is* therein, and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the sword.

16 And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof, and shalt burn with fire the city, and all the spoil thereof every whit, for the LORD thy God: and it shall be an heap for ever; it shall not be built again.

17 And there shall cleave nought of the cursed thing to thine hand: that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and shew thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers;

18 When thou shalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do *that which is* right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.

CHAPTER 14

YE *are* the children of the LORD your God: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead.

2 For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that *are* upon the earth.

3 Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing.

4 These *are* the beasts which ye shall eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat,

5 The hart, and the roebuck, and the fallow deer, and the wild goat, and the pygarg, and the wild ox, and the chamois.

6 And every beast that parteth the hoof, and cleaveth the cleft into two claws, *and* cheweth the cud among the beasts, that ye shall eat.

7 Nevertheless these ye shall not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the cloven hoof; *as* the camel, and the hare, and the coney: for they chew the cud, but divide not the hoof; *therefore* they *are* unclean unto you.

8 And the swine, because it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it *is* unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead carcase.

9 These ye shall eat of all that *are* in the waters: all that have fins and scales shall ye eat:

10 And whatsoever hath not fins and scales ye may not eat; it *is* unclean unto you.

11 *Of* all clean birds ye shall eat.

12 But these *are they* of which ye shall not eat: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray,

13 And the glede, and the kite, and the vulture after his kind,

14 And every raven after his kind,

15 And the owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after his kind,

16 The little owl, and the great owl, and the swan,

17 And the pelican, and the gier eagle, and the cormorant,

18 And the stork, and the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.

19 And every creeping thing that flieth *is* unclean unto you: they shall not be eaten.

20 *But of* all clean fowls ye may eat.

21 Ye shall not eat *of* any thing that dieth of itself: thou shalt give it unto the stranger that *is* in thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto an alien: for thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

22 Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.

23 And thou shalt eat before the LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the LORD thy God always.

24 And if the way be too long for thee, so that

it; or if the place be too far from thee, which the LORD thy God shall choose to set his name there, when the LORD thy God hath blessed thee:

25 Then shalt thou turn *it* into money, and bind up the money in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose:

26 And thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul desireth: and thou shalt eat there before the LORD thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household,

27 And the Levite that *is* within thy gates; thou shalt not forsake him; for he hath no part nor inheritance with thee.

28 At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay *it* up within thy gates:

29 And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which *are* within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

CHAPTER 15

AT the end of *every* seven years thou shalt make a release.

2 And this *is* the manner of the release: Every creditor that lendeth *ought* unto his neighbour shall release *it;* he shall not exact *it* of his neighbour, or of his brother; because it is called the LORD's release.

3 Of a foreigner thou mayest exact *it again:* but *that* which is thine with thy brother thine hand shall release;

4 Save when there shall be no poor among you; for the LORD shall greatly bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance to possess it:

5 Only if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all these commandments which I command thee this day.

6 For the LORD thy God blesseth thee, as he promised thee: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over thee.

7 If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother:

8 But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, *in that* which he wanteth.

9 Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought; and he cry unto the LORD against thee, and it be sin unto thee.

10 Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.

11 For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

12 *And* if thy brother, an Hebrew man, or an Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years; then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee.

13 And when thou sendest him out free from thee, thou shalt not let him go away empty:

14 Thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy floor, and out of thy winepress: *of that* wherewith the LORD thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto him.

15 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee: therefore I command thee this thing to day.

16 And it shall be, if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee; because he loveth thee and thine house, because he is well with thee;

17 Then thou shalt take an aul, and thrust *it* through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy servant for ever. And also unto thy maidservant thou shalt do likewise.

18 It shall not seem hard unto thee, when thou sendest him away free from thee; for he hath been worth a double hired servant *to thee,* in serving thee six years: and the LORD thy

God shall bless thee in all that thou
doest.
19 All the firstling males that come
of thy herd and of thy flock thou shalt
sanctify unto the LORD thy God: thou
shalt do no work with the firstling of
thy bullock, nor shear the firstling of
thy sheep.
20 Thou shalt eat *it* before the LORD
thy God year by year in the place
which the LORD shall choose, thou and
thy household.
21 And if there be *any* blemish
therein, *as if it be* lame, or blind, *or*
have any ill blemish, thou shalt not
sacrifice it unto the LORD thy God.
22 Thou shalt eat it within thy
gates: the unclean and the clean *person*
shall eat it alike, as the roebuck, and as
the hart.
23 Only thou shalt not eat the blood
thereof; thou shalt pour it upon the
ground as water.

CHAPTER 16

OBSERVE the month of Abib, and
keep the passover unto the LORD
thy God: for in the month of Abib the
LORD thy God brought thee forth out
of Egypt by night.
2 Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the
passover unto the LORD thy God, of
the flock and the herd, in the place
which the LORD shall choose to place
his name there.
3 Thou shalt eat no leavened bread
with it; seven days shalt thou eat un-
leavened bread therewith, *even* the
bread of affliction; for thou camest
forth out of the land of Egypt in haste:
that thou mayest remember the day
when thou camest forth out of the land
of Egypt all the days of thy life.
4 And there shall be no leavened
bread seen with thee in all thy coast
seven days; neither shall there *any*
thing of the flesh, which thou sacri-
ficedst the first day at even, remain all
night until the morning.
5 Thou mayest not sacrifice the
passover within any of thy gates,
which the LORD thy God giveth thee:
6 But at the place which the LORD
thy God shall choose to place his name
in, there thou shalt sacrifice the pass-
over at even, at the going down of the
sun, at the season that thou camest
forth out of Egypt.
7 And thou shalt roast and eat *it* in
the place which the LORD thy God
shall choose: and thou shalt turn in
the morning, and go unto thy tents.
8 Six days thou shalt eat unleav-
ened bread: and on the seventh day
shall be a solemn assembly to the LORD
thy God: thou shalt do no work *therein*.
9 Seven weeks shalt thou number
unto thee: begin to number the seven
weeks from *such time as* thou beginnest
to put the sickle to the corn.
10 And thou shalt keep the feast of
weeks unto the LORD thy God with a
tribute of a freewill offering of thine
hand, which thou shalt give *unto the*
LORD thy God, according as the LORD
thy God hath blessed thee:
11 And thou shalt rejoice before the
LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and
thy daughter, and thy manservant,
and thy maidservant, and the Levite
that *is* within thy gates, and the stran-
ger, and the fatherless, and the widow,
that *are* among you, in the place which
the LORD thy God hath chosen to place
his name there.
12 And thou shalt remember that
thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and
thou shalt observe and do these stat-
utes.
13 Thou shalt observe the feast of
tabernacles seven days, after that thou
hast gathered in thy corn and thy
wine:
14 And thou shalt rejoice in thy
feast, thou, and thy son, and thy
daughter, and thy manservant, and
thy maidservant, and the Levite, the
stranger, and the fatherless, and the
widow, that *are* within thy gates.
15 Seven days shalt thou keep a
solemn feast unto the LORD thy God
in the place which the LORD shall
choose: because the LORD thy God
shall bless thee in all thine increase,
and in all the works of thine hands,
therefore thou shalt surely rejoice.
16 Three times in a year shall all
thy males appear before the LORD thy
God in the place which he shall choose;
in the feast of unleavened bread, and
in the feast of weeks, and in the feast
of tabernacles: and they shall not ap-
pear before the LORD empty:
17 Every man *shall give* as he is
able, according to the blessing of the
LORD thy God which he hath given
thee.
18 Judges and officers shalt thou
make thee in all thy gates, which the
LORD thy God giveth thee, throughout
thy tribes: and they sha
people with just judgmen

19 Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous.

20 That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

21 Thou shalt not plant thee a grove of any trees near unto the altar of the LORD thy God, which thou shalt make thee.

22 Neither shalt thou set thee up *any* image; which the LORD thy God hateth.

CHAPTER 17

THOU shalt not sacrifice unto the LORD thy God *any* bullock, or sheep, wherein is blemish, *or* any evilfavouredness: for that *is* an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

2 If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing his covenant,

3 And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded;

4 And it be told thee, and thou hast heard *of it*, and enquired diligently, behold, *it be* true, *and* the thing certain, *that* such abomination is wrought in Israel:

5 Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, *even* that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die.

6 At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; *but* at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

7 The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil away from among you.

8 If there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, *being* matters of controversy within thy gates: then shalt thou arise, and get thee up into the place which the LORD thy God shall choose;

9 And thou shalt come unto the priests the Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days, and enquire; and they shall shew thee the sentence of judgment:

10 And thou shalt do according to the sentence, which they of that place which the LORD shall choose shall shew thee; and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they inform thee:

11 According to the sentence of the law which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do: thou shalt not decline from the sentence which they shall shew thee, *to* the right hand, nor *to* the left.

12 And the man that will do presumptuously, and will not hearken unto the priest that standeth to minister there before the LORD thy God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die: and thou shalt put away the evil from Israel.

13 And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

14 When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that *are* about me;

15 Thou shalt in any wise set *him* king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: *one* from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which *is* not thy brother.

16 But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way.

17 Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

18 And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of *that which is* before the priests the Levites:

19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD

his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:

20 That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, *to* the right hand, or *to* the left: to the end that he may prolong *his* days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.

CHAPTER 18

THE priests the Levites, *and* all the tribe of Levi, shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel: they shall eat the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and his inheritance.

2 Therefore shall they have no inheritance among their brethren: the LORD *is* their inheritance, as he hath said unto them.

3 And this shall be the priest's due from the people, from them that offer a sacrifice, whether *it be* ox or sheep; and they shall give unto the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw.

4 The firstfruit *also* of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give him.

5 For the LORD thy God hath chosen him out of all thy tribes, to stand to minister in the name of the LORD, him and his sons for ever.

6 And if a Levite come from any of thy gates out of all Israel, where he sojourned, and come with all the desire of his mind unto the place which the LORD shall choose;

7 Then he shall minister in the name of the LORD his God, as all his brethren the Levites *do*, which stand there before the LORD.

8 They shall have like portions to eat, beside that which cometh of the sale of his patrimony.

9 When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

10 There shall not be found among you *any one* that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, *or* that useth divination, *or* an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch.

11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

12 For all that do these things *are* an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

13 Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God.

14 For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so *to do*.

15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Ho'reb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well *spoken that* which they have spoken.

18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

19 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him.

20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?

22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, *but* the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

CHAPTER 19

WHEN the LORD thy God hath cut off the nations, whose land the LORD thy God giveth thee, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their cities, and in their houses;

2 Thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the midst of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

3 Thou shalt prepare thee a way, and divide the coasts of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to

inherit, into three parts, that every
slayer may flee thither.
4 And this is the case of the slayer,
which shall flee thither, that he may
live: Whoso killeth his neighbour ignorantly,
whom he hated not in time
past;
5 As when a man goeth into the
wood with his neighbour to hew wood,
and his hand fetcheth a stroke with
the axe to cut down the tree, and the
head slippeth from the helve, and
lighteth upon his neighbour, that he
die; he shall flee unto one of those
cities, and live:
6 Lest the avenger of the blood pursue
the slayer, while his heart is hot,
and overtake him, because the way is
long, and slay him; whereas he *was* not
worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated
him not in time past.
7 Wherefore I command thee, saying,
Thou shalt separate three cities
for thee.
8 And if the LORD thy God enlarge
thy coast, as he hath sworn unto thy
fathers, and give thee all the land
which he promised to give unto thy
fathers;
9 If thou shalt keep all these commandments
to do them, which I command
thee this day, to love the LORD
thy God, and to walk ever in his ways;
then shalt thou add three cities more
for thee, beside these three:
10 That innocent blood be not shed
in thy land, which the LORD thy God
giveth thee *for* an inheritance, and so
blood be upon thee.
11 But if any man hate his neighbour,
and lie in wait for him, and rise
up against him, and smite him mortally
that he die, and fleeth into one of
these cities:
12 Then the elders of his city shall
send and fetch him thence, and deliver
him into the hand of the avenger of
blood, that he may die.
13 Thine eye shall not pity him, but
thou shalt put away *the guilt of* innocent
blood from Israel, that it may go
well with thee.
14 Thou shalt not remove thy
neighbour's landmark, which they of
old time have set in thine inheritance,
which thou shalt inherit in the land
that the LORD thy God giveth thee to
possess it.
15 One witness shall not rise up
against a man for any iniquity, or for
any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at
the mouth of two witnesses, or at the
mouth of three witnesses, shall the
matter be established.
16 If a false witness rise up against
any man to testify against him *that*
which is wrong;
17 Then both the men, between
whom the controversy *is*, shall stand
before the LORD, before the priests and
the judges, which shall be in those
days;
18 And the judges shall make diligent
inquisition: and, behold, *if* the
witness *be* a false witness, *and* hath
testified falsely against his brother;
19 Then shall ye do unto him, as he
had thought to have done unto his
brother: so shalt thou put the evil
away from among you.
20 And those which remain shall
hear, and fear, and shall henceforth
commit no more any such evil among
you.
21 And thine eye shall not pity; *but*
life *shall go* for life, eye for eye, tooth
for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

CHAPTER 20

WHEN thou goest out to battle
against thine enemies, and seest
horses, and chariots, *and* a people more
than thou, be not afraid of them: for
the LORD thy God *is* with thee, which
brought thee up out of the land of
Egypt.
2 And it shall be, when ye are come
nigh unto the battle, that the priest
shall approach and speak unto the
people,
3 And shall say unto them, Hear, O
Israel, ye approach this day unto battle
against your enemies: let not your
hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble,
neither be ye terrified because of
them;
4 For the LORD your God *is* he that
goeth with you, to fight for you against
your enemies, to save you.
5 And the officers shall speak unto
the people, saying, What man *is there*
that hath built a new house, and hath
not dedicated it? let him go and return
to his house, lest he die in the
battle, and another man dedicate it.
6 And what man *is he* that hath
planted a vineyard, and hath not *yet*
eaten of it? let him *also* go and return
unto his house, lest he die in the battle,
and another man eat of it.
7 And what man *is there* that hath
betrothed a wife, and hath not taken

her? let him go and return unto his
house, lest he die in the battle, and an-
other man take her.
8 And the officers shall speak fur-
ther unto the people, and they shall
say, What man *is there that is* fearful
and fainthearted? let him go and re-
turn unto his house, lest his brethren's
heart faint as well as his heart.
9 And it shall be, when the officers
have made an end of speaking unto the
people, that they shall make captains
of the armies to lead the people.
10 When thou comest nigh unto a
city to fight against it, then proclaim
peace unto it.
11 And it shall be, if it make thee
answer of peace, and open unto thee,
then it shall be, *that* all the people *that*
is found therein shall be tributaries un-
to thee, and they shall serve thee.
12 And if it will make no peace with
thee, but will make war against thee,
then thou shalt besiege it:
13 And when the LORD thy God
hath delivered it into thine hands,
thou shalt smite every male thereof
with the edge of the sword:
14 But the women, and the little
ones, and the cattle, and all that is in
the city, *even* all the spoil thereof, shalt
thou take unto thyself; and thou shalt
eat the spoil of thine enemies, which
the LORD thy God hath given thee.
15 Thus shalt thou do unto all the
cities *which are* very far off from thee,
which *are* not of the cities of these na-
tions.
16 But of the cities of these people,
which the LORD thy God doth give
thee *for* an inheritance, thou shalt save
alive nothing that breatheth:
17 But thou shalt utterly destroy
them; *namely*, the Hittites, and the
Amorites, the Canaanites, and the
Per'-iz-zites, the Hi'-vites, and the Jeb'-
u-sites; as the LORD thy God hath com-
manded thee:
18 That they teach you not to do
after all their abominations, which
they have done unto their gods; so
should ye sin against the LORD your
God.
19 When thou shalt besiege a city
a long time, in making war against it
to take it, thou shalt not destroy the
trees thereof by forcing an axe against
them: for thou mayest eat of them,
and thou shalt not cut them down (for
the tree of the field *is* man's *life*) to
employ *them* in the siege:
20 Only the trees which thou know-
est that they *be* not trees for meat,
thou shalt destroy and cut them down;
and thou shalt build bulwarks against
the city that maketh war with thee,
until it be subdued.

CHAPTER 21

If *one* be found slain in the land
which the LORD thy God giveth
thee to possess it, lying in the field, *and*
it be not known who hath slain him:
2 Then thy elders and thy judges
shall come forth, and they shall mea-
sure unto the cities which *are* round
about him that is slain:
3 And it shall be, *that* the city *which*
is next unto the slain man, even the
elders of that city shall take an heifer,
which hath not been wrought with,
and which hath not drawn in the yoke;
4 And the elders of that city shall
bring down the heifer unto a rough
valley, which is neither eared nor
sown, and shall strike off the heifer's
neck there in the valley:
5 And the priests the sons of Levi
shall come near; for them the LORD thy
God hath chosen to minister unto him,
and to bless in the name of the LORD;
and by their word shall every contro-
versy and every stroke be *tried*:
6 And all the elders of that city,
that are next unto the slain *man*, shall
wash their hands over the heifer that
is beheaded in the valley:
7 And they shall answer and say,
Our hands have not shed this blood,
neither have our eyes seen *it*.
8 Be merciful, O LORD, unto thy
people Israel, whom thou hast re-
deemed, and lay not innocent blood
unto thy people of Israel's charge. And
the blood shall be forgiven them.
9 So shalt thou put away the *guilt*
of innocent blood from among you,
when thou shalt do *that which is* right
in the sight of the LORD.
10 When thou goest forth to war
against thine enemies, and the LORD
thy God hath delivered them into
thine hands, and thou hast taken them
captive,
11 And seest among the captives a
beautiful woman, and hast a desire un-
to her, that thou wouldest have her to
thy wife;
12 Then thou shalt bring her home
to thine house; and she shall shave her
head, and pare her nails;
13 And sh[illegible]

her captivity from off her, and shall remain in thine house, and bewail her father and her mother a full month: and after that thou shalt go in unto her, and be her husband, and she shall be thy wife.

14 And it shall be, if thou have no delight in her, then thou shalt let her go whither she will; but thou shalt not sell her at all for money, thou shalt not make merchandise of her, because thou hast humbled her.

15 If a man have two wives, one beloved, and another hated, and they have born him children, *both* the beloved and the hated; and *if* the firstborn son be hers that was hated:

16 Then it shall be, when he maketh his sons to inherit *that* which he hath, *that* he may not make the son of the beloved firstborn before the son of the hated, *which is indeed* the firstborn:

17 But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated *for* the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he *is* the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn *is* his.

18 If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and *that,* when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them:

19 Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place;

20 And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son *is* stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; *he is* a glutton, and a drunkard.

21 And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

22 And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree:

23 His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged *is* accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

CHAPTER 22

THOU shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt in any case bring them again unto thy brother.

2 And if thy brother *be* not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it unto thine own house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to him again.

3 In like manner shalt thou do with his ass; and so shalt thou do with his raiment; and with all lost thing of thy brother's, which he hath lost, and thou hast found, shalt thou do likewise: thou mayest not hide thyself.

4 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fall down by the way, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt surely help him to lift *them* up again.

5 The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God.

6 If a bird's nest chance to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, *whether they be* young ones, or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young:

7 *But* thou shalt in any wise let the dam go, and take the young to thee; that it may be well with thee, and *that* thou mayest prolong *thy* days.

8 When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house, if any man fall from thence.

9 Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds: lest the fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy vineyard, be defiled.

10 Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together.

11 Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, *as* of woollen and linen together.

12 Thou shalt make thee fringes upon the four quarters of thy vesture, wherewith thou coverest *thyself.*

13 If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her,

14 And give occasions of speech against her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid:

15 Then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth *the tokens of* the damsel's virgin-

ity unto the elders of the city in the
gate:
16 And the damsel's father shall say
unto the elders, I gave my daughter
unto this man to wife, and he hateth
her;
17 And, lo, he hath given occasions
of speech *against her*, saying, I found
not thy daughter a maid; and yet these
are the tokens of my daughter's virgin-
ity. And they shall spread the cloth
before the elders of the city.
18 And the elders of that city shall
take that man and chastise him;
19 And they shall amerce him in an
hundred *shekels* of silver, and give
them unto the father of the damsel, be-
cause he hath brought up an evil name
upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall
be his wife; he may not put her away
all his days.
20 But if this thing be true, *and the
tokens of* virginity be not found for the
damsel:
21 Then they shall bring out the
damsel to the door of her father's
house, and the men of her city shall
stone her with stones that she die: be-
cause she hath wrought folly in Israel,
to play the whore in her father's house:
so shalt thou put evil away from
among you.
22 If a man be found lying with a
woman married to an husband, then
they shall both of them die, *both* the
man that lay with the woman, and the
woman: so shalt thou put away evil
from Israel.
23 If a damsel *that is* a virgin be be-
trothed unto an husband, and a man
find her in the city, and lie with her;
24 Then ye shall bring them both
out unto the gate of that city, and ye
shall stone them with stones that they
die; the damsel, because she cried not,
being in the city; and the man, because
he hath humbled his neighbour's wife:
so thou shalt put away evil from
among you.
25 But if a man find a betrothed
damsel in the field, and the man force
her, and lie with her: then the man
only that lay with her shall die:
26 But unto the damsel thou shalt
do nothing; *there is* in the damsel no
sin *worthy* of death: for as when a man
riseth against his neighbour, and slay-
eth him, even so *is* this matter:
27 For he found her in the field, *and*
the betrothed damsel cried, and *there
was* none to save her.
28 If a man find a damsel *that is* a
virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay
hold on her, and lie with her, and they
be found;
29 Then the man that lay with her
shall give unto the damsel's father
fifty *shekels* of silver, and she shall be
his wife; because he hath humbled
her, he may not put her away all his
days.
30 A man shall not take his father's
wife, nor discover his father's skirt.

CHAPTER 23

HE that is wounded in the stones, or
hath his privy member cut off,
shall not enter into the congregation
of the Lord.
2 A bastard shall not enter into the
congregation of the Lord; even to his
tenth generation shall he not enter into
the congregation of the Lord.
3 An Ammonite or Moabite shall
not enter into the congregation of the
Lord; even to their tenth generation
shall they not enter into the congrega-
tion of the Lord for ever:
4 Because they met you not with
bread and with water in the way,
when ye came forth out of Egypt; and
because they hired against thee Ba'-
laam the son of Be'-or of Pe'-thor of
Mes-o-po-ta'-mi-a, to curse thee.
5 Nevertheless the Lord thy God
would not hearken unto Ba'-laam; but
the Lord thy God turned the curse
into a blessing unto thee, because the
Lord thy God loved thee.
6 Thou shalt not seek their peace
nor their prosperity all thy days for
ever.
7 Thou shalt not abhor an Edom-
ite; for he *is* thy brother: thou shalt
not abhor an Egyptian; because thou
wast a stranger in his land.
8 The children that are begotten of
them shall enter into the congregation
of the Lord in their third generation.
9 When the host goeth forth against
thine enemies, then keep thee from
every wicked thing.
10 If there be among you any man,
that is not clean by reason of unclean-
ness that chanceth him by night, then
shall he go abroad out of the camp, he
shall not come within the camp:
11 But it shall be, when evening
cometh on, he shall wash *himself* with
water: and when the sun is down, he
shall come into the camp *again*.
12 Thou shalt

without the camp, whither thou shalt go forth abroad:
13 And thou shalt have a paddle upon thy weapon; and it shall be, when thou wilt ease thyself abroad, thou shalt dig therewith, and shalt turn back and cover that which cometh from thee:
14 For the LORD thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy: that he see no unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee.
15 Thou shalt not deliver unto his master the servant which is escaped from his master unto thee:
16 He shall dwell with thee, *even* among you, in that place which he shall choose in one of thy gates, where it liketh him best: thou shalt not oppress him.
17 There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel.
18 Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God.
19 Thou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of any thing that is lent upon usury:
20 Unto a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all that thou settest thine hand to in the land whither thou goest to possess it.
21 When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee.
22 But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee.
23 That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform; *even* a freewill offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the LORD thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth.
24 When thou comest into thy neighbour's vineyard, then thou mayest eat grapes thy fill at thine own pleasure; but thou shalt not put *any* in thy vessel.
25 When thou comest into the standing corn of thy neighbour, then thou mayest pluck the ears with thine hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbour's standing corn.

CHAPTER 24

WHEN a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give *it* in her hand, and send her out of his house.
2 And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's *wife*.
3 And *if* the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth *it* in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her *to be* his wife;
4 Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that *is* abomination before the LORD: and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.
5 When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business: *but* he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken.
6 No man shall take the nether or the upper millstone to pledge: for he taketh *a man's* life to pledge.
7 If a man be found stealing any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and maketh merchandise of him, or selleth him; then that thief shall die; and thou shalt put evil away from among you.
8 Take heed in the plague of leprosy, that thou observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you: as I commanded them, *so* ye shall observe to do.
9 Remember what the LORD thy God did unto Miriam by the way, after that ye were come forth out of Egypt.
10 When thou dost lend thy brother any thing, thou shalt not go into his house to fetch his pledge.
11 Thou shalt stand abroad, and the man to whom thou dost lend shall bring out the pledge abroad unto thee.
12 And if the man *be* poor, thou shalt not sleep with his pledge:
13 In any case thou shalt deliver

him the pledge again when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his own raiment, and bless thee: and it shall be righteousness unto thee before the LORD thy God.

14 Thou shalt not oppress an hired servant *that is* poor and needy, *whether he be* of thy brethren, or of thy strangers that *are* in thy land within thy gates:

15 At his day thou shalt give *him* his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; for he *is* poor, and setteth his heart upon it: lest he cry against thee unto the LORD: and it be sin unto thee.

16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

17 Thou shalt not pervert the judgment of the stranger, *nor* of the fatherless; nor take a widow's raiment to pledge:

18 But thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee thence: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

19 When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands.

20 When thou beatest thine olive tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

21 When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean *it* afterward: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

22 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

CHAPTER 25

IF there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, that *the judges* may judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked.

2 And it shall be, if the wicked man *be* worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his fault, by a certain number.

3 Forty stripes he may give him, *and* not exceed: lest, *if* he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should seem vile unto thee.

4 Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out *the corn*.

5 If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her.

6 And it shall be, *that* the firstborn which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother *which is* dead, that his name be not put out of Israel.

7 And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate unto the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel, he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother.

8 Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him: and *if* he stand *to it*, and say, I like not to take her;

9 Then shall his brother's wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's house.

10 *And his name shall be called in* Israel, The house of him that hath his shoe loosed.

11 When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near for to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the secrets:

12 Then thou shalt cut off her hand, thine eye shall not pity *her*.

13 Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small.

14 Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small.

15 *But* thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have: *that* thy days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

16 For all that do such *things, and* all that do unrighteously, *are* an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

17 Remember what Am'a-lek did

unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt;

18 How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, *even* all *that were* feeble behind thee, when thou *wast* faint and weary; and he feared not God.

19 Therefore it shall be, when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance to possess it, *that* thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Am'-a-lek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget *it*.

CHAPTER 26

AND it shall be, when thou *art* come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein;

2 That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put *it* in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name there.

3 And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto the LORD thy God, that I am come unto the country which the LORD sware unto our fathers for to give us.

4 And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of the LORD thy God.

5 And thou shalt speak and say before the LORD thy God, A Syrian ready to perish *was* my father, and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous:

6 And the Egyptians evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage:

7 And when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression:

8 And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders:

9 And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, *even* a land that floweth with milk and honey.

10 And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God:

11 And thou shalt rejoice in every good *thing* which the LORD thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that *is* among you.

12 When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increase the third year, *which is* the year of tithing, and hast given *it* unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled;

13 Then thou shalt say before the LORD thy God, I have brought away the hallowed things out of *mine* house, and also have given them unto the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all thy commandments which thou hast commanded me: I have not transgressed thy commandments, neither have I forgotten *them:*

14 I have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither have I taken away *ought* thereof for *any* unclean *use*, nor given *ought* thereof for the dead: *but* I have hearkened to the voice of the LORD my God, *and* have done according to all that thou hast commanded me.

15 Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

16 This day the LORD thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

17 Thou hast avouched the LORD this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice:

18 And the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that *thou* shouldest keep all his commandments;

19 And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken.

CHAPTER 27

AND Moses with the elders of Israel
commanded the people, saying,
Keep all the commandments which I
command you this day.
2 And it shall be on the day when
ye shall pass over Jordan unto the
land which the LORD thy God giveth
thee, that thou shalt set thee up great
stones, and plaister them with plaister:
3 And thou shalt write upon them
all the words of this law, when thou
art passed over, that thou mayest go
in unto the land which the LORD thy
God giveth thee, a land that floweth
with milk and honey; as the LORD God
of thy fathers hath promised thee.
4 Therefore it shall be when ye be
gone over Jordan, *that* ye shall set up
these stones, which I command you
this day, in mount Ebal, and thou
shalt plaister them with plaister.
5 And there shalt thou build an al-
tar unto the LORD thy God, an altar of
stones: thou shalt not lift up *any* iron
tool upon them.
6 Thou shalt build the altar of the
LORD thy God of whole stones: and
thou shalt offer burnt offerings there-
on unto the LORD thy God:
7 And thou shalt offer peace offer-
ings, and shalt eat there, and rejoice
before the LORD thy God.
8 And thou shalt write upon the
stones all the words of this law very
plainly.
9 And Moses and the priests the Le-
vites spake unto all Israel, saying,
Take heed, and hearken, O Israel; this
day thou art become the people of the
LORD thy God.
10 Thou shalt therefore obey the
voice of the LORD thy God, and do his
commandments and his statutes,
which I command thee this day.
11 And Moses charged the people
the same day, saying,
12 These shall stand upon mount
Ger'-i-zim to bless the people, when ye
are come over Jordan; Simeon, and
Levi, and Judah, and Is'-sa-char, and
Joseph, and Benjamin:
13 And these shall stand upon
mount Ebal to curse; Reuben, Gad,
and Asher, and Zeb'-u-lun, Dan, and
Naph'-ta-li.
14 And the Levites shall speak, and
say unto all the men of Israel with a
loud voice,
15 Cursed *be* the man that maketh
any graven or molten image, an abom-
ination unto the LORD, the work of the
hands of the craftsman, and putteth *it*
in *a* secret *place*. And all the people
shall answer and say, Amen.
16 Cursed *be* he that setteth light by
his father or his mother. And all the
people shall say, Amen.
17 Cursed *be* he that removeth his
neighbour's landmark. And all the
people shall say, Amen.
18 Cursed *be* he that maketh the
blind to wander out of the way. And
all the people shall say, Amen.
19 Cursed *be* he that perverteth the
judgment of the stranger, fatherless,
and widow. And all the people shall
say, Amen.
20 Cursed *be* he that lieth with his
father's wife; because he uncovereth
his father's skirt. And all the people
shall say, Amen.
21 Cursed *be* he that lieth with any
manner of beast. And all the people
shall say, Amen.
22 Cursed *be* he that lieth with his
sister, the daughter of his father, or
the daughter of his mother. And all the
people shall say, Amen.
23 Cursed *be* he that lieth with his
mother in law. And all the people shall
say, Amen.
24 Cursed *be* he that smiteth his
neighbour secretly. And all the people
shall say, Amen.
25 Cursed *be* he that taketh reward
to slay an innocent person. And all the
people shall say, Amen.
26 Cursed *be* he that confirmeth not
all the words of this law to do them.
And all the people shall say, Amen.

CHAPTER 28

AND it shall come to pass, if thou
shalt hearken diligently unto the
voice of the LORD thy God, to observe
and to do all his commandments which
I command thee this day, that the
LORD thy God will set thee on high
above all nations of the earth:
2 And all these blessings shall come
on thee, and overtake thee, if thou
shalt hearken unto the voice of the
LORD thy God.
3 Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the city,
and blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the field.
4 Blessed *shall be* the fruit of thy
body, and the fruit of thy ground, and
the fruit of thy cattle, the increase
of thy kine, and the flocks of thy
sheep.

5 Blessed *shall be* thy basket and
thy store.
6 Blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou
comest in, and blessed *shalt* thou *be*
when thou goest out.
7 The LORD shall cause thine ene-
mies that rise up against thee to be
smitten before thy face: they shall
come out against thee one way, and
flee before thee seven ways.
8 The LORD shall command the
blessing upon thee in thy storehouses,
and in all that thou settest thine hand
unto; and he shall bless thee in the
land which the LORD thy God giveth
thee.
9 The LORD shall establish thee an
holy people unto himself, as he hath
sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the
commandments of the LORD thy God,
and walk in his ways.
10 And all people of the earth shall
see that thou art called by the name of
the LORD; and they shall be afraid of
thee.
11 And the LORD shall make thee
plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy
body, and in the fruit of thy cattle,
and in the fruit of thy ground, in the
land which the LORD sware unto thy
fathers to give thee.
12 The LORD shall open unto thee
his good treasure, the heaven to give
the rain unto thy land in his season,
and to bless all the work of thine hand:
and thou shalt lend unto many na-
tions, and thou shalt not borrow.
13 And the LORD shall make thee
the head, and not the tail; and thou
shalt be above only, and thou shalt not
be beneath; if that thou hearken unto
the commandments of the LORD thy
God, which I command thee this day,
to observe and to do *them*:
14 And thou shalt not go aside
from any of the words which I com-
mand thee this day, *to* the right hand,
or *to* the left, to go after other gods to
serve them.
15 But it shall come to pass, if thou
wilt not hearken unto the voice of the
LORD thy God, to observe to do all his
commandments and his statutes which
I command thee this day; that all
these curses shall come upon thee, and
overtake thee:
16 Cursed *shalt* thou *be* in the city,
and cursed *shalt* thou *be* in the field.
17 Cursed *shall be* thy basket and
thy store.
18 Cursed *shall be* the fruit of thy
body, and the fruit of thy land, the in-
crease of thy kine, and the flocks of thy
sheep.
19 Cursed *shalt* thou *be* when thou
comest in, and cursed *shalt* thou *be*
when thou goest out.
20 The LORD shall send upon thee
cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all
that thou settest thine hand unto for
to do, until thou be destroyed, and un-
til thou perish quickly; because of the
wickedness of thy doings, whereby
thou hast forsaken me.
21 The LORD shall make the pesti-
lence cleave unto thee, until he have
consumed thee from off the land,
whither thou goest to possess it.
22 The LORD shall smite thee with
a consumption, and with a fever, and
with an inflammation, and with an ex-
treme burning, and with the sword,
and with blasting, and with mildew;
and they shall pursue thee until thou
perish.
23 And thy heaven that *is* over thy
head shall be brass, and the earth that
is under thee *shall be* iron.
24 The LORD shall make the rain of
thy land powder and dust: from heav-
en shall it come down upon thee, un-
til thou be destroyed.
25 The LORD shall cause thee to be
smitten before thine enemies: thou
shalt go out one way against them, and
flee seven ways before them: and shalt
be removed into all the kingdoms of
the earth.
26 And thy carcase shall be meat
unto all fowls of the air, and unto the
beasts of the earth, and no man shall
fray *them* away.
27 The LORD will smite thee with
the botch of Egypt, and with the
emerods, and with the scab, and with
the itch, whereof thou canst not be
healed.
28 The LORD shall smite thee with
madness, and blindness, and astonish-
ment of heart:
29 And thou shalt grope at noon-
day, as the blind gropeth in darkness,
and thou shalt not prosper in thy
ways: and thou shalt be only op-
pressed and spoiled evermore, and no
man shall save *thee*.
30 Thou shalt betroth a wife, and
another man shall lie with her: thou
shalt build an house, and thou shalt
not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a
vineyard, and shalt not gather the
grapes thereof.

31 Thine ox *shall be* slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass *shall be* violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep *shall be* given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue *them*.

32 Thy sons and thy daughters *shall be* given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail *with longing* for them all the day long: and *there shall be* no might in thine hand.

33 The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed alway:

34 So that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

35 The LORD shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.

36 The LORD shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone.

37 And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee.

38 Thou shalt carry much seed out *into the field*, and shalt gather *but* little in; for the locust shall consume it.

39 Thou shalt plant vineyards, and dress *them*, but shalt neither drink *of* the wine, nor gather *the grapes*; for the worms shall eat them.

40 Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint *thyself* with the oil; for thine olive shall cast *his fruit*.

41 Thou shall beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity.

42 All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust consume.

43 The stranger that *is* within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low.

44 He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.

45 Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:

46 And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever.

47 Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all *things*;

48 Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all *things*: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

49 The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, *as swift* as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand;

50 A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young:

51 And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which *also* shall not leave thee *either* corn, wine, or oil, *or* the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee.

52 And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

53 And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the LORD thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee:

54 *So that* the man *that is* tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave:

55 So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies sh
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5 Blessed *shall be* thy basket and thy store.

6 Blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out.

7 The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

8 The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

9 The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

10 And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.

11 And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou [illegible] be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do *them:*

14 And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, *to* the right hand, or *to* the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do *all his* commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

16 Cursed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and cursed *shalt* thou *be* in the field.

17 Cursed *shall be* thy basket and thy store.

18 Cursed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

19 Cursed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and cursed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out.

20 The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.

21 The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it.

22 The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.

23 And thy heaven that *is* over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee *shall be* iron.

24 The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

25 The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

26 And thy carcase shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray *them* away.

27 The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.

28 The LORD shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart:

29 And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save *thee.*

30 Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not gather the grapes thereof.

31 Thine ox *shall be* slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass *shall be* violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep *shall be* given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue *them.*

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41 Thou shall beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity.

42 All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust consume.

43 The stranger that *is* within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low.

44 He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.

45 Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:

46 And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever.

47 Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all *things;*

48 Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all *things:* and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

49 The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, *as swift* as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand;

50 A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young:

51 And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which *also* shall not leave thee *either* corn, wine, or oil, *or* the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee.

52 And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

53 And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the LORD thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee:

54 *So that* the man *that is* tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave:

55 So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates.

56 The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the

husband of her bosom, and toward her
son, and toward her daughter,
57 And toward her young one that
cometh out from between her feet, and
toward her children which she shall
bear: for she shall eat them for want
of all *things* secretly in the siege and
straitness, wherewith thine enemy
shall distress thee in thy gates.
58 If thou wilt not observe to do all
the words of this law that are written
in this book, that thou mayest fear
this glorious and fearful name, THE
LORD THY GOD;
59 Then the LORD will make thy
plagues wonderful, and the plagues of
thy seed, *even* great plagues, and of
long continuance, and sore sicknesses,
and of long continuance.
60 Moreover he will bring upon thee
all the diseases of Egypt, which thou
wast afraid of; and they shall cleave
unto thee.
61 Also every sickness, and every
plague, which *is* not written in the
book of this law, them will the LORD
bring upon thee, until thou be de-
stroyed.
62 And ye shall be left few in num-
ber, whereas ye were as the stars of
heaven for multitude; because thou
wouldest not obey the voice of the
LORD thy God.
63 And it shall come to pass, *that* as
the LORD rejoiced over you to do you
good, and to multiply you; so the LORD
will rejoice over you to destroy you,
and to bring you to nought; and ye
shall be plucked from off the land
whither thou goest to possess it.
64 And the LORD shall scatter thee
among all people, from the one end of
the earth even unto the other; and
there thou shalt serve other gods,
which neither thou nor thy fathers
have known, *even* wood and stone.
65 And among these nations shalt
thou find no ease, neither shall the sole
of thy foot have rest: but the LORD
shall give thee there a trembling heart,
and failing of eyes, and sorrow of
mind:
66 And thy life shall hang in doubt
before thee; and thou shalt fear day
and night, and shalt have none assur-
ance of thy life:
67 In the morning thou shalt say,
Would God it were even! and at even
thou shalt say, Would God it were
morning! for the fear of thine heart
wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the
sight of thine eyes which thou shalt
see.
68 And the LORD shall bring thee
into Egypt again with ships, by the
way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou
shalt see it no more again: and there ye
shall be sold unto your enemies for
bondmen and bondwomen, and no
man shall buy *you*.

CHAPTER 29

THESE *are* the words of the cove-
nant, which the LORD commanded
Moses to make with the children of Is-
rael in the land of Moab, beside the
covenant which he made with them in
Hoʹreb.
2 And Moses called unto all Israel,
and said unto them, Ye have seen all
that the LORD did before your eyes in
the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and
unto all his servants, and unto all his
land;
3 The great temptations which
thine eyes have seen, the signs, and
those great miracles:
4 Yet the LORD hath not given you
an heart to perceive, and eyes to see,
and ears to hear, unto this day.
5 And I have led you forty years in
the wilderness: your clothes are not
waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is
not waxen old upon thy foot.
6 Ye have not eaten bread, neither
have ye drunk wine or strong drink:
that ye might know that I *am* the
LORD your God.
7 And when ye came unto this
place, Sihon the king of Heshʹbon, and
Og the king of Baʹshan, came out
against us unto battle, and we smote
them:
8 And we took their land, and gave
it for an inheritance unto the Reuben-
ites, and to the Gadites, and to the
half tribe of Ma-nasʹseh.
9 Keep therefore the words of this
covenant, and do them, that ye may
prosper in all that ye do.
10 Ye stand this day all of you be-
fore the LORD your God; your captains
of your tribes, your elders, and your
officers, *with* all the men of Israel,
11 Your little ones, your wives, and
thy stranger that *is* in thy camp, from
the hewer of thy wood unto the drawer
of thy water:
12 That thou shouldest enter into
covenant with the LORD thy God, and
into his oath, which the LORD thy God
maketh with thee this day:

13 That he may establish thee to day for a people unto himself, and *that* he may be unto thee a God, as he hath said unto thee, and as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

14 Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath;

15 But with *him* that standeth here with us this day before the LORD our God, and also with *him* that *is* not here with us this day:

16 (For ye know how we have dwelt in the land of Egypt; and how we came through the nations which ye passed by;

17 And ye have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which *were* among them:)

18 Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go *and* serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood;

19 And it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of mine heart, to add drunkenness to thirst:

20 The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven.

21 And the LORD shall separate him unto evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this book of the law:

22 So that the generation to come of your children that shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses which the LORD hath laid upon it;

23 *And that* the whole land thereof *is* brimstone, and salt, *and* burning, *that* it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sodom, and Go-mor'-rah, Ad'-mah, and Ze-bo'-im, which the LORD overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath:

24 Even all nations shall say, Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this land? what *meaneth* the heat of this great anger?

25 Then men shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt:

26 For they went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods whom they knew not, and *whom* he had not given unto them:

27 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book:

28 And the LORD rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as *it is* this day.

29 The secret *things belong* unto the LORD our God: but those *things which are* revealed *belong* unto us and to our children for ever, that *we* may do all the words of this law.

CHAPTER 30

AND it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon *thee*, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou *shalt* call *them* to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,

2 And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according *to all that I command* thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;

3 That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon *thee*, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.

4 If *any* of thine be driven out unto the outmost *parts* of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:

5 And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.

6 And the LORD thy God will circumcise *thine* heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

7 And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, *which* persecuted thee.

8 And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the LORD, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day.

9 And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers:

10 If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, *and* if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

11 For this commandment which I command thee this day, it *is* not hidden from thee, neither *is* it far off.

12 It *is* not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

13 *Neither is it beyond the sea, that* thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

14 But the word *is* very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

16 In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

17 But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;

18 I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, *and that* ye shall not prolong *your* days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.

19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

20 That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, *and* that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave *unto him: for he is* thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

CHAPTER 31

AND Moses went and spake these words unto all Israel.

2 And he said unto them, I *am* an hundred and twenty years old this day; I can no more go out and come in: also the LORD hath said unto me, Thou shalt not go over this Jordan.

3 The LORD thy God, he will go over before thee, *and* he will destroy these *nations from before* thee, and thou shalt possess them: *and* Joshua, he shall go over before thee, as the LORD hath said.

4 And the LORD shall do unto them as he did to Sihon and to Og, kings of the Amorites, and unto the land of them, whom he destroyed.

5 And the LORD shall give them up before your face, that ye may do unto them according unto all the command*ments which I have* commanded you.

6 Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he *it is* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

7 And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it.

8 And the LORD, he *it is* that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: *fear not, neither* be dismayed.

9 And Moses wrote this law, and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and unto all the elders of Israel.

10 And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of *every* seven years, in the solemnity of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles,

11 When all Israel is come to appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing.

12 Gather the people together, men,

and women, and children, and thy
stranger that *is* within thy gates, that
they may hear, and that they may
learn, and fear the LORD your God, and
observe to do all the words of this
law:
13 And *that* their children, which
have not known *any thing*, may hear,
and learn to fear the LORD your God,
as long as ye live in the land whither
ye go over Jordan to possess it.
14 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Behold, thy days approach that thou
must die: call Joshua, and present
yourselves in the tabernacle of the
congregation, that I may give him a
charge. And Moses and Joshua went,
and presented themselves in the taber-
nacle of the congregation.
15 And the LORD appeared in the
tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud: and
the pillar of the cloud stood over the
door of the tabernacle.
16 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fa-
thers; and this people will rise up, and
go a whoring after the gods of the
strangers of the land, whither they go
to be among them, and will forsake me,
and break my covenant which I have
made with them.
17 Then my anger shall be kindled
against them in that day, and I will
forsake them, and I will hide my face
from them, and they shall be de-
voured, and many evils and troubles
shall befall them; so that they will say
in that day, Are not these evils come
upon us, because our God *is* not among
us?
18 And I will surely hide my face in
that day for all the evils which they
shall have wrought, in that they are
turned unto other gods.
19 Now therefore write ye this song
for you, and teach it the children of
Israel: put it in their mouths, that this
song may be a witness for me against
the children of Israel.
20 For when I shall have brought
them into the land which I sware unto
their fathers, that floweth with milk
and honey; and they shall have eaten
and filled themselves, and waxen fat;
then will they turn unto other gods,
and serve them, and provoke me, and
break my covenant.
21 And it shall come to pass, when
many evils and troubles are befallen
them, that this song shall testify
against them as a witness; for it shall
not be forgotten out of the mouths of
their seed: for I know their imagina-
tion which they go about, even now,
before I have brought them into the
land which I sware.
22 Moses therefore wrote this song
the same day, and taught it the chil-
dren of Israel.
23 And he gave Joshua the son of
Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and
of a good courage: for thou shalt bring
the children of Israel into the land
which I sware unto them: and I will be
with thee.
24 And it came to pass, when Moses
had made an end of writing the words
of this law in a book, until they were
finished,
25 That Moses commanded the Le-
vites, which bare the ark of the cove-
nant of the LORD, saying,
26 Take this book of the law, and
put it in the side of the ark of the cove-
nant of the LORD your God, that it
may be there for a witness against
thee.
27 For I know thy rebellion, and
thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet
alive with you this day, ye have been
rebellious against the LORD; and how
much more after my death?
28 Gather unto me all the elders of
your tribes, and your officers, that I
may speak these words in their ears,
and call heaven and earth to record
against them.
29 For I know that after my death
ye will utterly corrupt *yourselves*, and
turn aside from the way which I have
commanded you; and evil will befall
you in the latter days; because ye will
do evil in the sight of the LORD, to pro-
voke him to anger *through* the work
of your hands.
30 And Moses spake in the ears of
all the congregation of Israel the words
of this song, until they were ended.

CHAPTER 32

GIVE ear, O ye heavens, and I will
speak; and hear, O *earth*, the
words of my mouth.
2 My doctrine shall drop as the
rain, my speech shall distil as the dew,
as the small rain upon the tender *herb*,
and as the showers upon the grass:
3 Because I will publish the name
of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto
our God.
4 *He is* the Rock, his work *is* per-
fect: for all his ways *are* judgment: a

God of truth and without iniquity,
just and right *is* he.
5 They have corrupted themselves,
their spot *is* not *the spot* of his children:
they are a perverse and crooked generation.
6 Do ye thus requite the LORD, O
foolish people and unwise? *is* not he
thy father *that* hath bought thee? hath
he not made thee, and established
thee?
7 Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations:
ask thy father, and he will shew thee;
thy elders, and they will tell thee.
8 When the Most High divided to
the nations their inheritance, when he
separated the sons of Adam, he set the
bounds of the people according to the
number of the children of Israel.
9 For the LORD's portion *is* his people; Jacob *is* the lot of his inheritance.
10 He found him in a desert land,
and in the waste howling wilderness;
he led him about, he instructed him,
he kept him as the apple of his eye.
11 As an eagle stirreth up her nest,
fluttereth over her young, spreadeth
abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:
12 So the LORD alone did lead him,
and *there was* no strange god with him.
13 He made him ride on the high
places of the earth, that he might eat
the increase of the fields; and he made
him to suck honey out of the rock, and
oil out of the flinty rock;
14 Butter of kine, and milk of
sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of
the breed of Ba'-shan, and goats, with
the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou
didst drink the pure blood of the grape.
15 But Jesh'-u-run waxed fat, and
kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art
grown thick, thou art covered *with fatness*; then he forsook God *which* made
him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of
his salvation.
16 They provoked him to jealousy
with strange *gods*, with abominations
provoked they him to anger.
17 They sacrificed unto devils, not
to God; to gods whom they knew not,
to new *gods that* came newly up, whom
your fathers feared not.
18 Of the Rock *that* begat thee thou
art unmindful, and hast forgotten God
that formed thee.
19 And when the LORD saw *it*, he
abhorred *them*, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters.
20 And he said, I will hide my face
from them, I will see what their end
shall be: for they *are* a very froward
generation, children in whom *is* no
faith.
21 They have moved me to jealousy
with *that which is* not God; they have
provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy
with *those which are* not a people; I will
provoke them to anger with a foolish
nation.
22 For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest
hell, and shall consume the earth with
her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.
23 I will heap mischiefs upon them;
I will spend mine arrows upon them.
24 *They shall be* burnt with hunger,
and devoured with burning heat, and
with bitter destruction: I will also send
the teeth of beasts upon them, with
the poison of serpents of the dust.
25 The sword without, and terror
within, shall destroy both the young
man and the virgin, the suckling *also*
with the man of gray hairs.
26 I said, I would scatter them into
corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among
men:
27 Were it not that I feared the
wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should behave themselves
strangely, *and* lest they should say,
Our hand *is* high, and the LORD hath
not done all this.
28 For they *are* a nation void of
counsel, neither *is there any* understanding in them.
29 O that they were wise, *that* they
understood this, *that* they would consider their latter end!
30 How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to
flight, except their Rock had sold
them, and the LORD had shut them
up?
31 For their rock *is* not as our Rock,
even our enemies themselves *being*
judges.
32 For their vine *is* of the vine of
Sodom, and of the fields of Go-mor'-rah: their grapes *are* grapes of gall,
their clusters *are* bitter:
33 Their wine *is* the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps.
34 *Is* not this laid up in store with
me, and sealed up among my treasures?

35 To me *belongeth* vengeance, and recompence; their foot shall slide in *due* time: for the day of their calamity *is* at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

36 For the LORD shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that *their* power is gone, and *there is* none shut up, or left.

37 And he shall say, Where *are* their gods, *their* rock in whom they trusted,

38 Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, *and* drank the wine of their drink offerings? let them rise up and help you, *and* be your protection.

39 See now that I, *even* I, *am* he, and *there is* no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither *is there any* that can deliver out of my hand.

40 For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever.

41 If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.

42 I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; *and that* with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy.

43 Rejoice, O ye nations, *with* his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, *and* to his people.

44 And Moses came and spake all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Ho-she'-a the son of Nun.

45 And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel:

46 And he said unto them, Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law.

47 For it *is* not a vain thing for you; because it *is* your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong *your* days in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

48 And the LORD spake unto Moses that selfsame day, saying,

49 Get thee up into this mountain Ab'-a-rim, *unto* mount Nebo, which *is* in the land of Moab, that *is* over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession:

50 And die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people:

51 Because ye trespassed against me among the children of Israel at the waters of Mer'-i-bah–Ka'-desh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Israel.

52 Yet thou shalt see the land before *thee;* but thou shalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Israel.

CHAPTER 33

AND this *is* the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.

2 And he said, The LORD came from Si'-nai, and rose up from Se'-ir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand *went* a fiery law for them.

3 Yea, he loved the people; all his saints *are* in thy hand: and they sat down at thy feet; *every one* shall receive of thy words.

4 Moses commanded us a law, *even* the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob.

5 And he was king in Jesh'-u-run, when the heads of the people *and* the tribes of Israel were gathered together.

6 Let Reuben live, and not die; and let *not* his men be few.

7 And this *is the blessing* of Judah: and he said, Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah, and bring him unto his people: let his hands be sufficient for him; and be thou an help *to him* from his enemies.

8 And of Levi he said, *Let* thy Thum'-mim and thy U'-rim *be* with thy holy one, whom thou didst prove at Mas'-sah, *and with* whom thou didst strive at the waters of Mer'-i-bah;

9 Who said unto his father and to his mother, I have not seen him; neither did he acknowledge his brethren, nor knew his own children: for they have observed thy word, and kept thy covenant.

10 They shall teach Jacob thy judgments, and Israel thy law: they shall put incense before thee, and whole burnt sacrifice upon thine altar.

11 Bless, LORD, his substance, and accept the work of his hands: smite through the loins of them that rise against him, and of them that hate him, that they rise not again.

12 *And* of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by him; *and the LORD* shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.

13 And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the LORD *be* his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath,

14 And for the precious fruits *brought forth* by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon,

15 And for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills,

16 And for the precious things of the earth and fulness thereof, and *for* the good will of him that dwelt in the bush: let *the blessing* come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him *that was* separated from his brethren.

17 His glory *is like* the firstling of his bullock, and his horns *are like* the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they *are* the ten thousands of E'-phra-im, and they *are* the thousands of Ma-nas'-seh.

18 And of Zeb'-u-lun he said, Rejoice, Zeb'-u-lun, in thy going out; and, Is'-sa-char, in thy tents.

19 They shall call the people unto the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness: for they shall suck *of* the abundance of the seas, and *of* treasures hid in the sand.

20 And of Gad he said, Blessed *be* he that enlargeth Gad: he dwelleth as a lion, and teareth the arm with the crown of the head.

21 And he provided the first part for himself, because there, *in* a portion of the lawgiver, *was he* seated; and he came with the heads of the people, he executed the justice of the LORD, and his judgments with Israel.

22 And of Dan he said, Dan *is* a lion's whelp: he shall leap from Ba'-shan.

23 And of Naph'-ta-li he said, O Naph'-ta-li, satisfied with favour, and full with the blessing of the LORD: possess thou the west and the south.

24 And of Asher he said, *Let* Asher *be* blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him dip his foot in oil.

25 Thy shoes *shall be* iron and brass; and as thy days, so *shall* thy strength *be*.

26 *There is* none like unto the God of Jesh'-u-run, *who* rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky.

27 The eternal God *is thy* refuge, and underneath *are* the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy *them*.

28 Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob *shall be* upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew.

29 Happy *art* thou, O Israel: who *is* like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who *is* the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.

CHAPTER 34

AND Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pis'-gah, that *is* over against Jericho. And the LORD shewed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan,

2 And all Naph'-ta-li, and the land of E'-phra-im, and Ma-nas'-seh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea,

3 And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zo'-ar.

4 And the LORD said unto him, This *is* the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see *it* with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.

5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.

6 And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-pe'-or: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.

7 And Moses *was* an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

8 And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty

days: so the days of weeping *and* mourning for Moses were ended.

9 And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses.

10 And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

11 In all the signs and the wonders, which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land,

12 And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel.

The Book of Joshua

CHAPTER 1

NOW after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, *even* to the children of Israel.

3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Eu-phra'-tes, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, *so* I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.

7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it *to* the right hand or *to* the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest.

10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it.

12 And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Ma-nas'-seh, spake Joshua, saying,

13 Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land.

14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but ye shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them;

15 Until the LORD have given your brethren rest, as *he hath given* you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD's servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sunrising.

16 And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go.

17 According as we hearkened unto

Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses.

18 Whosoever *he be* that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage.

CHAPTER 2

AND Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shit'-tim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there.

2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the country.

3 And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country.

4 And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they *were:*

5 And it came to pass *about the time* of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them.

6 But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof.

7 And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.

8 And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof;

9 And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.

10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that *were* on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.

11 And as soon as we had heard *these things*, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he *is* God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

12 Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token:

13 And *that* ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.

14 And the men answered her, Our life for yours, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the LORD hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee.

15 Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house *was* upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall.

16 And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way.

17 And the men said unto her, We *will be* blameless of this thine oath which thou hast made us swear.

18 Behold, *when* we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee.

19 And it shall be, *that* whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood *shall be* upon his head, and we *will be* guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood *shall be* on our head, if *any* hand be upon him.

20 And if thou utter this our business, then we will be quit of thine oath which thou hast made us to swear.

21 And she said, According unto your words, so *be* it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window.

22 And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned: and the pursuers sought *them* throughout all the way, but found *them* not.

23 So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the

son of Nun, and told him all *things* that befell them:

24 And they said unto Joshua, Truly the LORD hath delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us.

CHAPTER 3

AND Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shit'tim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.

2 And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host;

3 And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it.

4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed *this* way heretofore.

5 And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

6 And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

7 And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, *so* I will be with thee.

8 And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan.

9 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, Come hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God.

10 And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God *is* among you, and *that* he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hi'vites, and the Per'iz-zites, and the Gir'ga-shites, and the Amorites, and the Jeb'u-sites.

11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan.

12 Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man.

13 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, *that* the waters of Jordan shall be cut off *from* the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap.

14 And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;

15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,)

16 That the waters which came down from above stood *and* rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that *is* beside Zar'e-tan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea, failed, *and* were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho.

17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

CHAPTER 4

AND it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over Jordan, that the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying,

2 Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man,

3 And command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging place, where ye shall lodge this night.

4 Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man:

5 And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone upon

his shoulder, according unto the num-
ber of the tribes of the children of Is-
rael:
6 That this may be a sign among
you, *that* when your children ask *their*
fathers in time to come, saying, What
mean ye by these stones?
7 Then ye shall answer them, That
the waters of Jordan were cut off be-
fore the ark of the covenant of the
LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the
waters of Jordan were cut off: and
these stones shall be for a memorial
unto the children of Israel for ever.
8 And the children of Israel did so
as Joshua commanded, and took up
twelve stones out of the midst of Jor-
dan, as the LORD spake unto Joshua,
according to the number of the tribes
of the children of Israel, and carried
them over with them unto the place
where they lodged, and laid them
down there.
9 And Joshua set up twelve stones
in the midst of Jordan, in the place
where the feet of the priests which bare
the ark of the covenant stood: and
they are there unto this day.
10 For the priests which bare the
ark stood in the midst of Jordan, until
everything was finished that the LORD
commanded Joshua to speak unto the
people, according to all that Moses
commanded Joshua: and the people
hasted and passed over.
11 And it came to pass, when all the
people were clean passed over, that the
ark of the LORD passed over, and the
priests, in the presence of the people.
12 And the children of Reuben, and
the children of Gad, and half the tribe
of Ma-nas'-seh, passed over armed be-
fore the children of Israel, as Moses
spake unto them:
13 About forty thousand prepared
for war passed over before the LORD
unto battle, to the plains of Jericho.
14 On that day the LORD magnified
Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and
they feared him, as they feared Moses,
all the days of his life.
15 And the LORD spake unto Josh-
ua, saying,
16 Command the priests that bear
the ark of the testimony, that they
come up out of Jordan.
17 Joshua therefore commanded
the priests, saying, Come ye up out of
Jordan.
18 And it came to pass, when the
priests that bare the ark of the cove-
nant of the LORD were come up out of
the midst of Jordan, *and* the soles of
the priests' feet were lifted up unto
the dry land, that the waters of Jordan
returned unto their place, and flowed
over all his banks, as *they did* before.
19 And the people came up out of
Jordan on the tenth *day* of the first
month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the
east border of Jericho.
20 And those twelve stones, which
they took out of Jordan, did Joshua
pitch in Gilgal.
21 And he spake unto the children
of Israel, saying, When your children
shall ask their fathers in time to come,
saying, What *mean* these stones?
22 Then ye shall let your children
know, saying, Israel came over this
Jordan on dry land.
23 For the LORD your God dried up
the waters of Jordan from before you,
until ye were passed over, as the LORD
your God did to the Red sea, which he
dried up from before us, until we were
gone over:
24 That all the people of the earth
might know the hand of the LORD,
that it *is* mighty: that ye might fear
the LORD your God for ever.

CHAPTER 5

AND it came to pass, when all the
kings of the Amorites, which *were*
on the side of Jordan westward, and
all the kings of the Canaanites, which
were by the sea, heard that the LORD
had dried up the waters of Jordan
from before the children of Israel, un-
til we were passed over, that their
heart melted, neither was there spirit
in them any more, because of the chil-
dren of Israel.
2 At that time the LORD said unto
Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and
circumcise again the children of Israel
the second time.
3 And Joshua made *him* sharp
knives, and circumcised the children of
Israel at the hill of the foreskins.
4 And this *is* the cause why Joshua
did circumcise: All the people that
came out of Egypt, *that were* males,
even all the men of war, died in the
wilderness by the way, after they
came out of Egypt.
5 Now all the people that came out
were circumcised: but all the people
that were born in the wilderness by the
way as they came forth out of Egypt,
them they had not circumcised.

LORD, *the priests* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

14 And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days.

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times.

16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.

17 And the city shall be accursed, *even* it, and all that *are* therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that *are* with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

18 And ye, in any wise keep *yourselves* from the accursed thing, lest ye make *yourselves* accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

19 But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, *are* consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.

20 So the people shouted when *the priests* blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

21 And they utterly destroyed all that *was* in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

22 But Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye sware unto her.

23 And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel.

24 And they burnt the city with fire, and all that *was* therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

25 And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel *even* unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

26 And Joshua adjured *them* at that time, saying, Cursed *be* the man before the LORD, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and in his youngest *son* shall he set up the gates of it.

27 So the LORD was with Joshua; and his fame was *noised* throughout all the country.

CHAPTER 7

BUT the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for A'-chan, the son of Car'-mi, the son of Zab'-di, the son of Ze'-rah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.

2 And Joshua sent men from Jericho to A'-i, which *is* beside Beth–a'-ven, on the east side of Beth–el, and spake unto them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed A'-i.

3 And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite A'-i; *and* make not all the people to labour thither; for they *are but* few.

4 So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men: and they fled before the men of A'-i.

5 And the men of A'-i smote of them about thirty and six men: for they chased them *from* before the gate *even* unto Sheb'-a-rim, and smote them in the going down: wherefore the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.

6 And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the LORD until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads.

7 And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord GOD, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we

had been content, and dwelt on the
other side Jordan!
8 O Lord, what shall I say, when Is-
rael turneth their backs before their
enemies!
9 For the Canaanites and all the in-
habitants of the land shall hear *of it*,
and shall environ us round, and cut off
our name from the earth: and what
wilt thou do unto thy great name?
10 And the LORD said unto Joshua,
Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus
upon thy face?
11 Israel hath sinned, and they
have also transgressed my covenant
which I commanded them: for they
have even taken of the accursed thing,
and have also stolen, and dissembled
also, and they have put *it* even among
their own stuff.
12 Therefore the children of Israel
could not stand before their enemies,
but turned *their* backs before their ene-
mies, because they were accursed: nei-
ther will I be with you any more, ex-
cept ye destroy the accursed from
among you.
13 Up, sanctify the people, and say,
Sanctify yourselves against to mor-
row: for thus saith the LORD God of Is-
rael, *There is* an accursed thing in the
midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not
stand before thine enemies, until ye
take away the accursed *thing* from
among you.
14 In the morning therefore ye shall
be brought according to your tribes:
and it shall be, *that* the tribe which the
LORD taketh shall come according to
the families *thereof;* and the family
which the LORD shall take shall come
by households; and the household
which the LORD shall take shall come
man by man.
15 And it shall be, *that* he that is
taken with the accursed thing shall be
burnt with fire, he and all that he
hath: because he hath transgressed the
covenant of the LORD, and because he
hath wrought folly in Israel.
16 So Joshua rose up early in the
morning, and brought Israel by their
tribes; and the tribe of Judah was
taken:
17 And he brought the family of Ju-
dah; and he took the family of the Zar'-
hites: and he brought the family of the
Zar'-hites man by man; and Zab'-di
was taken:
18 And he brought his household
man by man; and A'-chan, the son of
Car'-mi, the son of Zab'-di, the son of
Ze'-rah, of the tribe of Judah, was
taken.
19 And Joshua said unto A'-chan,
My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the
LORD God of Israel, and make confes-
sion unto him; and tell me now what
thou hast done; hide *it* not from me.
20 And A'-chan answered Joshua,
and said, Indeed I have sinned against
the LORD God of Israel, and thus and
thus have I done:
21 When I saw among the spoils a
goodly Babylonish garment, and two
hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge
of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I
coveted them, and took them; and, be-
hold, they *are* hid in the earth in the
midst of my tent, and the silver under
it.
22 So Joshua sent messengers, and
they ran unto the tent; and, behold, *it*
was hid in his tent, and the silver un-
der it.
23 And they took them out of the
midst of the tent, and brought them
unto Joshua, and unto all the children
of Israel, and laid them out before the
LORD.
24 And Joshua, and all Israel with
him, took A'-chan the son of Ze'-rah,
and the silver, and the garment, and
the wedge of gold, and his sons, and
his daughters, and his oxen, and his
asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and
all that he had: and they brought them
unto the valley of A'-chor.
25 And Joshua said, Why hast thou
troubled us? the LORD shall trouble
thee this day. And all Israel stoned
him with stones, and burned them
with fire, after they had stoned them
with stones.
26 And they raised over him a great
heap of stones unto this day. So the
LORD turned from the fierceness of his
anger. Wherefore the name of that
place was called, The valley of A'-chor,
unto this day.

CHAPTER 8

AND the LORD said unto Joshua,
Fear not, neither be thou dis-
mayed: take all the people of war with
thee, and arise, go up to A'-i: see, I
have given into thy hand the king of
A'-i, and his people, and his city, and
his land:
2 And thou shalt do to A'-i and her
king as thou didst unto Jericho and
her king: only the spoil thereof,

the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a
prey unto yourselves: lay thee an am-
bush for the city behind it.
3 So Joshua arose, and all the peo-
ple of war, to go up against A'-i: and
Joshua chose out thirty thousand
mighty men of valour, and sent them
away by night.
4 And he commanded them, say-
ing, Behold, ye shall lie in wait against
the city, *even* behind the city: go not
very far from the city, but be ye all
ready:
5 And I, and all the people that *are*
with me, will approach unto the city:
and it shall come to pass, when they
come out against us, as at the first,
that we will flee before them,
6 (For they will come out after us)
till we have drawn them from the city;
for they will say, They flee before us,
as at the first: therefore we will flee
before them.
7 Then ye shall rise up from the am-
bush, and seize upon the city: for the
LORD your God will deliver it into your
hand.
8 And it shall be, when ye have
taken the city, *that* ye shall set the city
on fire: according to the command-
ment of the LORD shall ye do. See, I
have commanded you.
9 Joshua therefore sent them forth:
and they went to lie in ambush, and
abode between Beth-el and A'-i, on the
west side of A'-i: but Joshua lodged
that night among the people.
10 And Joshua rose up early in the
morning, and numbered the people,
and went up, he and the elders of Is-
rael, before the people to A'-i.
11 And all the people, *even the peo-
ple* of war that *were* with him, went up,
and drew nigh, and came before the
city, and pitched on the north side of
A'-i: now *there was* a valley between
them and A'-i.
12 And he took about five thousand
men, and set them to lie in ambush be-
tween Beth-el and A'-i, on the west
side of the city.
13 And when they had set the peo-
ple, *even* all the host that *was* on the
north of the city, and their liers in
wait on the west of the city, Joshua
went that night into the midst of the
valley.
14 And it came to pass, when the
king of A'-i saw *it*, that they hasted and
rose up early, and the men of the city
went out against Israel to battle, he
and all his people, at a time appointed,
before the plain; but he wist not that
there were liers in ambush against him
behind the city.
15 And Joshua and all Israel made
as if they were beaten before them,
and fled by the way of the wilderness.
16 And all the people that *were* in
A'-i were called together to pursue af-
ter them: and they pursued after Josh-
ua, and were drawn away from the
city.
17 And there was not a man left in
A'-i or Beth-el, that went not out after
Israel: and they left the city open, and
pursued after Israel.
18 And the LORD said unto Joshua,
Stretch out the spear that *is* in thy
hand toward A'-i; for I will give it into
thine hand. And Joshua stretched out
the spear that *he had* in his hand to-
ward the city.
19 And the ambush arose quickly
out of their place, and they ran as soon
as he had stretched out his hand: and
they entered into the city, and took it,
and hasted and set the city on fire.
20 And when the men of A'-i looked
behind them, they saw, and, behold,
the smoke of the city ascended up to
heaven, and they had no power to flee
this way or that way: and the people
that fled to the wilderness turned back
upon the pursuers.
21 And when Joshua and all Israel
saw that the ambush had taken the
city, and that the smoke of the city
ascended, then they turned again, and
slew the men of A'-i.
22 And the other issued out of the
city against them; so they were in the
midst of Israel, some on this side, and
some on that side: and they smote
them, so that they let none of them re-
main or escape.
23 And the king of A'-i they took
alive, and brought him to Joshua.
24 And it came to pass, when Israel
had made an end of slaying all the in-
habitants of A'-i in the field, in the wil-
derness wherein they chased them, and
when they were all fallen on the edge
of the sword, until they were con-
sumed, that all the Israelites returned
unto A'-i, and smote it with the edge
of the sword.
25 And *so* it was, *that* all that fell
that day, both of men and women,
were twelve thousand, *even* all the men
of A'-i.
26 For Joshua drew not his hand

back, wherewith he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of A'-i.

27 Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Israel took for a prey unto themselves, according unto the word of the LORD which he commanded Joshua.

28 And Joshua burnt A'-i, and made it an heap for ever, *even* a desolation unto this day.

29 And the king of A'-i he hanged on a tree until eventide: and as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his carcase down from the tree, and cast it at the entering of the gate of the city, and raise thereon a great heap of stones, *that remaineth* unto this day.

30 Then Joshua built an altar unto the LORD God of Israel in mount Ebal,

31 As Moses the servant of the LORD commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lift up *any* iron: and they offered thereon burnt offerings unto the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings.

32 And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel.

33 And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, as well the stranger, as he that was born among them; half of them over against mount Ger'-i-zim, and half of them over against mount Ebal; as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel.

34 And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law.

35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them.

CHAPTER 9

AND it came to pass, when all the kings which *were* on this side Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea over against Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Per'iz-zite, the Hi'-vite, and the Jeb'-u-site, heard *thereof;*

2 That they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord.

3 And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to A'-i,

4 They did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up;

5 And old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry *and* mouldy.

6 And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us.

7 And the men of Israel said unto the Hi'-vites, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we make a league with you?

8 And they said unto Joshua, We *are* thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who *are* ye? and from whence come ye?

9 And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt,

10 And all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, that *were* beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of Hesh'-bon, and to Og king of Ba'-shan, which *was* at Ash'-ta-roth.

11 Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spake to us, saying, Take victuals with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, We *are* your servants: therefore now make ye a league with us.

12 This our bread we took hot *for* our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy:

13 And these bottles of wine, which we filled, *were* new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey.

14 And the men took of their victuals, and asked not *counsel* at the mouth of the LORD.

15 And Joshua made peace with
them, and made a league with them,
to let them live: and the princes of the
congregation sware unto them.
16 And it came to pass at the end of
three days after they had made a
league with them, that they heard that
they *were* their neighbours, and *that*
they dwelt among them.
17 And the children of Israel jour-
neyed, and came unto their cities on
the third day. Now their cities *were*
Gibeon, and Che-phi'-rah, and Be-e'-
roth, and Kir'-jath–je'-a-rim.
18 And the children of Israel smote
them not, because the princes of the
congregation had sworn unto them by
the LORD God of Israel. And all the
congregation murmured against the
princes.
19 But all the princes said unto all
the congregation, We have sworn unto
them by the LORD God of Israel: now
therefore we may not touch them.
20 This we will do to them; we will
even let them live, lest wrath be upon
us, because of the oath which we sware
unto them.
21 And the princes said unto them,
Let them live; but let them be hewers
of wood and drawers of water unto all
the congregation; as the princes had
promised them.
22 And Joshua called for them, and
he spake unto them, saying, Where-
fore have ye beguiled us, saying, We
are very far from you; when ye dwell
among us?
23 Now therefore ye *are* cursed, and
there shall none of you be freed from
being bondmen, and hewers of wood
and drawers of water for the house of
my God.
24 And they answered Joshua, and
said, Because it was certainly told thy
servants, how that the LORD thy God
commanded his servant Moses to give
you all the land, and to destroy all the
inhabitants of the land from before
you, therefore we were sore afraid of
our lives because of you, and have
done this thing.
25 And now, behold, we *are* in thine
hand: as it seemeth good and right un-
to thee to do unto us, do.
26 And so did he unto them, and de-
livered them out of the hand of the
children of Israel, that they slew them
not.
27 And Joshua made them that day
hewers of wood and drawers of water
for the congregation, and for the altar
of the LORD, even unto this day, in the
place which he should choose.

CHAPTER 10

NOW it came to pass, when A-do'-
ni-ze'-dec king of Jerusalem had
heard how Joshua had taken A'-i, and
had utterly destroyed it; as he had
done to Jericho and her king, so he had
done to A'-i and her king; and how the
inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace
with Israel, and were among them;
2 That they feared greatly, because
Gibeon *was* a great city, as one of the
royal cities, and because it *was* greater
than A'-i, and all the men thereof *were*
mighty.
3 Wherefore A-do'-ni–ze'-dec king of
Jerusalem sent unto Ho'-ham king of
Hebron, and unto Pi'-ram king of Jar'-
muth, and unto Ja-phi'-a king of La'-
chish, and unto De'-bir king of Eg'-lon,
saying,
4 Come up unto me, and help me,
that we may smite Gibeon: for it hath
made peace with Joshua and with the
children of Israel.
5 Therefore the five kings of the
Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the
king of Hebron, the king of Jar'-muth,
the king of La'-chish, the king of Eg'-
lon, gathered themselves together, and
went up, they and all their hosts, and
encamped before Gibeon, and made
war against it.
6 And the men of Gibeon sent unto
Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying,
Slack not thy hand from thy servants;
come up to us quickly, and save us,
and help us: for all the kings of the
Amorites that dwell in the mountains
are gathered together against us.
7 So Joshua ascended from Gilgal,
he, and all the people of war with him,
and all the mighty men of valour.
8 And the LORD said unto Joshua,
Fear them not: for I have delivered
them into thine hand; there shall not
a man of them stand before thee.
9 Joshua therefore came unto them
suddenly, *and* went up from Gilgal all
night.
10 And the LORD discomfited them
before Israel, and slew them with a
great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased
them along the way that goeth up to
Beth–ho'-ron, and smote them to A-ze'-
kah, and unto Mak-ke'-dah.
11 And it came to pass, as they fled
from before Israel, *and* were in the

going down to Beth–ho'-ron, that the
LORD cast down great stones from heav-
en upon them unto A-ze'-kah, and
they died: *they were* more which died
with hailstones than *they* whom the
children of Israel slew with the sword.
12 Then spake Joshua to the LORD
in the day when the LORD delivered up
the Amorites before the children of Is-
rael, and he said in the sight of Israel,
Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and
thou, Moon, in the valley of Aj'-a-lon.
13 And the sun stood still, and the
moon stayed, until the people had
avenged themselves upon their ene-
mies. *Is* not this written in the book
of Ja'-sher? So the sun stood still in the
midst of heaven, and hasted not to go
down about a whole day.
14 And there was no day like that
before it or after it, that the LORD
hearkened unto the voice of a man: for
the LORD fought for Israel.
15 And Joshua returned, and all
Israel with him, unto the camp to
Gilgal.
16 But these five kings fled, and hid
themselves in a cave at Mak-ke'-dah.
17 And it was told Joshua, saying,
The five kings are found hid in a cave
at Mak-ke'-dah.
18 And Joshua said, Roll great
stones upon the mouth of the cave,
and set men by it for to keep them:
19 And stay ye not, *but* pursue after
your enemies, and smite the hindmost
of them; suffer them not to enter into
their cities: for the LORD your God
hath delivered them into your hand.
20 And it came to pass, when Josh-
ua and the children of Israel had made
an end of slaying them with a very
great slaughter, till they were con-
sumed, that the rest *which* remained of
them entered into fenced cities.
21 And all the people returned to
the camp to Joshua at Mak-ke'-dah in
peace: none moved his tongue against
any of the children of Israel.
22 Then said Joshua, Open the
mouth of the cave, and bring out those
five kings unto me out of the cave.
23 And they did so, and brought
forth those five kings unto him out of
the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the
king of Hebron, the king of Jar'-muth,
the king of La'-chish, *and* the king of
Eg'-lon.
24 And it came to pass, when they
brought out those kings unto Joshua,
that Joshua called for all the men of
Israel, and said unto the captains of
the men of war which went with him,
Come near, put your feet upon the
necks of these kings. And they came
near, and put their feet upon the necks
of them.
25 And Joshua said unto them,
Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong
and of good courage: for thus shall the
LORD do to all your enemies against
whom ye fight.
26 And afterward Joshua smote
them, and slew them, and hanged
them on five trees: and they were
hanging upon the trees until the eve-
ning.
27 And it came to pass at the time
of the going down of the sun, *that*
Joshua commanded, and they took
them down off the trees, and cast
them into the cave wherein they had
been hid, and laid great stones in the
cave's mouth, *which remain* until this
very day.
28 And that day Joshua took Mak-
ke'-dah, and smote it with the edge of
the sword, and the king thereof he ut-
terly destroyed, them, and all the souls
that *were* therein; he let none remain:
and he did to the king of Mak-ke'-dah
as he did unto the king of Jericho.
29 Then Joshua passed from Mak-
ke'-dah, and all Israel with him, unto
Lib'-nah, and fought against Lib'-nah:
30 And the LORD delivered it also,
and the king thereof, into the hand of
Israel; and he smote it with the edge
of the sword, and all the souls that
were therein; he let none remain in it;
but did unto the king thereof as he did
unto the king of Jericho.
31 And Joshua passed from Lib'-
nah, and all Israel with him, unto La'-
chish, and encamped against it, and
fought against it:
32 And the LORD delivered La'-chish
into the hand of Israel, which took it
on the second day, and smote it with
the edge of the sword, and all the souls
that *were* therein, according to all that
he had done to Lib'-nah.
33 Then Ho'-ram king of Ge'-zer
came up to help La'-chish; and Joshua
smote him and his people, until he had
left him none remaining.
34 And from La'-chish Joshua
passed unto Eg'-lon, and all Israel
with him; and they encamped against
it, and fought against it:
35 And they took it on that day,
and smote it with the edge of the

sword, and all the souls that *were* therein he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to La´-chish.

36 And Joshua went up from Eg´-lon, and all Israel with him, unto Hebron; and they fought against it:

37 And they took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the souls that *were* therein; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eg´-lon; but destroyed it utterly, and all the souls that *were* therein.

38 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to De´-bir; and fought against it:

39 And he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls that *were* therein; he left none remaining: as he had done to Hebron, so he did to De´-bir, and to the king thereof; as he had done also to Lib´-nah, and to her king.

40 So Joshua smote all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their kings: he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Israel commanded.

41 And Joshua smote them from Ka´-desh–bar´-ne-a even unto Ga´-za, and all the country of Goshen, even unto Gibeon.

42 And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel.

43 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

CHAPTER 11

AND it came to pass, when Ja´-bin king of Ha´-zor had heard *those things*, that he sent to Jo´-bab king of Ma´-don, and to the king of Shim´-ron, and to the king of Ach´-shaph,

2 And to the kings that *were* on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south of Chin´-ne-roth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the west,

3 *And to* the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and *to* the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Per´-iz-zite, and the Jeb´-u-site in the mountains, and *to* the Hi´-vite under Hermon in the land of Miz´-peh.

4 And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand that *is* upon the sea shore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many.

5 And when all these kings were met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Me´-rom, to fight against Israel.

6 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Be not afraid because of them: for to morrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: thou shalt hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.

7 So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Me´-rom suddenly; and they fell upon them.

8 And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them unto great Zi´-don, and unto Mis´-re-photh–ma´-im, and unto the valley of Miz´-peh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining.

9 And Joshua did unto them as the LORD bade him: he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

10 And Joshua at that time turned back, and took Ha´-zor, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for Ha´-zor beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms.

11 And they smote all the souls that *were* therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying *them*: there was not any left to breathe: and he burnt Ha´-zor with fire.

12 And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Joshua take, and smote them with the edge of the sword, *and* he utterly destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded.

13 But *as for* the cities that stood still in their strength, Israel burned none of them, save Ha´-zor only; *that* did Joshua burn.

14 And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle the children of Israel took for a prey unto themselves; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any to breathe.

15 As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.

16 So Joshua took all that land, the
hills, and all the south country, and all
the land of Goshen, and the valley, and
the plain, and the mountain of Israel,
and the valley of the same;
17 *Even* from the mount Ha'-lak,
that goeth up to Se'-ir, even unto Ba'-
al–gad in the valley of Lebanon under
mount Hermon: and all their kings
he took, and smote them, and slew
them.
18 Joshua made war a long time
with all those kings.
19 There was not a city that made
peace with the children of Israel, save
the Hi'-vites the inhabitants of Gibeon:
all *other* they took in battle.
20 For it was of the LORD to harden
their hearts, that they should come
against Israel in battle, that he might
destroy them utterly, *and* that they
might have no favour, but that he
might destroy them, as the LORD com-
manded Moses.
21 And at that time came Joshua,
and cut off the Anakims from the
mountains, from Hebron, from De'-bir,
from Anab, and from all the moun-
tains of Judah, and from all the moun-
tains of Israel: Joshua destroyed them
utterly with their cities.
22 There was none of the Anakims
left in the land of the children of Is-
rael: only in Ga'-za, in Gath, and in
Ash'-dod, there remained.
23 So Joshua took the whole land,
according to all that the LORD said un-
to Moses; and Joshua gave it for an in-
heritance unto Israel according to
their divisions by their tribes. And the
land rested from war.

CHAPTER 12

NOW these *are* the kings of the
land, which the children of Israel
smote, and possessed their land on the
other side Jordan toward the rising of
the sun, from the river Arnon unto
mount Hermon, and all the plain on
the east:
2 Sihon king of the Amorites, who
dwelt in Hesh'-bon, *and* ruled from Ar'-
o-er, which *is* upon the bank of the
river Arnon, and from the middle of
the river, and from half Gilead, even
unto the river Jabbok, *which is* the
border of the children of Ammon;
3 And from the plain to the sea of
Chin'-ne-roth on the east, and unto the
sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea on
the east, the way to Beth–jesh'-i-moth;
and from the south, under Ash'-doth–
pis'-gah:
4 And the coast of Og king of Ba'-
shan, *which was* of the remnant of the
giants, that dwelt at Ash'-ta-roth and
at Ed'-re-i,
5 And reigned in mount Hermon,
and in Sal'-cah, and in all Ba'-shan, un-
to the border of the Gesh'-u-rites, and
the Ma-ach'-a-thites, and half Gilead,
the border of Sihon king of Hesh'-bon.
6 Them did Moses the servant of the
LORD and the children of Israel smite:
and Moses the servant of the LORD
gave it *for* a possession unto the Reu-
benites, and the Gadites, and the half
tribe of Ma-nas'-seh.
7 And these *are* the kings of the
country which Joshua and the chil-
dren of Israel smote on this side Jor-
dan on the west, from Ba'-al–gad in the
valley of Lebanon even unto the
mount Ha'-lak, that goeth up to Se'-ir;
which Joshua gave unto the tribes of
Israel *for* a possession according to
their divisions;
8 In the mountains, and in the val-
leys, and in the plains, and in the
springs, and in the wilderness, and in
the south country; the Hittites, the
Amorites, and the Canaanites, the
Per'-iz-zites, the Hi'-vites, and the Jeb'-
u-sites:
9 The king of Jericho, one; the king
of A'-i, which *is* beside Beth–el, one;
10 The king of Jerusalem, one; the
king of Hebron, one;
11 The king of Jar'-muth, one; the
king of La'-chish, one;
12 The king of Eg'-lon, one; the king
of Ge'-zer, one;
13 The king of De'-bir, one; the king
of Ge'-der, one;
14 The king of Hor'-mah, one; the
king of A'-rad, one;
15 The king of Lib'-nah, one; the
king of Adullam, one;
16 The king of Mak-ke'-dah, one;
the king of Beth–el, one;
17 The king of Tap'-pu-ah, one; the
king of He'-pher, one;
18 The king of A'-phek, one; the
king of La-shar'-on, one;
19 The king of Ma'-don, one; the
king of Ha'-zor, one;
20 The king of Shim'-ron–me'-ron,
one; the king of Ach'-shaph, one;
21 The king of Ta'-a-nach, one; the
king of Me-gid'-do, one;
22 The king of Ke'-desh, one; the
king of Jok'-ne-am of Carmel, one;

23 The king of Dor in the coast of Dor, one; the king of the nations of Gilgal, one;

24 The king of Tir'-zah, one: all the kings thirty and one.

CHAPTER 13

NOW Joshua was old *and* stricken in years; and the LORD said unto him, Thou art old *and* stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.

2 This *is* the land that yet remaineth: all the borders of the Philistines, and all Gesh'-u-ri,

3 From Si'-hor, which *is* before Egypt, even unto the borders of Ekron northward, *which* is counted to the Canaanite: five lords of the Philistines; the Ga'-zath-ites, and the Ash'-doth-ites, the Esh'-ka-lon-ites, the Git'-tites, and the Ekronites; also the A'-vites:

4 From the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Me-a'-rah that *is* beside the Si-do'-ni-ans, unto A'-phek, to the borders of the Amorites:

5 And the land of the Gib'-lites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrising, from Ba'-al–gad under mount Hermon unto the entering into Ha'-math.

6 All the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon unto Mis'-re-photh–ma'-im, *and* all the Si-do'-ni-ans, them will I drive out from before the children of Israel: only divide thou it by lot unto the Israelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee.

7 Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes, and the half tribe of Ma-nas'-seh,

8 With whom the Reubenites and the Gadites have received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond Jordan eastward, *even* as Moses the servant of the LORD gave them;

9 From Ar'-o-er, that *is* upon the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that *is* in the midst of the river, and all the plain of Med'-e-ba unto Di'-bon;

10 And all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Hesh'-bon, unto the border of the children of Ammon;

11 And Gilead, and the border of the Gesh'-u-rites and Ma-ach'-a-thites, and all mount Hermon, and all Ba'-shan unto Sal'-cah;

12 All the kingdom of Og in Ba'-shan, which reigned in Ash'-ta-roth and in Ed'-re-i, who remained of the remnant of the giants: for these did Moses smite, and cast them out.

13 Nevertheless the children of Israel expelled not the Gesh'-u-rites, nor the Ma-ach'-a-thites: but the Gesh'-u-rites and the Ma-ach'-a-thites dwell among the Israelites until this day.

14 Only unto the tribe of Levi he gave none inheritance; the sacrifices of the LORD God of Israel made by fire *are* their inheritance, as he said unto them.

15 And Moses gave unto the tribe of the children of Reuben *inheritance* according to their families.

16 And their coast was from Ar'-o-er, that *is* on the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that *is* in the midst of the river, and all the plain by Med'-e-ba;

17 Hesh'-bon, and all her cities that *are* in the plain; Di'-bon, and Ba'-moth–ba'-al, and Beth–ba'-al–me'-on,

18 And Ja-ha'-za, and Ked'-e-moth, and Meph'-a-ath,

19 And Kir-jath-a'-im, and Sib'-mah, and Za'-reth–sha'-har in the mount of the valley,

20 And Beth–pe'-or, and Ash'-doth–pis'-gah, and Beth–jesh'-i-moth,

21 And all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Hesh'-bon, whom Moses smote with the princes of Mid'-i-an, E'-vi, and Re'-kem, and Zur, and Hur, and Re'-ba, *which were* dukes of Sihon, dwelling in the country.

22 Ba'-laam also the son of Be'-or, the soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were slain by them.

23 And the border of the children of Reuben was Jordan, and the border *thereof*. This *was* the inheritance of the children of Reuben after their families, the cities and the villages thereof.

24 And Moses gave *inheritance* unto the tribe of Gad, *even* unto the children of Gad according to their families.

25 And their coast was Ja'-zer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the children of Ammon, unto Ar'-o-er that *is* before Rab'-bah;

26 And from Hesh'-bon unto Ra'-math–miz'-peh, and Bet'-o-nim; and from Ma-ha-na'-im unto the border of De'-bir;

27 And in the valley, Beth–a'-ram, and Beth–nim'-rah, and Suc'-coth, and Za'-phon, the rest of the kingdom of

Sihon king of Hesh'-bon, Jordan and *his* border, *even* unto the edge of the sea of Chin'-ne-reth on the other side Jordan eastward.

28 This *is* the inheritance of the children of Gad after their families, the cities, and their villages.

29 And Moses gave *inheritance* unto the half tribe of Ma-nas'-seh: and *this* was *the possession* of the half tribe of the children of Ma-nas'-seh by their families.

30 And their coast was from Ma-ha-na'-im, all Ba'-shan, all the kingdom of Og king of Ba'-shan, and all the towns of Ja'-ir, which *are* in Ba'-shan, threescore cities:

31 And half Gilead, and Ash'-ta-roth, and Ed'-re-i, cities of the kingdom of Og in Ba'-shan, *were pertaining* unto the children of Ma'-chir the son of Ma-nas'-seh, *even* to the one half of the children of Ma'-chir by their families.

32 These *are the countries* which Moses did distribute for inheritance in the plains of Moab, on the other side Jordan, by Jericho, eastward.

33 But unto the tribe of Levi Moses gave not *any* inheritance: the LORD God of Israel *was* their inheritance, as he said unto them.

CHAPTER 14

AND these *are the countries* which the children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which E-le-a'-zar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed for inheritance to them.

2 By lot *was* their inheritance, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, and *for* the half tribe.

3 For Moses had given the inheritance of two tribes and an half tribe on the other side Jordan: but unto the Levites he gave none inheritance among them.

4 For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Ma-nas'-seh and E'-phra-im: therefore they gave no part unto the Levites in the land, save cities to dwell *in*, with their suburbs for their cattle and for their substance.

5 As the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land.

6 Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Je-phun'-neh the Ken'-ez-ite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Ka'-desh-bar'-ne-a.

7 Forty years old *was* I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Ka'-desh-bar'-ne-a to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as *it was* in mine heart.

8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God.

9 And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God.

10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while *the children of* Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I *am* this day fourscore and five years old.

11 As yet I *am as* strong this day as I *was* in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength *was* then, even so *is* my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.

12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims *were* there, and *that* the cities *were* great *and* fenced: if so be the LORD *will be* with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

13 And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Je-phun'-neh Hebron for an inheritance.

14 Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Je-phun'-neh the Ken'-ez-ite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel.

15 And the name of Hebron before *was* Kir'-jath-ar'-ba; *which Arba was* a great man among the Anakims. And the land had rest from war.

CHAPTER 15

THIS then was the lot of the tribe of the children of Judah by their families; *even* to the border of Edom the wilderness of Zin southward *was* the uttermost part of the south coast.

2 And their south border was from the shore of the salt sea, from the bay that looketh southward:

3 And it went out to the south side
to Ma-al´eh–a-crab´-bim, and passed
along to Zin, and ascended up on the
south side unto Ka´-desh–bar´-ne-a,
and passed along to Hez´-ron, and
went up to A´-dar, and fetched a com-
pass to Kar´-ka-a:
4 *From thence* it passed toward Az´-
mon, and went out unto the river of
Egypt; and the goings out of that
coast were at the sea: this shall be your
south coast.
5 And the east border *was* the salt
sea, *even* unto the end of Jordan. And
their border in the north quarter *was*
from the bay of the sea at the utter-
most part of Jordan:
6 And the border went up to Beth–
hog´-la, and passed along by the north
of Beth–ar´-a-bah; and the border went
up to the stone of Bo´-han the son of
Reuben:
7 And the border went up toward
De´-bir from the valley of A´-chor, and
so northward, looking toward Gilgal,
that *is* before the going up to A-dum´-
mim, which *is* on the south side of the
river: and the border passed toward
the waters of En–she´-mesh, and the
goings out thereof were at En–ro´-gel:
8 And the border went up by the
valley of the son of Hin´-nom unto the
south side of the Jeb´-u-site; the same
is Jerusalem: and the border went up
to the top of the mountain that *lieth*
before the valley of Hin´-nom west-
ward, which *is* at the end of the valley
of the giants northward:
9 And the border was drawn from
the top of the hill unto the fountain of
the water of Neph´-to-ah, and went out
to the cities of mount E´-phron; and
the border was drawn to Ba´-al-ah,
which *is* Kir´-jath–je´-a-rim:
10 And the border compassed from
Ba´-al-ah westward unto mount Se´-ir,
and passed along unto the side of
mount Je´-a-rim, which *is* Ches´-a-lon,
on the north side, and went down to
Beth–she´-mesh, and passed on to
Tim´-nah:
11 And the border went out unto
the side of Ek-ron northward: and the
border was drawn to Shi´-cron, and
passed along to mount Ba´-al-ah, and
went out unto Jab´-ne-el; and the
goings out of the border were at the
sea.
12 And the west border *was* to the
great sea, and the coast *thereof*. This *is*
the coast of the children of Judah
round about according to their fam-
ilies.
13 And unto Caleb the son of Je-
phun´-neh he gave a part among the
children of Judah, according to the
commandment of the LORD to Joshua,
even the city of Arba the father of
Anak, which *city is* Hebron.
14 And Caleb drove thence the
three sons of Anak, She´-shai, and A-hi´-
man, and Tal´-mai, the children of
Anak.
15 And he went up thence to the in-
habitants of De´-bir: and the name of
De´-bir before *was* Kir´-jath–se´-pher.
16 And Caleb said, He that smiteth
Kir´-jath–se´-pher, and taketh it, to
him will I give Ach´-sah my daughter
to wife.
17 And Oth´-ni-el the son of Ke´-naz,
the brother of Caleb, took it: and he
gave him Ach´-sah his daughter to wife.
18 And it came to pass, as she came
unto him, that she moved him to ask
of her father a field: and she lighted off
her ass; and Caleb said unto her, What
wouldest thou?
19 Who answered, Give me a bless-
ing; for thou hast given me a south
land; give me also springs of water.
And he gave her the upper springs, and
the nether springs.
20 This *is* the inheritance of the
tribe of the children of Judah accord-
ing to their families.
21 And the uttermost cities of the
tribe of the children of Judah toward
the coast of Edom southward were
Kab´-ze-el, and E´-der, and Ja´-gur,
22 And Ki´-nah, and Di-mo´-nah,
and Ad´-a-dah,
23 And Ke´-desh, and Ha´-zor, and
Ith´-nan,
24 Ziph, and Te´-lem, and Be´-a-
loth,
25 And Ha´-zor, Ha-dat´-tah, and
Ke´-ri-oth, *and* Hez´-ron, which *is* Ha´-
zor,
26 A´-mam, and She´-ma, and Mol´-
a-dah,
27 And Ha´-zar–gad´-dah, and Hesh´-
mon, and Beth–pa´-let,
28 And Ha´-zar–shu´-al, and Be´-er–
she´-ba, and Biz-joth´-jah,
29 Ba´-al-ah, and I´-im, and A´-zem,
30 And El´-to-lad, and Che´-sil, and
Hor´-mah,
31 And Ziklag, and Mad-man´-nah,
and San-san´-nah,
32 And Leb´-a-oth, and Shil´-him,
and A´-in, and Rimmon: all the cities

are twenty and nine, with their villages:
33 *And* in the valley, Esh'-ta-ol, and Zo'-re-ah, and Ash'-nah,
34 And Za-no'-ah, and En-gan'-nim, Tap'-pu-ah, and E'-nam,
35 Jar'-muth, and Adullam, So'-coh, and A-ze'-kah,
36 And Sha-ra'-im, and Ad-i-tha'-im, and Ge-de'-rah, and Ged-e-roth-a'-im; fourteen cities with their villages:
37 Ze'-nan, and Had'-a-shah, and Mig'-dal-gad,
38 And Dil'-e-an, and Miz'-peh, and Jok'-the-el,
39 La'-chish, and Boz'-kath, and Eg'-lon,
40 And Cab'-bon, and Lah'-mam, and Kith'-lish,
41 And Ge-de'-roth, Beth-da'-gon, and Na'-a-mah, and Mak-ke'-dah; sixteen cities with their villages:
42 Lib'-nah, and E'-ther, and A'-shan,
43 And Jiph'-tah, and Ash'-nah, and Ne'-zib,
44 And Kei'-lah, and Ach'-zib, and Ma-re'-shah; nine cities with their villages:
45 Ekron, with her towns and her villages:
46 From Ekron even unto the sea, all that *lay* near Ash'-dod, with their villages:
47 Ash'-dod with her towns and her villages, Ga'-za with her towns and her villages, unto the river of Egypt, and the great sea, and the border *thereof*:
48 And in the mountains, Sha'-mir, and Jat'-tir, and So'-coh,
49 And Dan'-nah, and Kir'-jath-san'-nah, which *is* De'-bir,
50 And Anab, and Esh'-te-moh, and A'-nim,
51 And Goshen, and Ho'-lon, and Gi'-loh; eleven cities with their villages:
52 Arab, and Du'-mah, and E'-she-an,
53 And Janum, and Beth-tap'-pu-ah, and A-phe'-kah,
54 And Hum'-tah, and Kir'-jath-ar'-ba, which *is* Hebron, and Zi'-or; nine cities with their villages:
55 Ma'-on, Carmel, and Ziph, and Jut'-tah,
56 And Jez'-re-el, and Jok'-de-am, and Za-no'-ah,
57 Cain, Gib'-e-ah, and Tim'-nah; ten cities with their villages:
58 Hal'-hul, Beth-zur, and Ge'-dor,
59 And Ma'-a-rath, and Beth-a'-noth, and El'-te-kon; six cities with their villages:
60 Kir'-jath-ba'-al, which *is* Kir'-jath-je'-a-rim, and Rab'-bah; two cities with their villages:
61 In the wilderness, Beth-ar'-a-bah, Mid'-din, and Sec'-a-cah,
62 And Nib'-shan, and the city of Salt, and En-ge'-di; six cities with their villages.
63 As for the Jeb'-u-sites the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out: but the Jeb'-u-sites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day.

CHAPTER 16

AND the lot of the children of Joseph fell from Jordan by Jericho, unto the water of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that goeth up from Jericho throughout mount Beth-el,
2 And goeth out from Beth-el to Luz, and passeth along unto the borders of Ar'-chi to At'-a-roth,
3 And goeth down westward to the coast of Japh-le'-ti, unto the coast of Beth-ho'-ron the nether, and to Ge'-zer; and the goings out thereof are at the sea.
4 So the children of Joseph, Ma-nas'-seh and E'-phra-im, took their inheritance.
5 And the border of the children of E'-phra-im according to their families was *thus*: even the border of their inheritance on the east side was At'-a-roth-ad'-dar, unto Beth-ho'-ron the upper;
6 And the border went out toward the sea to Mich'-me-thah on the north side; and the border went about eastward unto Ta'-a-nath-shi'-loh, and passed by it on the east to Ja-no'-hah;
7 And it went down from Ja-no'-hah to At'-a-roth, and to Na'-a-rath, and came to Jericho, and went out at Jordan.
8 The border went out from Tap'-pu-ah westward unto the river Ka'-nah; and the goings out thereof were at the sea. This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of E'-phra-im by their families.
9 And the separate cities for the children of E'-phra-im *were* among the inheritance of the children of Ma-nas'-seh, all the cities with their villages.
10 And they drave not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Ge'-zer: but the

Canaanites dwell among the E'-phra-
im-ites unto this day, and serve under
tribute.

CHAPTER 17

THERE was also a lot for the tribe
of Ma-nas'-seh; for he *was* the first-
born of Joseph; *to wit*, for Ma'-chir the
firstborn of Ma-nas'-seh, the father of
Gilead: because he was a man of war,
therefore he had Gilead and Ba'-shan.
2 There was also *a lot* for the rest of
the children of Ma-nas'-seh by their
families; for the children of A-bi-e'-zer,
and for the children of He'-lek, and for
the children of As'-ri-el, and for the
children of She'-chem, and for the chil-
dren of He'-pher, and for the children
of She-mi'-da: these *were* the male chil-
dren of Ma-nas'-seh the son of Joseph
by their families.
3 But Ze-lo'-phe-had, the son of
He'-pher, the son of Gilead, the son of
Ma'-chir, the son of Ma-nas'-seh, had no
sons, but daughters: and these *are* the
names of his daughters, Mah'-lah, and
Noah, Hog'-lah, Mil'-cah, and Tir'-zah.
4 And they came near before E-le-
a'-zar the priest, and before Joshua the
son of Nun, and before the princes,
saying, The LORD commanded Moses
to give us an inheritance among our
brethren. Therefore according to the
commandment of the LORD he gave
them an inheritance among the breth-
ren of their father.
5 And there fell ten portions to Ma-
nas'-seh, beside the land of Gilead and
Ba'-shan, which *were* on the other side
Jordan;
6 Because the daughters of Ma-nas'-
seh had an inheritance among his sons:
and the rest of Ma-nas'-seh's sons had
the land of Gilead.
7 And the coast of Ma-nas'-seh was
from Asher to Mich'-me-thah, that *lieth*
before She'-chem; and the border went
along on the right hand unto the in-
habitants of En-tap'-pu-ah.
8 *Now* Ma-nas'-seh had the land of
Tap'-pu-ah: but Tap'-pu-ah on the bor-
der of Ma-nas'-seh *belonged* to the chil-
dren of E'-phra-im;
9 And the coast descended unto the
river Ka'-nah, southward of the river:
these cities of E'-phra-im *are* among
the cities of Ma-nas'-seh: the coast of
Ma-nas'-seh also *was* on the north side
of the river, and the outgoings of it
were at the sea:
10 Southward *it was* E'-phra-im's,
and northward *it was* Ma-nas'-seh's,
and the sea is his border; and they met
together in Asher on the north, and in
Is'-sa-char on the east.
11 And Ma-nas'-seh had in Is'-sa-
char and in Asher Beth-she'-an and
her towns, and Ib'-le-am and her
towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and
her towns, and the inhabitants of En-
dor and her towns, and the inhabitants
of Ta'-a-nach and her towns, and the
inhabitants of Me-gid'-do and her
towns, *even* three countries.
12 Yet the children of Ma-nas'-seh
could not drive out *the inhabitants of*
those cities; but the Canaanites would
dwell in that land.
13 Yet it came to pass, when the
children of Israel were waxen strong,
that they put the Canaanites to trib-
ute, but did not utterly drive them
out.
14 And the children of Joseph spake
unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou
given me *but* one lot and one portion to
inherit, seeing I *am* a great people,
forasmuch as the LORD hath blessed
me hitherto?
15 And Joshua answered them, If
thou *be* a great people, *then* get thee
up to the wood *country*, and cut down
for thyself there in the land of the Per'-
iz-zites and of the giants, if mount
E'-phra-im be too narrow for thee.
16 And the children of Joseph said,
The hill is not enough for us: and all
the Canaanites that dwell in the land
of the valley have chariots of iron,
both they who *are* of Beth-she'-an and
her towns, and *they* who *are* of the val-
ley of Jez'-re-el.
17 And Joshua spake unto the
house of Joseph, *even* to E'-phra-im
and to Ma-nas'-seh, saying, Thou *art* a
great people, and hast great power:
thou shalt not have one lot *only*:
18 But the mountain shall be thine;
for it *is* a wood, and thou shalt cut it
down: and the outgoings of it shall be
thine: for thou shalt drive out the
Canaanites, though they have iron
chariots, *and* though they *be* strong.

CHAPTER 18

AND the whole congregation of the
children of Israel assembled to-
gether at Shi'-loh, and set up the tab-
ernacle of the congregation there. And
the land was subdued before them.
2 And there remained among the
children of Israel seven tribes, which

had not yet received their inheritance.
3 And Joshua said unto the children
of Israel, How long *are* ye slack to go
to possess the land, which the LORD
God of your fathers hath given you?
4 Give out from among you three
men for *each* tribe: and I will send
them, and they shall rise, and go
through the land, and describe it according to the inheritance of them;
and they shall come *again* to me.
5 And they shall divide it into seven
parts: Judah shall abide in their coast
on the south, and the house of Joseph
shall abide in their coasts on the north.
6 Ye shall therefore describe the
land *into* seven parts, and bring *the
description* hither to me, that I may
cast lots for you here before the LORD
our God.
7 But the Levites have no part
among you; for the priesthood of the
LORD *is* their inheritance: and Gad,
and Reuben, and half the tribe of Ma-nas'-seh, have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which
Moses the servant of the LORD gave
them.
8 And the men arose, and went
away: and Joshua charged them that
went to describe the land, saying, Go
and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me, that I
may here cast lots for you before the
LORD in Shi'-loh.
9 And the men went and passed
through the land, and described it by
cities into seven parts in a book, and
came *again* to Joshua to the host at
Shi'-loh.
10 And Joshua cast lots for them in
Shi'-loh before the LORD: and there
Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel according to their divisions.
11 And the lot of the tribe of the
children of Benjamin came up according to their families: and the coast of
their lot came forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph.
12 And their border on the north
side was from Jordan; and the border
went up to the side of Jericho on the
north side, and went up through the
mountains westward; and the goings
out thereof were at the wilderness of
Beth-a'-ven.
13 And the border went over from
thence toward Luz, to the side of Luz,
which *is* Beth-el, southward; and the
border descended to At'-a-roth-a'-dar,
near the hill that *lieth* on the south side
of the nether Beth-ho'-ron.
14 And the border was drawn
thence, and compassed the corner of
the sea southward, from the hill that
lieth before Beth-ho'-ron southward;
and the goings out thereof were at
Kir'-jath-ba'-al, which *is* Kir'-jath-je'-a-rim, a city of the children of Judah:
this *was* the west quarter.
15 And the south quarter *was* from
the end of Kir'-jath-je'-a-rim, and the
border went out on the west, and went
out to the well of waters of Neph'-to-ah:
16 And the border came down to
the end of the mountain that *lieth* before the valley of the son of Hin'-nom,
and which is in the valley of the giants
on the north, and descended to the
valley of Hin'-nom, to the side of Je-bu'-si on the south, and descended to
En-ro'-gel,
17 And was drawn from the north,
and went forth to En-she'-mesh, and
went forth toward Gel'-i-loth, which *is*
over against the going up of A-dum'-mim, and descended to the stone of
Bo'-han the son of Reuben,
18 And passed along toward the
side over against Ar'-a-bah northward,
and went down unto Ar'-a-bah:
19 And the border passed along to
the side of Beth-hog'-lah northward:
and the outgoings of the border were
at the north bay of the salt sea at the
south end of Jordan: this *was* the
south coast.
20 And Jordan was the border of it
on the east side. This *was* the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by
the coasts thereof round about, according to their families.
21 Now the cities of the tribe of the
children of Benjamin according to
their families were Jericho, and Beth-hog'-lah, and the valley of Ke'-ziz,
22 And Beth-ar'-a-bah, and Zem-a-ra'-im, and Beth-el,
23 And A'-vim, and Pa'-rah, and
Oph'-rah,
24 And Che'-phar-ha-am'-mo-nai,
and Oph'-ni, and Ga'-ba; twelve cities
with their villages:
25 Gibeon, and Ra'-mah, and Be-e'-roth,
26 And Miz'-peh, and Che-phi'-rah,
and Mo'-zah,
27 And Re'-kem, and Ir'-pe-el, and
Tar'-a-lah,

28 And Ze'-lah, E'-leph, and Je-bu'-
si, which *is* Jerusalem, Gib'-e-ath, *and*
Kir'-jath; fourteen cities with their
villages. This *is* the inheritance of the
children of Benjamin according to
their families.

CHAPTER 19

AND the second lot came forth to
Simeon, *even* for the tribe of the
children of Simeon according to their
families: and their inheritance was
within the inheritance of the children
of Judah.
2 And they had in their inheritance
Be'-er-she'-ba, and She'-ba, and Mol'-a-
dah,
3 And Ha'-zar-shu'-al, and Ba'-lah,
and A'-zem,
4 And El'-to-lad, and Be'-thul, and
Hor'-mah,
5 And Ziklag, and Beth-mar'-ca-
both, and Ha'-zar-su'-sah,
6 And Beth-leb'-a-oth, and Sha-ru'-
hen; thirteen cities and their villages:
7 A'-in, Rem'-mon, and E'-ther, and
A'-shan; four cities and their villages:
8 And all the villages that *were*
round about these cities to Ba'-al-ath-
be'-er, Ra'-math of the south. This *is*
the inheritance of the tribe of the chil-
dren of Simeon according to their
families.
9 Out of the portion of the children
of Judah *was* the inheritance of the
children of Simeon: for the part of the
children of Judah was too much for
them: therefore the children of Simeon
had their inheritance within the in-
heritance of them.
10 And the third lot came up for the
children of Zeb'-u-lun according to
their families: and the border of their
inheritance was unto Sa'-rid:
11 And their border went up toward
the sea, and Mar'-a-lah, and reached to
Dab'-ba-sheth, and reached to the river
that *is* before Jok'-ne-am;
12 And turned from Sa'-rid east-
ward toward the sunrising unto the
border of Chis'-loth-ta'-bor, and then
goeth out to Dab'-e-rath, and goeth up
to Ja-phi'-a,
13 And from thence passeth on
along on the east to Git'-tah-he'-pher,
to It'-tah-ka'-zin, and goeth out to
Rem'-mon-meth'-o-ar to Ne'-ah;
14 And the border compasseth it on
the north side to Han'-na-thon: and
the outgoings thereof are in the valley
of Jiph'-thah-el:
15 And Kat'-tath, and Na-hal'-lal,
and Shim'-ron, and Id'-a-lah, and
Beth-lehem: twelve cities with their
villages.
16 This *is* the inheritance of the
children of Zeb'-u-lun according to
their families, these cities with their
villages.
17 *And* the fourth lot came out to
Is'-sa-char, for the children of Is'-sa-
char according to their families.
18 And their border was toward
Jez'-re-el, and Che-sul'-loth, and Shu'-
nem,
19 And Haph-ra'-im, and Shi'-hon,
and An-a-ha'-rath,
20 And Rab'-bith, and Kish'-i-on,
and Abez,
21 And Re'-meth, and En-gan'-nim,
and En-had'-dah, and Beth-paz'-
zez;
22 And the coast reacheth to Ta'-
bor, and Sha-haz'-i-mah, and Beth-
she'-mesh; and the outgoings of their
border were at Jordan: sixteen cities
with their villages.
23 This *is* the inheritance of the
tribe of the children of Is'-sa-char ac-
cording to their families, the cities and
their villages.
24 And the fifth lot came out for the
tribe of the children of Asher according
to their families.
25 And their border was Hel'-kath,
and Ha'-li, and Be'-ten, and Ach'-
shaph,
26 And A-lam'-me-lech, and A'-mad,
and Mi'-she-al; and reacheth to Carmel
westward, and to Shi'-hor-lib'-nath;
27 And turneth toward the sun-
rising to Beth-da'-gon, and reacheth to
Zeb'-u-lun, and to the valley of Jiph'-
thah-el toward the north side of Beth-
e'-mek, and Ne-i'-el, and goeth out to
Ca'-bul on the left hand,
28 And Hebron, and Re'-hob, and
Ham'-mon, and Ka'-nah, *even* unto
great Zi'-don;
29 And *then* the coast turneth to
Ra'-mah, and to the strong city Tyre;
and the coast turneth to Ho'-sah; and
the outgoings thereof are at the sea
from the coast to Ach'-zib:
30 Um'-mah also, and A'-phek, and
Re'-hob: twenty and two cities with
their villages.
31 This *is* the inheritance of the
tribe of the children of Asher accord-
ing to their families, these cities with
their villages.
32 The sixth lot came out to the

children of Naph'-ta-li, *even* for the
children of Naph'-ta-li according to
their families.
33 And their coast was from He'-
leph, from Al'-lon to Za-a-nan'-nim,
and Ad'-a-mi, Ne'-keb, and Jab'-ne-el,
unto La'-kum; and the outgoings there-
of were at Jordan:
34 And *then* the coast turneth west-
ward to Az'-noth-ta'-bor, and goeth
out from thence to Huk'-kok, and
reacheth to Zeb'-u-lun on the south
side, and reacheth to Asher on the
west side, and to Judah upon Jordan
toward the sunrising.
35 And the fenced cities *are* Zid'-
dim, Zer, and Ham'-math, Rak'-kath,
and Chin'-ne-reth,
36 And Ad'-a-mah, and Ra'-mah,
and Ha'-zor,
37 And Ke'-desh, and Ed'-re-i, and
En-ha'-zor,
38 And I'-ron, and Mig'-dal-el, Ho'-
rem, and Beth-a'-nath, and Beth-she'-
mesh; nineteen cities with their vil-
lages.
39 This *is* the inheritance of the
tribe of the children of Naph'-ta-li ac-
cording to their families, the cities and
their villages.
40 *And* the seventh lot came out for
the tribe of the children of Dan accord-
ing to their families.
41 And the coast of their inherit-
ance was Zo'-rah, and Esh'-ta-ol, and
Ir-she'-mesh,
42 And Sha-al-ab'-bin, and Aj'-a-
lon, and Jeth'-lah,
43 And E'-lon, and Thim'-na-thah,
and Ekron,
44 And El'-te-keh, and Gib'-be-thon,
and Ba'-al-ath,
45 And Jehud, and Ben'-e-be'-rak,
and Gath-rim'-mon,
46 And Me-jar'-kon, and Rak'-kon,
with the border before Ja'-pho.
47 And the coast of the children of
Dan went out *too little* for them: there-
fore the children of Dan went up to
fight against Le'-shem, and took it, and
smote it with the edge of the sword,
and possessed it, and dwelt therein,
and called Le'-shem, Dan, after the
name of Dan their father.
48 This *is* the inheritance of the
tribe of the children of Dan according
to their families, these cities with their
villages.
49 When they had made an end of
dividing the land for inheritance by
their coasts, the children of Israel gave
an inheritance to Joshua the son of
Nun among them:
50 According to the word of the
LORD they gave him the city which he
asked, *even* Tim'-nath-se'-rah in mount
E'-phra-im: and he built the city, and
dwelt therein.
51 These *are* the inheritances, which
E-le-a'-zar the priest, and Joshua the
son of Nun, and the heads of the fa-
thers of the tribes of the children of
Israel, divided for an inheritance by
lot in Shi'-loh before the LORD, at the
door of the tabernacle of the congre-
gation. So they made an end of divid-
ing the country.

CHAPTER 20

THE LORD also spake unto Joshua,
saying,
2 Speak to the children of Israel,
saying, Appoint out for you cities of
refuge, whereof I spake unto you by
the hand of Moses:
3 That the slayer that killeth *any*
person unawares *and* unwittingly may
flee thither: and they shall be your
refuge from the avenger of blood.
4 And when he that doth flee unto
one of those cities shall stand at the
entering of the gate of the city, and
shall declare his cause in the ears of the
elders of that city, they shall take him
into the city unto them, and give him
a place, that he may dwell among
them.
5 And if the avenger of blood pur-
sue after him, then they shall not de-
liver the slayer up into his hand; be-
cause he smote his neighbour unwit-
tingly, and hated him not beforetime.
6 And he shall dwell in that city,
until he stand before the congregation
for judgment, *and* until the death of
the high priest that shall be in those
days: then shall the slayer return, and
come unto his own city, and unto his
own house, unto the city from whence
he fled.
7 And they appointed Ke'-desh in
Galilee in mount Naph'-ta-li, and She'-
chem in mount E'-phra-im, and Kir'-
jath-ar'-ba, which *is* Hebron, in the
mountain of Judah.
8 And on the other side Jordan by
Jericho eastward, they assigned Be'-zer
in the wilderness upon the plain out of
the tribe of Reuben, and Ra'-moth in
Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and
Go'-lan in Ba'-shan out of the tribe of
Ma-nas'-seh.

9 These were the cities appointed
for all the children of Israel, and for
the stranger that sojourneth among
them, that whosoever killeth *any* per-
son at unawares might flee thither, and
not die by the hand of the avenger of
blood, until he stood before the con-
gregation.

CHAPTER 21

THEN came near the heads of the
fathers of the Levites unto E-le-
a'-zar the priest, and unto Joshua the
son of Nun, and unto the heads of the
fathers of the tribes of the children of
Israel;
2 And they spake unto them at Shi'-
loh in the land of Canaan, saying, The
LORD commanded by the hand of Mo-
ses to give us cities to dwell in, with
the suburbs thereof for our cattle.
3 And the children of Israel gave
unto the Levites out of their inherit-
ance, at the commandment of the
LORD, these cities and their suburbs.
4 And the lot came out for the fam-
ilies of the Ko'-hath-ites: and the chil-
dren of Aaron the priest, *which were* of
the Levites, had by lot out of the tribe
of Judah, and out of the tribe of Sim-
eon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin,
thirteen cities.
5 And the rest of the children of
Ko'-hath *had* by lot out of the families
of the tribe of E'-phra-im, and out of
the tribe of Dan, and out of the half
tribe of Ma-nas'-seh, ten cities.
6 And the children of Ger'-shon *had*
by lot out of the families of the tribe of
Is'-sa-char, and out of the tribe of
Asher, and out of the tribe of Naph'-
ta-li, and out of the half tribe of Ma-
nas'-seh in Ba'-shan, thirteen cities.
7 The children of Me-ra'-ri by their
families *had* out of the tribe of Reuben,
and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of
the tribe of Zeb'-u-lun, twelve cities.
8 And the children of Israel gave by
lot unto the Levites these cities with
their suburbs, as the LORD commanded
by the hand of Moses.
9 And they gave out of the tribe of
the children of Judah, and out of the
tribe of the children of Simeon, these
cities which are *here* mentioned by
name,
10 Which the children of Aaron,
being of the families of the Ko'-hath-
ites, *who were* of the children of Levi,
had: for theirs was the first lot.
11 And they gave them the city of
Ar'-ba the father of Anak, which *city is*
Hebron, in the hill *country* of Judah,
with the suburbs thereof round about
it.
12 But the fields of the city, and the
villages thereof, gave they to Caleb the
son of Je-phun'-neh for his possession.
13 Thus they gave to the children of
Aaron the priest Hebron with her sub-
urbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slay-
er; and Lib'-nah with her suburbs,
14 And Jat'-tir with her suburbs,
and Esh-te-mo'-a with her suburbs,
15 And Ho'-lon with her suburbs,
and De'-bir with her suburbs,
16 And A'-in with her suburbs, and
Jut'-tah with her suburbs, *and* Beth-
she'-mesh with her suburbs; nine cities
out of those two tribes.
17 And out of the tribe of Benja-
min, Gibeon with her suburbs, Ge'-ba
with her suburbs,
18 An'-a-thoth with her suburbs,
and Al'-mon with her suburbs; four
cities.
19 All the cities of the children of
Aaron, the priests, *were* thirteen cities
with their suburbs.
20 And the families of the children
of Ko'-hath, the Levites which re-
mained of the children of Ko'-hath,
even they had the cities of their lot out
of the tribe of E'-phra-im.
21 For they gave them She'-chem
with her suburbs in mount E'-phra-im,
to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and
Ge'-zer with her suburbs,
22 And Kib'-za-im with her sub-
urbs, and Beth-ho'-ron with her sub-
urbs; four cities.
23 And out of the tribe of Dan, El'-
te-keh with her suburbs, Gib'-be-thon
with her suburbs,
24 Aij'-a-lon with her suburbs,
Gath-rim'-mon with her suburbs; four
cities.
25 And out of the half tribe of Ma-
nas'-seh, Ta'-nach with her suburbs,
and Gath-rim'-mon with her suburbs;
two cities.
26 All the cities *were* ten with their
suburbs for the families of the children
of Ko'-hath that remained.
27 And unto the children of Ger'-
shon, of the families of the Levites, out
of the *other* half tribe of Ma-nas'-seh
they gave Go'-lan in Ba'-shan with her
suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the
slayer; and Be-esh'-te-rah with her
suburbs; two cities.
28 And out of the tribe of Is'-sa-

char, Kī'-shon with her suburbs, Dab'-
a-reh with her suburbs,
29 Jar'-muth with her suburbs, En-
gan'-nim with her suburbs; four cities.
30 And out of the tribe of Asher,
Mī'-shal with her suburbs, Abdon with
her suburbs,
31 Hel'-kath with her suburbs, and
Re'-hob with her suburbs; four cities.
32 And out of the tribe of Naph'-ta-
li, Ke'-desh in Galilee with her sub-
urbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slay-
er; and Ham'-moth–dor with her sub-
urbs, and Kar'-tan with her suburbs;
three cities.
33 All the cities of the Ger'-shon-ītes
according to their families *were* thir-
teen cities with their suburbs.
34 And unto the families of the chil-
dren of Me-ra'-ri, the rest of the Le-
vites, out of the tribe of Zeb'-u-lun,
Jok'-ne-am with her suburbs, and Kar'-
tah with her suburbs,
35 Dim'-nah with her suburbs, Na'-
ha-lal with her suburbs; four cities.
36 And out of the tribe of Reuben,
Be'-zer with her suburbs, and Ja-ha'-
zah with her suburbs,
37 Ked'-e-moth with her suburbs,
and Meph'-a-ath with her suburbs; four
cities.
38 And out of the tribe of Gad, Ra'-
moth in Gilead with her suburbs, *to be*
a city of refuge for the slayer; and Ma'-
ha-na'-im with her suburbs,
39 Hesh'-bon with her suburbs, Ja'-
zer with her suburbs; four cities in
all.
40 So all the cities for the children
of Me-ra'-ri by their families, which
were remaining of the families of the
Levites, were *by* their lot twelve cities.
41 All the cities of the Levites with-
in the possession of the children of Is-
rael *were* forty and eight cities with
their suburbs.
42 These cities were every one with
their suburbs round about them: thus
were all these cities.
43 And the LORD gave unto Israel
all the land which he sware to give un-
to their fathers; and they possessed it,
and dwelt therein.
44 And the LORD gave them rest
round about, according to all that he
sware unto their fathers: and there
stood not a man of all their enemies
before them; the LORD delivered all
their enemies into their hand.
45 There failed not ought of any
good thing which the LORD had spoken
unto the house of Israel; all came to
pass.

CHAPTER 22

THEN Joshua called the Reuben-
ites, and the Gadites, and the half
tribe of Ma-nas'-seh,
2 And said unto them, Ye have kept
all that Moses the servant of the LORD
commanded you, and have obeyed
my voice in all that I commanded
you:
3 Ye have not left your brethren
these many days unto this day, but
have kept the charge of the command-
ment of the LORD your God.
4 And now the LORD your God hath
given rest unto your brethren, as he
promised them: therefore now return
ye, and get you unto your tents, *and*
unto the land of your possession, which
Moses the servant of the LORD gave
you on the other side Jordan.
5 But take diligent heed to do the
commandment and the law, which
Moses the servant of the LORD charged
you, to love the LORD your God, and
to walk in all his ways, and to keep his
commandments, and to cleave unto
him, and to serve him with all your
heart and with all your soul.
6 So Joshua blessed them, and sent
them away: and they went unto their
tents.
7 Now to the *one* half of the tribe of
Ma-nas'-seh Moses had given *possession*
in Ba'-shan: but unto the *other* half
thereof gave Joshua among their breth-
ren on this side Jordan westward.
And when Joshua sent them away also
unto their tents, then he blessed them,
8 And he spake unto them, saying,
Return with much riches unto your
tents, and with very much cattle, with
silver, and with gold, and with brass,
and with iron, and with very much
raiment: divide the spoil of your ene-
mies with your brethren.
9 And the children of Reuben and
the children of Gad and the half tribe
of Ma-nas'-seh returned, and departed
from the children of Israel out of Shi'-
loh, which *is* in the land of Canaan, to
go unto the country of Gilead, to the
land of their possession, whereof they
were possessed, according to the word
of the LORD by the hand of Moses.
10 And when they came unto the
borders of Jordan, that *are* in the land
of Canaan, the children of Reuben and
the children of Gad and the half tribe

of Ma-nas'-seh built there an altar by
Jordan, a great altar to see to.
11 And the children of Israel heard
say, Behold, the children of Reuben
and the children of Gad and the half
tribe of Ma-nas'-seh have built an altar
over *against the land of Canaan, in the*
borders of Jordan, at the passage of
the children of Israel.
12 And when the children of Israel
heard *of it*, the whole congregation of
the children of Israel gathered them-
selves together at Shi'-loh, to go up to
war against them.
13 And the children of Israel sent
unto the children of Reuben, and to
the children of Gad, and to the half
tribe of Ma-nas'-seh, into the land of
Gilead, Phin'-e-has the son of E-le-a'-
zar the priest,
14 And with him ten princes, of
each chief house a prince throughout
all the tribes of Israel; and each one
was an head of the house of their
fathers among the thousands of Is-
rael.
15 And they came unto the children
of Reuben, and to the children of Gad,
and to the half tribe of Ma-nas'-seh,
unto the land of Gilead, and they
spake with them, saying,
16 Thus saith the whole congrega-
tion of the LORD, What trespass *is* this
that ye have committed against the
God of Israel, to turn away this day
from following the LORD, in that ye
have builded you an altar, that ye
might rebel this day against the LORD?
17 Is the iniquity of Pe'-or too little
for us, from which we are not cleansed
until this day, although there was a
plague in the congregation of the
LORD,
18 But that ye must turn away this
day from following the LORD? and it
will be, *seeing* ye rebel to day against
the LORD, that to morrow he will be
wroth with the whole congregation of
Israel.
19 Notwithstanding, if the land of
your possession *be* unclean, *then* pass
ye over unto the land of the possession
of the LORD, wherein the LORD's tab-
ernacle dwelleth, and take possession
among us: but rebel not against the
LORD, nor rebel against us, in building
you an altar beside the altar of the
LORD our God.
20 Did not A'-chan the son of Ze'-
rah commit a trespass in the accursed
thing, and wrath fell on all the congre-
gation of Israel? and that man per-
ished not alone in his iniquity.
21 Then the children of Reuben and
the children of Gad and the half tribe
of Ma-nas'-seh answered, and said un-
to the heads of the thousands of Is-
rael,
22 The LORD God of gods, the LORD
God of gods, he knoweth, and Israel he
shall know; if *it be* in rebellion, or if in
transgression against the LORD, (save
us not this day,)
23 That we have built us an altar to
turn from following the LORD, or if to
offer thereon burnt offering or meat
offering, or if to offer peace offerings
thereon, let the LORD himself require
it;
24 And if we have not *rather* done it
for fear of *this* thing, saying, In time
to come your children might speak
unto our children, saying, What have
ye to do with the LORD God of Is-
rael?
25 For the LORD hath made Jordan
a border between us and you, ye chil-
dren of Reuben and children of Gad;
ye have no part in the LORD: so shall
your children make our children cease
from fearing the LORD.
26 Therefore we said, Let us now
prepare to build us an altar, not for
burnt offering, nor for sacrifice:
27 But *that* it *may be* a witness be-
tween us and you, and our generations
after us, that we might do the service
of the LORD before him with our burnt
offerings, and with our sacrifices, and
with our peace offerings; that your
children may not say to our children in
time to come, Ye have no part in the
LORD.
28 Therefore said we, that it shall
be, when they should *so* say to us or to
our generations in time to come, that
we may say *again*, Behold the pattern
of the altar of the LORD, which our fa-
thers made, not for burnt offerings,
nor for sacrifices; but it *is* a witness be-
tween us and you.
29 God forbid that we should rebel
against the LORD, and turn this day
from following the LORD, to build an
altar for burnt offerings, for meat of-
ferings, or for sacrifices, beside the al-
tar of the LORD our God that *is* before
his tabernacle.
30 And when Phin'-e-has the priest,
and the princes of the congregation
and heads of the thousands of Israel
which *were* with him, heard the

words that the children of Reuben
and the children of Gad and the chil-
dren of Ma-nas'-seh spake, it pleased
them.
31 And Phin'-e-has the son of E-le-
a'-zar the priest said unto the children
of Reuben, and to the children of Gad,
and to the children of Ma-nas'-seh, This
day we perceive that the LORD *is* among
us, because ye have not committed this
trespass against the LORD: now ye
have delivered the children of Israel
out of the hand of the LORD.
32 And Phin'-e-has the son of E-le-
a'-zar the priest, and the princes, re-
turned from the children of Reuben,
and from the children of Gad, out of
the land of Gilead, unto the land of
Canaan, to the children of Israel, and
brought them word again.
33 And the thing pleased the chil-
dren of Israel; and the children of Is-
rael blessed God, and did not intend to
go up against them in battle, to de-
stroy the land wherein the children of
Reuben and Gad dwelt.
34 And the children of Reuben and
the children of Gad called the altar
Ed: for it *shall be* a witness between us
that the LORD *is* God.

CHAPTER 23

AND it came to pass a long time after
that the LORD had given rest unto
Israel from all their enemies round
about, that Joshua waxed old *and*
stricken in age.
2 And Joshua called for all Israel,
and for their elders, and for their
heads, and for their judges, and for
their officers, and said unto them, I am
old *and* stricken in age:
3 And ye have seen all that the
LORD your God hath done unto all
these nations because of you; for the
LORD your God *is* he that hath fought
for you.
4 Behold, I have divided unto you
by lot these nations that remain, to be
an inheritance for your tribes, from
Jordan, with all the nations that I
have cut off, even unto the great sea
westward.
5 And the LORD your God, he shall
expel them from before you, and drive
them from out of your sight; and ye
shall possess their land, as the LORD
your God hath promised unto you.
6 Be ye therefore very courageous
to keep and to do all that is written in
the book of the law of Moses, that ye
turn not aside therefrom *to* the right
hand or *to* the left;
7 That ye come not among these na-
tions, these that remain among you;
neither make mention of the name of
their gods, nor cause to swear *by them,*
neither serve them, nor bow your-
selves unto them:
8 But cleave unto the LORD your
God, as ye have done unto this day.
9 For the LORD hath driven out
from before you great nations and
strong: but *as for* you, no man hath
been able to stand before you unto
this day.
10 One man of you shall chase a
thousand: for the LORD your God, he *it*
is that fighteth for you, as he hath
promised you.
11 Take good heed therefore unto
yourselves, that ye love the LORD your
God.
12 Else if ye do in any wise go back,
and cleave unto the remnant of these
nations, *even* these that remain among
you, and shall make marriages with
them, and go in unto them, and they
to you:
13 Know for a certainty that the
LORD your God will no more drive out
any of these nations from before you;
but they shall be snares and traps unto
you, and scourges in your sides, and
thorns in your eyes, until ye perish
from off this good land which the
LORD your God hath given you.
14 And, behold, this day I *am* going
the way of all the earth: and ye know
in all your hearts and in all your souls,
that not one thing hath failed of all the
good things which the LORD your God
spake concerning you; all are come to
pass unto you, *and* not one thing hath
failed thereof.
15 Therefore it shall come to pass,
that as all good things are come upon
you, which the LORD your God prom-
ised you; so shall the LORD bring upon
you all evil things, until he have de-
stroyed you from off this good land
which the LORD your God hath given
you.
16 When ye have transgressed the
covenant of the LORD your God, which
he commanded you, and have gone
and served other gods, and bowed
yourselves to them; then shall the an-
ger of the LORD be kindled against
you, and ye shall perish quickly from
off the good land which he hath given
unto you.

CHAPTER 24

AND Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to She'-chem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God.

2 And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, *even* Te'-rah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Na'-chor: and they served other gods.

3 And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac.

4 And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave unto Esau mount Se'-ir, to possess it; but Jacob and his children went down into Egypt.

5 I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them: and afterward I brought you out.

6 And I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and ye came unto the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and horsemen unto the Red sea.

7 And when they cried unto the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and r eyes have seen what I have done Egypt: and ye dwelt in the wilder- s a long season.

8 And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt on the other side Jordan; and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, that ye might possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you.

9 Then Ba'-lak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and sent and called Ba'-laam the son of Be'-or to curse you:

10 But I would not hearken unto Ba'-laam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand.

11 And ye went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Per'-iz-zites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Gir'-ga-shites, the Hi'-vites, and the Jeb'-u-sites; and I delivered them into your hand.

12 And I sent the hornet before you, which drave them out from before you, *even* the two kings of the Amorites; *but* not with thy sword, nor with thy bow.

13 And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat.

14 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods;

17 For the LORD our God, he *it is* that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed:

18 And the LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: *therefore* will we also serve the LORD; for he *is* our God.

19 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he *is* an holy God; he *is* a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

20 If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

21 And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the LORD.

22 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye *are* witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, We *are* witnesses.

23 Now therefore put away, *said he*, the strange gods which *are* among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel.

24 And the people said unto Josh-

ua, The LORD our God will we serve,
and his voice will we obey.
25 So Joshua made a covenant with
the people that day, and set them a
statute and an ordinance in She'-chem.
26 And Joshua wrote these words in
the book of the law of God, and took a
great stone, and set it up there under
an oak, that *was* by the sanctuary of
the LORD.
27 And Joshua said unto all the
people, Behold, this stone shall be a
witness unto us; for it hath heard all
the words of the LORD which he spake
unto us: it shall be therefore a witness
unto you, lest ye deny your God.
28 So Joshua let the people depart,
every man unto his inheritance.
29 And it came to pass after these
things, that Joshua the son of Nun,
the servant of the LORD, died, *being* an
hundred and ten years old.
30 And they buried him in the bor-
der of his inheritance in Tim'-nath–se'-
rah, which *is* in mount E'-phra-im, on
the north side of the hill of Ga'-ash.
31 And Israel served the LORD all
the days of Joshua, and all the days
of the elders that overlived Joshua,
and which had known all the works
of the LORD, that he had done for Is-
rael.
32 And the bones of Joseph, which
the children of Israel brought up out
of Egypt, buried they in She'-chem, in
a parcel of ground which Jacob bought
of the sons of Ha'-mor the father of
She'-chem for an hundred pieces of sil-
ver: and it became the inheritance of
the children of Joseph.
33 And E-le-a'-zar the son of Aaron
died; and they buried him in a hill *that*
pertained to Phin'-e-has his son, which
was given him in mount E'-phra-im.

The Book of
Judges

CHAPTER 1

NOW after the death of Joshua
it came to pass, that the chil-
dren of Israel asked the LORD,
saying, Who shall go up for us against
the Canaanites first, to fight against
them?
2 And the LORD said, Judah shall go
up: behold, I have delivered the land
into his hand.
3 And Judah said unto Simeon his
brother, Come up with me into my lot,
that we may fight against the Canaan-
ites; and I likewise will go with thee
into thy lot. So Simeon went with him.
4 And Judah went up; and the
LORD delivered the Canaanites and the
Per'-iz-zites into their hand: and they
slew of them in Be'-zek ten thousand
men.
5 And they found A-do'-ni–be'-zek
in Be'-zek: and they fought against
him, and they slew the Canaanites and
the Per'-iz-zites.
6 But A-do'-ni–be'-zek fled; and they
pursued after him, and caught him,
and cut off his thumbs and his great
toes.
7 And A-do'-ni–be'-zek said, Three-
score and ten kings, having their
thumbs and their great toes cut off,
gathered *their meat* under my table: as
I have done, so God hath requited me.
And they brought him to Jerusalem,
and there he died.
8 Now the children of Judah had
fought against Jerusalem, and had
taken it, and smitten it with the edge
of the sword, and set the city on fire.
9 And afterward the children of Ju-
dah went down to fight against the
Canaanites, that dwelt in the moun-
tain, and in the south, and in the val-
ley.
10 And Judah went against the Ca-
naanites that dwelt in Hebron: (now
the name of Hebron before *was* Kir'-
jath–ar'-ba:) and they slew She'-shai,
and A-hi'-man, and Tal'-mai.
11 And from thence he went against
the inhabitants of De'-bir: and the
name of De'-bir before *was* Kir'-jath–
se'-pher:
12 And Caleb said, He that smiteth
Kir'-jath–se'-pher, and taketh it, to
him will I give Ach'-sah my daughter
to wife.
13 And Oth'-ni-el the son of Ke'-naz,
Caleb's younger brother, took it: and

he gave him Ach′-sah his daughter to wife.

14 And it came to pass, when she came *to him*, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted from off *her* ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wilt thou?

15 And she said unto him, Give me a blessing: for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the nether springs.

16 And the children of the Ken′-ite, Moses' father in law, went up out of the city of palm trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which *lieth* in the south of A′-rad; and they went and dwelt among the people.

17 And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites that inhabited Ze′-phath, and utterly destroyed it. And the name of the city was called Hor′-mah.

18 Also Judah took Ga′-za with the coast thereof, and As′-ke-lon with the coast thereof, and Ekron with the coast thereof.

19 And the LORD was with Judah; and he drave out *the inhabitants of* the mountain; but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron.

20 And they gave Hebron unto Caleb, as Moses said: and he expelled thence the three sons of Anak.

21 And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jeb′-u-sites that inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jeb′-u-sites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day.

22 And the house of Joseph, they also went up against Beth–el: and the LORD *was* with them.

23 And the house of Joseph sent to descry Beth–el. (Now the name of the city before *was* Luz.)

24 And the spies saw a man come forth out of the city, and they said unto him, Shew us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city, and we will shew thee mercy.

25 And when he shewed them the entrance into the city, they smote the city with the edge of the sword; but they let go the man and all his family.

26 And the man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called the name thereof Luz: which *is* the name thereof unto this day.

27 Neither did Ma-nas′-seh drive out *the inhabitants of* Beth–she′-an and her towns, nor Ta′-a-nach and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Ib′-le-am and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Me-gid′-do and her towns: but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

28 And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out.

29 Neither did E′-phra-im drive out the Canaanites that dwelt in Ge′-zer; but the Canaanites dwelt in Ge′-zer among them.

30 Neither did Zeb′-u-lun drive out the inhabitants of Kit′-ron, nor the inhabitants of Na′-ha-lol; but the Canaanites dwelt among them, and became tributaries.

31 Neither did Asher drive out the inhabitants of Ac′-cho, nor the inhabitants of Zi′-don, nor of Ah′-lab, nor of Ach′-zib, nor of Hel′-bah, nor of A′-phik, nor of Re′-hob:

32 But the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: for they did not drive them out.

33 Neither did Naph′-ta-li drive out the inhabitants of Beth–she′-mesh, nor the inhabitants of Beth–a′-nath; but he dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth–she′-mesh and of Beth–a′-nath became tributaries unto them.

34 And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountain: for they would not suffer them to come down to the valley:

35 But the Amorites would dwell in mount He′-res in Aij′-a-lon, and in Sha-al′-bim: yet the hand of the house of Joseph prevailed, so that they became tributaries.

36 And the coast of the Amorites *was* from the going up to A-krab′-bim, from the rock, and upward.

CHAPTER 2

AND an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bo′-chim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I sware unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you.

2 And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have

not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this?

3 Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be *as thorns* in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you.

4 And it came to pass, when the angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept.

5 And they called the name of that place Bo′-chim: and they sacrificed there unto the LORD.

6 And when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land.

7 And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Israel.

8 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, *being* an hundred and ten years old.

9 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Tim′-nath–he′-res, in the mount of E′-phra-im, on the north side of the hill Ga′-ash.

10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

11 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Ba′-al-im:

12 And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that *were* round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger.

13 And they forsook the LORD, and served Ba′-al and Ash′-ta-roth.

14 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.

15 Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed.

16 Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

17 And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; *but* they did not so.

18 And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the LORD because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them.

19 And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, *that* they returned, and corrupted *themselves* more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way.

20 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice;

21 I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died:

22 That through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk therein, as their fathers did keep *it*, or not.

23 Therefore the LORD left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua.

CHAPTER 3

NOW these *are* the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, *even* as many *of Israel* as had not known all the wars of Canaan;

2 Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof;

3 *Namely*, five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Si-do′-ni-ans, and the Hi′-vites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Ba′-al–her′-mon unto the entering in of Ha′-math.

4 And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of

the LORD, which he commanded their
fathers by the hand of Moses.
5 And the children of Israel dwelt
among the Canaanites, Hittites, and
Amorites, and Per'-iz-zites, and Hi'-
vites, and Jeb'-u-sites:
6 And they took their daughters to
be their wives, and gave their daugh-
ters to their sons, and served their
gods.
7 And the children of Israel did evil
in the sight of the LORD, and forgat the
LORD their God, and served Ba'-al-im
and the groves.
8 Therefore the anger of the LORD
was hot against Israel, and he sold
them into the hand of Chu'-shan–rish-
a-tha'-im king of Mes-o-po-ta'-mi-a:
and the children of Israel served Chu'-
shan–rish-a-tha'-im eight years.
9 And when the children of Israel
cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised
up a deliverer to the children of Israel,
who delivered them, *even* Oth'-ni-el the
son of Ke'-naz, Caleb's younger broth-
er.
10 And the Spirit of the LORD came
upon him, and he judged Israel, and
went out to war: and the LORD de-
livered Chu'-shan–rish-a-tha'-im king
of Mes-o-po-ta'-mi-a into his hand; and
his hand prevailed against Chu'-shan–
rish-a-tha'-im.
11 And the land had rest forty
years. And Oth'-ni-el the son of Ke'-naz
died.
12 And the children of Israel did
evil again in the sight of the LORD: and
the LORD strengthened Eg'-lon the
king of Moab against Israel, because
they had done evil in the sight of the
LORD.
13 And he gathered unto him the
children of Ammon and Am'-a-lek, and
went and smote Israel, and possessed
the city of palm trees.
14 So the children of Israel served
Eg'-lon the king of Moab eighteen
years.
15 But when the children of Israel
cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised
them up a deliverer, E'-hud the son of
Ge'-ra, a Benjamite, a man left-hand-
ed: and by him the children of Israel
sent a present unto Eg'-lon the king of
Moab.
16 But E'-hud made him a dagger
which had two edges, of a cubit length;
and he did gird it under his raiment
upon his right thigh.
17 And he brought the present unto
Eg'-lon king of Moab: and Eg'-lon *was*
a very fat man.
18 And when he had made an end
to offer the present, he sent away the
people that bare the present.
19 But he himself turned again
from the quarries that *were* by Gilgal,
and said, I have a secret errand unto
thee, O king: who said, Keep silence.
And all that stood by him went out
from him.
20 And E'-hud came unto him; and
he was sitting in a summer parlour,
which he had for himself alone. And
E'-hud said, I have a message from
God unto thee. And he arose out of *his*
seat.
21 And E'-hud put forth his left
hand, and took the dagger from his
right thigh, and thrust it into his belly:
22 And the haft also went in after
the blade; and the fat closed upon the
blade, so that he could not draw the
dagger out of his belly; and the dirt
came out.
23 Then E'-hud went forth through
the porch, and shut the doors of the
parlour upon him, and locked them.
24 When he was gone out, his ser-
vants came; and when they saw that,
behold, the doors of the parlour *were*
locked, they said, Surely he covereth
his feet in his summer chamber.
25 And they tarried till they were
ashamed: and, behold, he opened not
the doors of the parlour; therefore they
took a key, and opened *them*: and, be-
hold, their lord *was* fallen down dead
on the earth.
26 And E'-hud escaped while they
tarried, and passed beyond the quar-
ries, and escaped unto Se'-i-rath.
27 And it came to pass, when he
was come, that he blew a trumpet in
the mountain of E'-phra-im, and the
children of Israel went down with him
from the mount, and he before them.
28 And he said unto them, Follow
after me: for the LORD hath delivered
your enemies the Moabites into your
hand. And they went down after him,
and took the fords of Jordan toward
Moab, and suffered not a man to pass
over.
29 And they slew of Moab at that
time about ten thousand men, all
lusty, and all men of valour; and there
escaped not a man.
30 So Moab was subdued that day
under the hand of Israel. And the land
had rest fourscore years.

31 And after him was Sham´-gar the son of A´-nath, which slew of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox goad: and he also delivered Israel.

CHAPTER 4

AND the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, when E´-hud was dead.

2 And the LORD sold them into the hand of Ja´-bin king of Canaan, that reigned in Ha´-zor; the captain of whose host *was* Sis´-e-ra, which dwelt in Ha-ro´-sheth of the Gentiles.

3 And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

4 And Deb´-o-rah, a prophetess, the wife of Lap´-i-doth, she judged Israel at that time.

5 And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deb´-o-rah between Ra´-mah and Beth–el in mount E´-phra-im: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.

6 And she sent and called Ba´-rak the son of A-bin´-o-am out of Ke´-desh–naph´-ta-li, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, *saying*, Go and draw toward mount Ta´-bor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naph´-ta-li and of the children of Zeb´-u-lun?

7 And I will draw unto thee to the river Ki´-shon Sis´-e-ra, the captain of Ja´-bin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand.

8 And Ba´-rak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, *then* I will not go.

9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall sell Sis´-e-ra into the hand of a woman. And Deb´-o-rah arose, and went with Ba´-rak to Ke´-desh.

10 And Ba´-rak called Zeb´-u-lun and Naph´-ta-li to Ke´-desh; and he went up with ten thousand men at his feet: and Deb´-o-rah went up with him.

11 Now He´-ber the Ken´-ite, *which was* of the children of Ho´-bab the father in law of Moses, had severed himself from the Ken´-ites, and pitched his tent unto the plain of Za-a-na´-im, which *is* by Ke´-desh.

12 And they shewed Sis´-e-ra that Ba´-rak the son of A-bin´-o-am was gone up to mount Ta´-bor.

13 And Sis´-e-ra gathered together all his chariots, *even* nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that *were* with him, from Ha-ro´-sheth of the Gentiles unto the river of Ki´-shon.

14 And Deb´-o-rah said unto Ba´-rak, Up; for this *is* the day in which the LORD hath delivered Sis´-e-ra into thine hand: is not the LORD gone out before thee? So Ba´-rak went down from mount Ta´-bor, and ten thousand men after him.

15 And the LORD discomfited Sis´-e-ra, and all *his* chariots, and all *his* host, with the edge of the sword before Ba´-rak; so that Sis´-e-ra lighted down off *his* chariot, and fled away on his feet.

16 But Ba´-rak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Ha-ro´-sheth of the Gentiles: and all the host of Sis´-e-ra fell upon the edge of the sword; *and* there was not a man left.

17 Howbeit Sis´-e-ra fled away on his feet to the tent of Ja´-el the wife of He´-ber the Ken´-ite: for *there was* peace between Ja´-bin the king of Ha´-zor and the house of He´-ber the Ken´-ite.

18 And Ja´-el went out to meet Sis´-e-ra, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And when he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a mantle.

19 And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him.

20 Again he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man doth come and enquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No.

21 Then Ja´-el He´-ber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.

22 And, behold, as Ba´-rak pursued Sis´-e-ra, Ja´-el came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sis´-e-ra lay dead, and the nail *was* in his temples.

23 So God subdued on that day Ja´-

bin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel.

24 And the hand of the children of Israel prospered, and prevailed against Ja´-bin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Ja´-bin king of Canaan.

CHAPTER 5

THEN sang Deb´-o-rah and Ba´-rak the son of A-bin´-o-am on that day, saying,

2 Praise ye the LORD for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered *themselves.*

3 Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, *even* I, will sing unto the LORD; I will sing *praise* to the LORD God of Israel.

4 LORD, when thou wentest out of Se´-ir, when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water.

5 The mountains melted from before the LORD, *even* that Si´-nai from before the LORD God of Israel.

6 In the days of Sham´-gar the son of A´-nath, in the days of Ja´-el, the highways were unoccupied, and the travellers walked through byways.

7 *The inhabitants of* the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that I Deb´-o-rah arose, that I arose a mother in Israel.

8 They chose new gods; then *was* r in the gates: was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel?

9 My heart *is* toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the LORD.

10 Speak, ye that ride on white asses, ye that sit in judgment, and walk by the way.

11 *They that are delivered* from the noise of archers in the places of drawing water, there shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the LORD, *even* the righteous acts *toward the inhabitants* of his villages in Israel: then shall the people of the LORD go down to the gates.

12 Awake, awake, Deb´-o-rah: awake, awake, utter a song: arise, Ba´-rak, and lead thy captivity captive, *thou* son of A-bin´-o-am.

13 Then he made him that remaineth have dominion over the nobles among the people: the LORD made me have dominion over the mighty.

14 Out of E´-phra-im *was there* a root of them against Am´-a-lek; after thee, Benjamin, among thy people; *out* of Ma´-chir came down governors, and out of Zeb´-u-lun they that handle the pen of the writer.

15 And the princes of Is´-sa-char *were* with Deb´-o-rah; even Is´-sa-char, and also Ba´-rak: he was sent on foot into the valley. For the divisions of Reuben *there were* great thoughts of heart.

16 Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds, to hear the bleatings of the flocks? For the divisions of Reuben *there were* great searchings of heart.

17 Gilead abode beyond Jordan: and why did Dan remain in ships? Asher continued on the sea shore, and abode in his breaches.

18 Zeb´-u-lun and Naph´-ta-li *were* a people *that* jeoparded their lives unto the death in the high places of the field.

19 The kings came *and* fought, then fought the kings of Canaan in Ta´-a-nach by the waters of Me-gid´-do; they took no gain of money.

20 They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sis´-e-ra.

21 The river of Ki´-shon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Ki´-shon. O my soul, thou hast trodden down strength.

22 Then were the horsehoofs broken by the means of the pransings, the pransings of their mighty ones.

23 Curse ye Me´-roz, said the angel of the LORD, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty.

24 Blessed above women shall Ja´-el the wife of He´-ber the Ken´-ite be, blessed shall she be above women in the tent.

25 He asked water, *and* she gave *him* milk; she brought forth butter in a lordly dish.

26 She put her hand to the nail, and her right hand to the workmen's hammer; and with the hammer she smote Sis´-e-ra, she smote off his head, when she had pierced and stricken through his temples.

27 At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down: at her feet he bowed, he fell: where he bowed, there he fell down dead.

28 The mother of Sis´-e-ra looked

out at a window, and cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot *so* long in coming? why tarry the wheels of his chariots?

29 Her wise ladies answered her, yea, she returned answer to herself,

30 Have they not sped? have they *not* divided the prey; to every man a damsel *or* two; to Sis'-e-ra a prey of divers colours, a prey of divers colours of needlework, of divers colours of needlework on both sides, *meet* for the necks of *them that take* the spoil?

31 So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but *let* them that love him *be* as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had rest forty years.

CHAPTER 6

AND the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Mid'-i-an seven years.

2 And the hand of Mid'-i-an prevailed against Israel: *and* because of the Mid'-i-an-ites the children of Israel made them the dens which *are* in the mountains, and caves, and strong holds.

3 And *so* it was, when Israel had sown, that the Mid'-i-an-ites came up, and the Am'-a-lek-ites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them;

4 And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Ga'-za, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass.

5 For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude; *for* both they and their camels were without number: and they entered into the land to destroy it.

6 And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Mid'-i-an-ites; and the children of Israel cried unto the LORD.

7 And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD because of the Mid'-i-an-ites,

8 That the LORD sent a prophet unto the children of Israel, which said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage;

9 And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drave them out from before you, and gave you their land;

10 And I said unto you, I *am* the LORD your God; fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice.

11 And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which *was* in Oph'-rah, that *pertained* unto Jo'-ash the A'-bi-ez'-rite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide *it* from the Mid'-i-an-ites.

12 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD *is* with thee, thou mighty man of valour.

13 And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where *be* all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Mid'-i-an-ites.

14 And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Mid'-i-an-ites: have not I sent thee?

15 And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family *is* poor in Ma-nas'-seh, and I *am* the least in my father's house.

16 And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Mid'-i-an-ites as one man.

17 And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then shew me a sign that thou talkest with me.

18 Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and set *it* before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again.

19 And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought *it* out unto him under the oak, and presented *it*.

20 And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay *them* upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so.

21 Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that *was* in his hand, and touched the flesh and

the unleavened cakes; and there rose
up fire out of the rock, and consumed
the flesh and the unleavened cakes.
Then the angel of the LORD departed
out of his sight.
22 And when Gideon perceived that
he *was* an angel of the LORD, Gideon
said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I
have seen an angel of the LORD face to
face.
23 And the LORD said unto him,
Peace *be* unto thee; fear not: thou shalt
not die.
24 Then Gideon built an altar there
unto the LORD, and called it Je-ho'-
vah–sha'-lom: unto this day it *is* yet
in Oph'-rah of the A'-bi–ez'-rites.
25 And it came to pass the same
night, that the LORD said unto him,
Take thy father's young bullock, even
the second bullock of seven years old,
and throw down the altar of Ba'-al that
thy father hath, and cut down the
grove that *is* by it:
26 And build an altar unto the
LORD thy God upon the top of this
rock, in the ordered place, and take
the second bullock, and offer a burnt
sacrifice with the wood of the grove
which thou shalt cut down.
27 Then Gideon took ten men of his
servants, and did as the LORD had said
unto him: and so it was, because he
feared his father's household, and the
men of the city, that he could not do
it by day, that he did *it* by night.
28 And when the men of the city
arose early in the morning, behold, the
altar of Ba'-al was cast down, and the
grove was cut down that *was* by it, and
the second bullock was offered upon
the altar *that was* built.
29 And they said one to another,
Who hath done this thing? And when
they enquired and asked, they said,
Gideon the son of Jo'-ash hath done
this thing.
30 Then the men of the city said un-
to Jo'-ash, Bring out thy son, that he
may die: because he hath cast down
the altar of Ba'-al, and because he hath
cut down the grove that *was* by it.
31 And Jo'-ash said unto all that
stood against him, Will ye plead for
Ba'-al? will ye save him? he that will
plead for him, let him be put to death
whilst *it is* yet morning: if he *be* a god,
let him plead for himself, because *one*
hath cast down his altar.
32 Therefore on that day he called
him Je-rub'-ba-al, saying, Let Ba'-al
plead against him, because he hath
thrown down his altar.
33 Then all the Mid'-i-an-ites and
the Am'-a-lek-ites and the children of
the east were gathered together, and
went over, and pitched in the valley of
Jez'-re-el.
34 But the Spirit of the LORD came
upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet;
and A'-bi–e'-zer was gathered after him.
35 And he sent messengers through-
out all Ma-nas'-seh; who also was gath-
ered after him: and he sent messengers
unto Asher, and unto Zeb'-u-lun, and
unto Naph'-ta-li; and they came up to
meet them.
36 And Gideon said unto God, If
thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as
thou hast said,
37 Behold, I will put a fleece of wool
in the floor; *and* if the dew be on the
fleece only, and *it be* dry upon all the
earth *beside*, then shall I know that
thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as
thou hast said.
38 And it was so: for he rose up
early on the morrow, and thrust the
fleece together, and wringed the dew
out of the fleece, a bowl full of water.
39 And Gideon said unto God, Let
not thine anger be hot against me, and
I will speak but this once: let me prove,
I pray thee, but this once with the
fleece; let it now be dry only upon the
fleece, and upon all the ground let
there be dew.
40 And God did so that night: for
it was dry upon the fleece only, and
there was dew on all the ground.

CHAPTER 7

THEN Je-rub'-ba-al, who *is* Gideon,
and all the people that *were* with
him, rose up early, and pitched beside
the well of Ha'-rod: so that the host of
the Mid'-i-an-ites were on the north
side of them, by the hill of Mo'-reh, in
the valley.
2 And the LORD said unto Gideon,
The people that *are* with thee *are* too
many for me to give the Mid'-i-an-ites
into their hands, lest Israel vaunt
themselves against me, saying, Mine
own hand hath saved me.
3 Now therefore go to, *proclaim* in
the ears of the people, saying, Whoso-
ever *is* fearful and afraid, let him re-
turn and depart early from mount
Gilead. And there returned of the peo-
ple twenty and two thousand; and
there remained ten thousand.

4 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people *are* yet *too* many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, *that* of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.

5 So he brought down the people unto the water: and the LORD said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink.

6 And the number of them that lapped, *putting* their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.

7 And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Mid'-i-an-ites into thine hand: and let all the *other* people go every man unto his place.

8 So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all *the rest of* Israel every man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men: and the host of Mid'-i-an was beneath him in the valley.

9 And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Arise, get thee down unto the host; for I have delivered *it into thine hand.*

10 But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Phu'-rah thy servant down to the host:

11 And thou shalt hear what they say; and afterward shall thine hands be strengthened to go down unto the host. Then went he down with Phu'-rah his servant unto the outside of the armed men that *were* in the host.

12 And the Mid'-i-an-ites and the Am'-a-lek-ites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels *were* without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude.

13 And when Gideon was come, behold, *there was* a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Mid'-i-an, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along.

14 And his fellow answered and said, This *is* nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Jo'-ash, a man of Israel: *for* into his hand hath God delivered Mid'-i-an, and all the host.

15 And it was *so,* when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped, and returned into the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the LORD hath delivered into your hand the host of Mid'-i-an.

16 And he divided the three hundred men *into* three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers.

17 And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be *that,* as I do, so shall ye do.

18 When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that *are* with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, *The sword* of the LORD, and of Gideon.

19 So Gideon, and the hundred men that *were* with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that *were* in their hands.

20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow *withal:* and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.

21 And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

22 And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the LORD set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host: and the host fled to Beth-shit'-tah in Zer'-e-rath, *and* to the border of A'-bel-me-ho'-lah, unto Tab'-bath.

23 And the men of Israel gathered themselves together out of Naph'-ta-li, and out of Asher, and out of all Ma-nas'-seh, and pursued after the Mid'-i-an-ites.

24 And Gideon sent messengers throughout all mount E'-phra-im, saying, Come down against the Mid'-i-an-ites, and take before them the waters unto Beth-ba'-rah and Jordan. Then all the men of E'-phra-im gathered

themselves together, and took the waters unto Beth–ba'-rah and Jordan.

25 And they took two princes of the Mid'-i-an-ites, O'-reb and Ze'-eb; and they slew O'-reb upon the rock O'-reb, and Ze'-eb they slew at the winepress of Ze'-eb, and pursued Mid'-i-an, and brought the heads of O'-reb and Ze'-eb to Gideon on the other side Jordan.

CHAPTER 8

AND the men of E'-phra-im said unto him, Why hast thou served us thus, that thou calledst us not, when thou wentest to fight with the Mid'-i-an-ites? And they did chide with him sharply.

2 And he said unto them, What have I done now in comparison of you? *Is* not the gleaning of the grapes of E'-phra-im better than the vintage of A'-bi–e'-zer?

3 God hath delivered into your hands the princes of Mid'-i-an, O'-reb and Ze'-eb: and what was I able to do in comparison of you? Then their anger was abated toward him, when he had said that.

4 And Gideon came to Jordan, *and* passed over, he, and the three hundred men that *were* with him, faint, yet pursuing *them*.

5 And he said unto the men of Suc'-coth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me; for they *be* faint, and I am pursuing after Ze'-bah and Zal-mun'-na, kings of Mid'-i-an.

6 And the princes of Suc'-coth said, *Are* the hands of Ze'-bah and Zal-mun'-na now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thine army?

7 And Gideon said, Therefore when the LORD hath delivered Ze'-bah and Zal-mun'-na into mine hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers.

8 And he went up thence to Pe-nu'-el, and spake unto them likewise: and the men of Pe-nu'-el answered him as the men of Suc'-coth had answered *him*.

9 And he spake also unto the men of Pe-nu'-el, saying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower.

10 Now Ze'-bah and Zal-mun'-na *were* in Kar'-kor, and their hosts with them, about fifteen thousand men, all that were left of all the hosts of the children of the east: for there fell an hundred and twenty thousand men that drew sword.

11 And Gideon went up by the way of them that dwelt in tents on the east of No'-bah and Jog'-be-hah, and smote the host: for the host was secure.

12 And when Ze'-bah and Zal-mun'-na fled, he pursued after them, and took the two kings of Mid'-i-an, Ze'-bah and Zal-mun'-na, and discomfited all the host.

13 And Gideon the son of Jo'-ash returned from battle before the sun *was up*,

14 And caught a young man of the men of Suc'-coth, and enquired of him: and he described unto him the princes of Suc'-coth, and the elders thereof, *even* threescore and seventeen men.

15 And he came unto the men of Suc'-coth, and said, Behold Ze'-bah and Zal-mun'-na, with whom ye did upbraid me, saying, *Are* the hands of Ze'-bah and Zal-mun'-na now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thy men *that are* weary?

16 And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he taught the men of Suc'-coth.

17 And he beat down the tower of Pe-nu'-el, and slew the men of the city.

18 Then said he unto Ze'-bah and Zal-mun'-na, What manner of men *were they* whom ye slew at Ta'-bor? And they answered, As thou *art*, so *were* they; each one resembled the children of a king.

19 And he said, They *were* my brethren, *even* the sons of my mother: *as* the LORD liveth, if ye had saved them alive, I would not slay you.

20 And he said unto Je'-ther his firstborn, Up, *and* slay them. But the youth drew not his sword: for he feared, because he *was* yet a youth.

21 Then Ze'-bah and Zal-mun'-na said, Rise thou, and fall upon us: for as the man *is, so is* his strength. And Gideon arose, and slew Ze'-bah and Zal-mun'-na, and took away the ornaments that *were* on their camels' necks.

22 Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son's son also: for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Mid'-i-an.

23 And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the LORD shall rule over you.

24 And Gideon said unto them, I would desire a request of you, *that* ye would give me every man the earrings of his prey. (For they had golden earrings, because they *were* Ish'-ma-el-ites.)

25 And they answered, We will willingly give *them*. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein every man the earrings of his prey.

26 And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred *shekels* of gold; beside ornaments, and collars, and purple raiment that *was* on the kings of Mid'-i-an, and beside the chains that *were* about their camels' necks.

27 And Gideon made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, *even* in Oph'-rah: and all Israel went thither a whoring after it: which thing became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house.

28 Thus was Mid'-i-an subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more. And the country was in quietness forty years in the days of Gideon.

29 And Je-rub'-ba-al the son of Jo'-ash went and dwelt in his own house.

30 And Gideon had threescore and ten sons of his body begotten: for he had many wives.

31 And his concubine that *was* in She'-chem, she also bare him a son, whose name he called A-bim'-e-lech.

32 And Gideon the son of Jo'-ash died in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Jo'-ash his father, in Oph'-rah of the A'-bi-ez'-rites.

33 And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and went a whoring after Ba'-al-im, and made Ba'-al-be'-rith their god.

34 And the children of Israel remembered not the LORD their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side:

35 Neither shewed they kindness to the house of Je-rub'-ba-al, *namely*, Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shewed unto Israel.

CHAPTER 9

AND A-bim'-e-lech the son of Je-rub'-ba-al went to She'-chem unto his mother's brethren, and communed with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying,

2 Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of She'-chem, Whether *is* better for you, either that all the sons of Je-rub'-ba-al, *which are* threescore and ten persons, reign over you, or that one reign over you? remember also that I *am* your bone and your flesh.

3 And his mother's brethren spake of him in the ears of all the men of She'-chem all these words: and their hearts inclined to follow A-bim'-e-lech; for they said, He *is* our brother.

4 And they gave him threescore and ten *pieces* of silver out of the house of Ba'-al-be'-rith, wherewith A-bim'-e-lech hired vain and light persons, which followed him.

5 And he went unto his father's house at Oph'-rah, and slew his brethren the sons of Je-rub'-ba-al, *being* threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: notwithstanding yet Jo'-tham the youngest son of Je-rub'-ba-al was left; for he hid himself.

6 And all the men of She'-chem gathered together, and all the house of Mil'-lo, and went, and made A-bim'-e-lech king, by the plain of the pillar that *was* in She'-chem.

7 And when they told *it* to Jo'-tham, he went and stood in the top of mount Ger'-i-zim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said unto them, Hearken unto me, ye men of She'-chem, that God may hearken unto you.

8 The trees went forth *on a time* to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive tree, Reign thou over us.

9 But the olive tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, wherewith by me they honour God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

10 And the trees said to the fig tree, Come thou, *and* reign over us.

11 But the fig tree said unto them, Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees?

12 Then said the trees unto the vine, Come thou, *and* reign over us.

13 And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

14 Then said all the trees unto the bramble, Come thou, *and* reign over us.

15 And the bramble said unto the

trees, If in truth ye anoint me king
over you, *then* come *and* put your
trust in my shadow: and if not, let fire
come out of the bramble, and devour
the cedars of Lebanon.
16 Now therefore, if ye have done
truly and sincerely, in that ye have
made A-bim'-e-lech king, and if ye
have dealt well with Je-rub'-ba-al and
his house, and have done unto him ac-
cording to the deserving of his hands;
17 (For my father fought for you,
and adventured his life far, and de-
livered you out of the hand of Mid'-i-
an:
18 *And* ye are risen up against my
father's house this day, and have slain
his sons, threescore and ten persons,
upon one stone, and have made A-bim'-
e-lech, the son of his maidservant, king
over the *men* of She'-chem, because he
is your brother;)
19 If ye then have dealt truly and
sincerely with Je-rub'-ba-al and with
his house this day, *then* rejoice ye in
A-bim'-e-lech, and let him also rejoice
in you:
20 But if not, let fire come out from
A-bim'-e-lech, and devour the men of
She'-chem, and the house of Mil'-lo; and
let fire come out from the men of She'-
chem, and from the house of Mil'-lo,
and devour A-bim'-e-lech.
21 And Jo'-tham ran away, and fled,
and went to Beer, and dwelt there, for
fear of A-bim'-e-lech his brother.
22 When A-bim'-e-lech had reigned
three years over Israel,
23 Then God sent an evil spirit be-
tween A-bim'-e-lech and the men of
She'-chem; and the men of She'-chem
dealt treacherously with A-bim'-e-lech:
24 That the cruelty *done* to the
threescore and ten sons of Je-rub'-ba-al
might come, and their blood be laid
upon A-bim'-e-lech their brother, which
slew them; and upon the men of She'-
chem, which aided him in the killing of
his brethren.
25 And the men of She'-chem set
liers in wait for him in the top of the
mountains, and they robbed all that
came along that way by them: and it
was told A-bim'-e-lech.
26 And Ga'-al the son of E'-bed
came with his brethren, and went over
to She'-chem: and the men of She'-chem
put their confidence in him.
27 And they went out into the
fields, and gathered their vineyards,
and trode *the grapes*, and made merry,
and went into the house of their god,
and did eat and drink, and cursed
A-bim'-e-lech.
28 And Ga'-al the son of E'-bed said,
Who *is* A-bim'-e-lech, and who *is* She'-
chem, that we should serve him? *is not*
he the son of Je-rub'-ba-al? and Ze'-bul
his officer? serve the men of Ha'-mor
the father of She'-chem: for why should
we serve him?
29 And would to God this people
were under my hand! then would I re-
move A-bim'-e-lech. And he said to
A-bim'-e-lech, Increase thine army,
and come out.
30 And when Ze'-bul the ruler of the
city heard the words of Ga'-al the son
of E'-bed, his anger was kindled.
31 And he sent messengers unto
A-bim'-e-lech privily, saying, Behold,
Ga'-al the son of E'-bed and his breth-
ren be come to She'-chem; and, be-
hold, they fortify the city against
thee.
32 Now therefore up by night, thou
and the people that *is* with thee, and
lie in wait in the field:
33 And it shall be, *that* in the morn-
ing, as soon as the sun is up, thou
shalt rise early, and set upon the city:
and, behold, *when* he and the people
that *is* with him come out against thee,
then mayest thou do to them as thou
shalt find occasion.
34 And A-bim'-e-lech rose up, and
all the people that *were* with him, by
night, and they laid wait against She'-
chem in four companies.
35 And Ga'-al the son of E'-bed went
out, and stood in the entering of the
gate of the city: and A-bim'-e-lech rose
up, and the people that *were* with him,
from lying in wait.
36 And when Ga'-al saw the people,
he said to Ze'-bul, Behold, there come
people down from the top of the moun-
tains. And Ze'-bul said unto him, Thou
seest the shadow of the mountains as
if they were men.
37 And Ga'-al spake again and said,
See there come people down by the
middle of the land, and another com-
pany come along by the plain of Me-
on'-e-nim.
38 Then said Ze'-bul unto him,
Where *is* now thy mouth, wherewith
thou saidst, Who *is* A-bim'-e-lech, that
we should serve him? *is* not this the
people that thou hast despised? go out,
I pray now, and fight with them.
39 And Ga'-al went out before the

men of She'-chem, and fought with
A-bim'-e-lech.
40 And A-bim'-e-lech chased him,
and he fled before him, and many were
overthrown *and* wounded, *even* unto
the entering of the gate.
41 And A-bim'-e-lech dwelt at A-ru'-
mah: and Ze'-bul thrust out Ga'-al and
his brethren, that they should not
dwell in She'-chem.
42 And it came to pass on the mor-
row, that the people went out into the
field; and they told A-bim'-e-lech.
43 And he took the people, and di-
vided them into three companies, and
laid wait in the field, and looked, and,
behold, the people *were* come forth out
of the city; and he rose up against
them, and smote them.
44 And A-bim'-e-lech, and the com-
pany that *was* with him, rushed for-
ward, and stood in the entering of the
gate of the city: and the two *other* com-
panies ran upon all *the people* that
were in the fields, and slew them.
45 And A-bim'-e-lech fought against
the city all that day; and he took the
city, and slew the people that *was*
therein, and beat down the city, and
sowed it with salt.
46 And when all the men of the
tower of She'-chem heard *that*, they en-
tered into an hold of the house of the
god Be'-rith.
47 And it was told A-bim'-e-lech,
that all the men of the tower of She'-
chem were gathered together.
48 And A-bim'-e-lech gat *him* up to
mount Zal'-mon, he and all the people
that *were* with him; and A-bim'-e-lech
took an axe in his hand, and cut down
a bough from the trees, and took it,
and laid *it* on his shoulder, and said
unto the people that *were* with him,
What ye have seen me do, make haste,
and do as I *have done*.
49 And all the people likewise cut
down every man his bough, and fol-
lowed A-bim'-e-lech, and put *them* to
the hold, and set the hold on fire upon
them; so that all the men of the tower
of She'-chem died also, about a thou-
sand men and women.
50 Then went A-bim'-e-lech to The'-
bez, and encamped against The'-bez,
and took it.
51 But there was a strong tower
within the city, and thither fled all the
men and women, and all they of the
city, and shut *it* to them, and gat them
up to the top of the tower.
52 And A-bim'-e-lech came unto the
tower, and fought against it, and went
hard unto the door of the tower to
burn it with fire.
53 And a certain woman cast a
piece of a millstone upon A-bim'-e-
lech's head, and all to brake his skull.
54 Then he called hastily unto the
young man his armour-bearer, and
said unto him, Draw thy sword, and
slay me, that men say not of me, A
woman slew him. And his young man
thrust him through, and he died.
55 And when the men of Israel saw
that A-bim'-e-lech was dead, they de-
parted every man unto his place.
56 Thus God rendered the wicked-
ness of A-bim'-e-lech, which he did un-
to his father, in slaying his seventy
brethren:
57 And all the evil of the men of
She'-chem did God render upon their
heads: and upon them came the curse
of Jo'-tham the son of Je-rub'-ba-al.

CHAPTER 10

AND after A-bim'-e-lech there arose
to defend Israel To'-la the son of
Pu'-ah, the son of Dodo, a man of Is'-
sa-char; and he dwelt in Sha'-mir in
mount E'-phra-im.
2 And he judged Israel twenty and
three years, and died, and was buried
in Sha'-mir.
3 And after him arose Ja'-ir, a Gil-
eadite, and judged Israel twenty and
two years.
4 And he had thirty sons that rode
on thirty ass colts, and they had thirty
cities, which are called Ha'-voth–ja'-ir
unto this day, which *are* in the land of
Gilead.
5 And Ja'-ir died, and was buried in
Ca'-mon.
6 And the children of Israel did evil
again in the sight of the LORD, and
served Ba'-al-im, and Ash'-ta-roth, and
the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zi'-
don, and the gods of Moab, and the
gods of the children of Ammon, and
the gods of the Philistines, and forsook
the LORD, and served not him.
7 And the anger of the LORD was
hot against Israel, and he sold them
into the hands of the Philistines, and
into the hands of the children of Am-
mon.
8 And that year they vexed and op-
pressed the children of Israel: eighteen
years, all the children of Israel that
were on the other side [illegible]

land of the Amorites, which *is* in Gil-
ead.
9 Moreover the children of Ammon
passed over Jordan to fight also
against Judah, and against Benjamin,
and against the house of E'-phra-im; so
that Israel was sore distressed.
10 And the children of Israel cried
unto the LORD, saying, We have sinned
against thee, both because we have
forsaken our God, and also served Ba'-
al-im.
11 And the LORD said unto the chil-
dren of Israel, *Did* not I *deliver you*
from the Egyptians, and from the
Amorites, from the children of Am-
mon, and from the Philistines?
12 The Zi-do'-ni-ans also, and the
Am'-a-lek-ites, and the Ma'-on-ites, did
oppress you; and ye cried to me, and I
delivered you out of their hand.
13 Yet ye have forsaken me, and
served other gods: wherefore I will de-
liver you no more.
14 Go and cry unto the gods which
ye have chosen; let them deliver you
in the time of your tribulation.
15 And the children of Israel said
unto the LORD, We have sinned: do
thou unto us whatsoever seemeth good
unto thee; deliver us only, we pray
thee, this day.
16 And they put away the strange
gods from among them, and served the
LORD: and his soul was grieved for the
misery of Israel.
17 Then the children of Ammon
were gathered together, and encamped
in Gilead. And the children of Israel
assembled themselves together, and
encamped in Miz'-peh.
18 And the people *and* princes of
Gilead said one to another, What man
is he that will begin to fight against the
children of Ammon? he shall be head
over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

CHAPTER 11

NOW Jeph'-thah the Gileadite was
a mighty man of valour, and he
was the son of an harlot: and Gilead
begat Jeph'-thah.
2 And Gilead's wife bare him sons;
and his wife's sons grew up, and they
thrust out Jeph'-thah, and said unto
him, Thou shalt not inherit in our fa-
ther's house; for thou *art* the son of a
strange woman.
3 Then Jeph'-thah fled from his
brethren, and dwelt in the land of
Tob: and there were gathered vain men
to Jeph'-thah, and went out with him.
4 And it came to pass in process of
time, that the children of Ammon
made war against Israel.
5 And it was so, that when the chil-
dren of Ammon made war against Is-
rael, the elders of Gilead went to fetch
Jeph'-thah out of the land of Tob:
6 And they said unto Jeph'-thah,
Come, and be our captain, that we
may fight with the children of Am-
mon.
7 And Jeph'-thah said unto the eld-
ers of Gilead, Did not ye hate me, and
expel me out of my father's house? and
why are ye come unto me now when ye
are in distress?
8 And the elders of Gilead said unto
Jeph'-thah, Therefore we turn again to
thee now, that thou mayest go with us,
and fight against the children of Am-
mon, and be our head over all the in-
habitants of Gilead.
9 And Jeph'-thah said unto the eld-
ers of Gilead, If ye bring me home
again to fight against the children of
Ammon, and the LORD deliver them
before me, shall I be your head?
10 And the elders of Gilead said un-
to Jeph'-thah, The LORD be witness be-
tween us, if we do not so according to
thy words.
11 Then Jeph'-thah went with the
elders of Gilead, and the people made
him head and captain over them: and
Jeph'-thah uttered all his words before
the LORD in Miz'-peh.
12 And Jeph'-thah sent messengers
unto the king of the children of Am-
mon, saying, What hast thou to do
with me, that thou art come against
me to fight in my land?
13 And the king of the children of
Ammon answered unto the messengers
of Jeph'-thah, Because Israel took
away my land, when they came up out
of Egypt, from Arnon even unto Jab-
bok, and unto Jordan: now therefore
restore those *lands* again peaceably.
14 And Jeph'-thah sent messengers
again unto the king of the children of
Ammon:
15 And said unto him, Thus saith
Jeph'-thah, Israel took not away the
land of Moab, nor the land of the chil-
dren of Ammon:
16 But when Israel came up from
Egypt, and walked through the wil-
derness unto the Red sea, and came to
Ka'-desh;
17 Then Israel sent messengers unto

the king of Edom, saying, Let me, I
pray thee, pass through thy land: but
the king of Edom would not hearken
thereto. And in like manner they sent
unto the king of Moab: but he would
not *consent:* and Israel abode in Ka'-
desh.
18 Then they went along through
the wilderness, and compassed the
land of Edom, and the land of Moab,
and came by the east side of the land
of Moab, and pitched on the other side
of Arnon, but came not within the bor-
der of Moab: for Arnon *was* the border
of Moab.
19 And Israel sent messengers unto
Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of
Hesh'-bon; and Israel said unto him,
Let us pass, we pray thee, through thy
land into my place.
20 But Sihon trusted not Israel to
pass through his coast: but Sihon gath-
ered all his people together, and
pitched in Ja'-haz, and fought against
Israel.
21 And the LORD God of Israel de-
livered Sihon and all his people into
the hand of Israel, and they smote
them: so Israel possessed all the land
of the Amorites, the inhabitants of
that country.
22 And they possessed all the coasts
of the Amorites, from Arnon even unto
Jabbok, and from the wilderness even
unto Jordan.
23 So now the LORD God of Israel
hath dispossessed the Amorites from
before his people Israel, and shouldest
thou possess it?
24 Wilt not thou possess that which
Che'-mosh thy god giveth thee to pos-
sess? So whomsoever the LORD our
God shall drive out from before us,
them will we possess.
25 And now *art* thou any thing bet-
ter than Ba'-lak the son of Zippor, king
of Moab? did he ever strive against Is-
rael, or did he ever fight against them,
26 While Israel dwelt in Hesh'-bon
and her towns, and in Ar-o'-er and her
towns, and in all the cities that *be*
along by the coasts of Arnon, three
hundred years? why therefore did ye
not recover *them* within that time?
27 Wherefore I have not sinned
against thee, but thou doest me wrong
to war against me: the LORD the Judge
be judge this day between the children
of Israel and the children of Ammon.
28 Howbeit the king of the children
of Ammon hearkened not unto the
words of Jeph'-thah which he sent him.
29 Then the Spirit of the LORD
came upon Jeph'-thah, and he passed
over Gilead, and Ma-nas'-seh, and
passed over Miz'-peh of Gilead, and
from Miz'-peh of Gilead he passed over
unto the children of Ammon.
30 And Jeph'-thah vowed a vow un-
to the LORD, and said, If thou shalt
without fail deliver the children of
Ammon into mine hands,
31 Then it shall be, that whatsoever
cometh forth of the doors of my house
to meet me, when I return in peace
from the children of Ammon, shall
surely be the LORD'S, and I will offer
it up for a burnt offering.
32 So Jeph'-thah passed over unto
the children of Ammon to fight against
them; and the LORD delivered them
into his hands.
33 And he smote them from Ar-o'-
er, even till thou come to Min'-nith,
even twenty cities, and unto the plain
of the vineyards, with a very great
slaughter. Thus the children of Am-
mon were subdued before the children
of Israel.
34 And Jeph'-thah came to Miz'-peh
unto his house, and, behold, his daugh-
ter came out to meet him with tim-
brels and with dances: and she *was his*
only child; beside her he had neither
son nor daughter.
35 And it came to pass, when he
saw her, that he rent his clothes, and
said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast
brought me very low, and thou art one
of them that trouble me: for I have
opened my mouth unto the LORD, and
I cannot go back.
36 And she said unto him, My fa-
ther, *if* thou hast opened thy mouth
unto the LORD, do to me according to
that which hath proceeded out of thy
mouth; forasmuch as the LORD hath
taken vengeance for thee of thine ene-
mies, *even* of the children of Ammon.
37 And she said unto her father,
Let this thing be done for me: let me
alone two months, that I may go up
and down upon the mountains, and
bewail my virginity, I and my fel-
lows.
38 And he said, Go. And he sent her
away *for* two months: and she went
with her companions, and bewailed her
virginity upon the mountains.
39 And it came to pass at the end of
two months, that she returned unto
her father, who did with her *according*

to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man. And it was a custom in Israel,

40 *That* the daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jeph'-thah the Gileadite four days in a year.

CHAPTER 12

AND the men of E'-phra-im gathered themselves together, and went northward, and said unto Jeph'-thah, Wherefore passedst thou over to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thine house upon thee with fire.

2 And Jeph'-thah said unto them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, ye delivered me not out of their hands.

3 And when I saw that ye delivered *me* not, I put my life in my hands, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and the LORD delivered them into my hand: wherefore then are ye come up unto me this day, to fight against me?

4 Then Jeph'-thah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with E'-phra-im: and the men of Gilead smote E'-phra-im, because they said, Ye Gileadites *are* fugitives of E'-phra-im among the E'-phra-im-ites, *and* among the Ma-nas'-sites.

5 And the Gileadites took the passages of Jordan before the E'-phra-im-ites: and it was *so*, that when those E'-phra-im-ites which were escaped said, Let me go over; that the men of Gilead said unto him, *Art* thou an E'-phra-im-ite? If he said, Nay;

6 Then said they unto him, Say now Shib'-bo-leth: and he said Sib'-bo-leth: for he could not frame to pronounce *it* right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the E'-phra-im-ites forty and two thousand.

7 And Jeph'-thah judged Israel six years. Then died Jeph'-thah *the* Gileadite, and was buried in *one of* the cities of Gilead.

8 And after him Ib'-zan of Beth-le-hem judged Israel.

9 And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters, *whom* he sent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years.

10 Then died Ib'-zan, and was buried at Beth-lehem.

11 And after him E'-lon, a Zeb'-u-lon-ite, judged Israel; and he judged Israel ten years.

12 And E'-lon the Zeb'-u-lon-ite died, and was buried in Aij'-a-lon in the country of Zeb'-u-lun.

13 And after him Ab'-don the son of Hil'-lel, a Pir'-a-thon-ite, judged Israel.

14 And he had forty sons and thirty nephews, that rode on threescore and ten ass colts: and he judged Israel eight years.

15 And Ab'-don the son of Hil'-lel the Pir'-a-thon-ite died, and was buried in Pir'-a-thon in the land of E'-phra-im, in the mount of the Am'-a-lek-ites.

CHAPTER 13

AND the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.

2 And there was a certain man of Zo'-rah, of the family of the Danites, whose name *was* Ma-no'-ah; and his wife *was* barren, and bare not.

3 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou *art* barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.

4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean *thing*:

5 For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

6 Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance *was* like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he *was*, neither told he me his name:

7 But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean *thing*: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.

8 Then Ma-no'-ah intreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.

9 And God hearkened to the voice of Ma-no'-ah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Ma-no'-ah her husband *was* not with her.

10 And the woman made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the *other* day.

11 And Ma-no'-ah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, *Art* thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I *am*.

12 And Ma-no'-ah said, Now let thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and *how* shall we do unto him?

13 And the angel of the LORD said unto Ma-no'-ah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware.

14 She may not eat of any *thing* that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean *thing*: all that I commanded her let her observe.

15 And Ma-no'-ah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee.

16 And the angel of the LORD said unto Ma-no'-ah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Ma-no'-ah knew not that he *was* an angel of the LORD.

17 And Ma-no'-ah said unto the angel of the LORD, What *is* thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour?

18 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it *is* secret?

19 So Ma-no'-ah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered *it* upon a rock unto the LORD: and *the angel* did wonderously; and Ma-no'-ah and his wife looked on.

20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Ma-no'-ah and his wife looked on *it*, and fell on their faces to the ground.

21 But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Ma-no'-ah and to his wife. Then Ma-no'-ah knew that he *was* an angel of the LORD.

22 And Ma-no'-ah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God.

23 But his wife said unto him, If the LORD were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would he have shewed us all these *things*, nor would as at this time have told us *such things* as these.

24 And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him.

25 And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zo'-rah and Esh'-ta-ol.

CHAPTER 14

AND Samson went down to Tim'-nath, and saw a woman in Tim'-nath of the daughters of the Philistines.

2 And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Tim'-nath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife.

3 Then his father and his mother said unto him, *Is there* never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well.

4 But his father and his mother knew not that it *was* of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.

5 Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Tim'-nath, and came to the vineyards of Tim'-nath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him.

6 And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and *he had* nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

7 And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well.

8 And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcase of the lion: and, behold, *there was* a swarm of bees and honey in the carcase of the lion.

9 And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gav[illegible]m,

and they did eat: but he told not them
that he had taken the honey out of the
carcase of the lion.
10 So his father went down unto the
woman: and Samson made there a
feast; for so used the young men to do.
11 And it came to pass, when they
saw him, that they brought thirty
companions to be with him.
12 And Samson said unto them, I
will now put forth a riddle unto you:
if ye can certainly declare it me within
the seven days of the feast, and find *it*
out, then I will give you thirty sheets
and thirty change of garments:
13 But if ye cannot declare *it* me,
then shall ye give me thirty sheets and
thirty change of garments. And they
said unto him, Put forth thy riddle,
that we may hear it.
14 And he said unto them, Out of
the eater came forth meat, and out of
the strong came forth sweetness. And
they could not in three days expound
the riddle.
15 And it came to pass on the sev-
enth day, that they said unto Sam-
son's wife, Entice thy husband, that he
may declare unto us the riddle, lest we
burn thee and thy father's house with
fire: have ye called us to take that we
have? *is it* not *so?*
16 And Samson's wife wept before
him, and said, Thou dost but hate me,
and lovest me not: thou hast put forth
a riddle unto the children of my peo-
ple, and hast not told *it* me. And he
said unto her, Behold, I have not told
it my father nor my mother, and shall
I *tell it thee?*
17 And she wept before him the
seven days, while their feast lasted:
and it came to pass on the seventh
day, that he told her, because she lay
sore upon him: and she told the riddle
to the children of her people.
18 And the men of the city said un-
to him on the seventh day before the
sun went down, What *is* sweeter than
honey? and what *is* stronger than a
lion? And he said unto them, If ye had
not plowed with my heifer, ye had not
found out my riddle.
19 And the Spirit of the LORD came
upon him, and he went down to Ash'-
ke-lon, and slew thirty men of them,
and took their spoil, and gave change
of garments unto them which ex-
pounded the riddle. And his anger was
kindled, and he went up to his father's
house.
20 But Samson's wife was *given* to
his companion, whom he had used as
his friend.

CHAPTER 15

BUT it came to pass within a while
after, in the time of wheat har-
vest, that Samson visited his wife
with a kid; and he said, I will go in to
my wife into the chamber. But her fa-
ther would not suffer him to go in.
2 And her father said, I verily
thought that thou hadst utterly hated
her; therefore I gave her to thy com-
panion: *is* not her younger sister fairer
than she? take her, I pray thee, instead
of her.
3 And Samson said concerning
them, Now shall I be more blameless
than the Philistines, though I do them
a displeasure.
4 And Samson went and caught
three hundred foxes, and took fire-
brands, and turned tail to tail, and put
a firebrand in the midst between two
tails.
5 And when he had set the brands
on fire, he let *them* go into the standing
corn of the Philistines, and burnt up
both the shocks, and also the standing
corn, with the vineyards *and* olives.
6 Then the *Philistines said,* Who
hath done this? And they answered,
Samson, the son in law of the Tim'-
nite, because he had taken his wife,
and given her to his companion. And
the Philistines came up, and burnt her
and her father with fire.
7 And Samson said unto them,
Though ye have done this, yet will I
be avenged of you, and after that I
will cease.
8 And he smote them hip and thigh
with a great slaughter: and he went
down and dwelt in the top of the rock
E'-tam.
9 Then the Philistines went up, and
pitched in Judah, and spread them-
selves in Le'-hi.
10 And the men of Judah said, Why
are ye come up against us? And they
answered, To bind Samson are we
come up, to do to him as he hath done
to us.
11 Then three thousand men of Ju-
dah went to the top of the rock E'-tam,
and said to Samson, Knowest thou not
that the Philistines *are* rulers over us?
what *is* this *that* thou hast done unto
us? And he said unto them, As they did
unto me, so have I done unto them.

12 And they said unto him, We are
come down to bind thee, that we may
deliver thee into the hand of the Phil-
istines. And Samson said unto them,
Swear unto me, that ye will not fall
upon me yourselves.
13 And they spake unto him, say-
ing, No; but we will bind thee fast, and
deliver thee into their hand: but surely
we will not kill thee. And they bound
him with two new cords, and brought
him up from the rock.
14 *And* when he came unto Le'-hi,
the Philistines shouted against him:
and the Spirit of the LORD came might-
ily upon him, and the cords that *were*
upon his arms became as flax that was
burnt with fire, and his bands loosed
from off his hands.
15 And he found a new jawbone of
an ass, and put forth his hand, and
took it, and slew a thousand men
therewith.
16 And Samson said, With the jaw-
bone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with
the jaw of an ass have I slain a thou-
sand men.
17 And it came to pass, when he
had made an end of speaking, that he
cast away the jawbone out of his hand,
and called that place Ra'-math–le'-hi.
18 And he was sore athirst, and
called on the LORD, and said, Thou
hast given this great deliverance into
the hand of thy servant: and now shall
I die for thirst, and fall into the hand
of the uncircumcised?
19 But God clave an hollow place
that *was* in the jaw, and there came
water thereout; and when he had
drunk, his spirit came again, and he
revived: wherefore he called the name
thereof En–hak'-ko-re, which *is* in Le'-
hi unto this day.
20 And he judged Israel in the days
of the Philistines twenty years.

CHAPTER 16

THEN went Samson to Ga'-za, and
saw there an harlot, and went in
unto her.
2 *And it was told* the Ga'-zites, say-
ing, Samson is come hither. And they
compassed *him* in, and laid wait for
him all night in the gate of the city,
and were quiet all the night, saying, In
the morning, when it is day, we shall
kill him.
3 And Samson lay till midnight,
and arose at midnight, and took the
doors of the gate of the city, and the
two posts, and went away with them,
bar and all, and put *them* upon his
shoulders, and carried them up to the
top of an hill that *is* before Hebron.
4 And it came to pass afterward,
that he loved a woman in the valley of
So'-rek, whose name *was* De-li'-lah.
5 And the lords of the Philistines
came up unto her, and said unto her,
Entice him, and see wherein his great
strength *lieth*, and by what *means* we
may prevail against him, that we may
bind him to afflict him: and we will
give thee every one of us eleven hun-
dred *pieces* of silver.
6 And De-li'-lah said to Samson,
Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great
strength *lieth*, and wherewith thou
mightest be bound to afflict thee.
7 And Samson said unto her, If they
bind me with seven green withs that
were never dried, then shall I be weak,
and be as another man.
8 Then the lords of the Philistines
brought up to her seven green withs
which had not been dried, and she
bound him with them.
9 Now *there were* men lying in wait,
abiding with her in the chamber. And
she said unto him, The Philistines *be*
upon thee, Samson. And he brake the
withs, as a thread of tow is broken
when it toucheth the fire. So his
strength was not known.
10 And De-li'-lah said unto Samson,
Behold, thou hast mocked me, and
told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee,
wherewith thou mightest be bound.
11 And he said unto her, If they
bind me fast with new ropes that never
were occupied, then shall I be weak,
and be as another man.
12 De-li'-lah therefore took new
ropes, and bound him therewith, and
said unto him, The Philistines *be* upon
thee, Samson. And *there were* liers in
wait abiding in the chamber. And he
brake them from off his arms like a
thread.
13 And De-li'-lah said unto Samson,
Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and
told me lies: tell me wherewith thou
mightest be bound. And he said unto
her, If thou weavest the seven locks of
my head with the web.
14 And she fastened *it* with the pin,
and said unto him, The Philistines *be*
upon thee, Samson. And he awaked
out of his sleep, and went away with
the pin of the beam, and with the web.
15 And she said unto him, How

canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart *is* not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength *lieth*.

16 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, *so* that his soul was vexed unto death;

17 That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I *have been* a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any *other* man.

18 And when De-li'-lah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand.

19 And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

20 And she said, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.

21 But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Ga'-za, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

22 Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.

23 Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Da'-gon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.

24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us.

25 And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.

26 And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them.

27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines *were* there; and *there were* upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport.

28 And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.

30 And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with *all his* might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that *were* therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than *they* which he slew in his life.

31 Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought *him* up, and buried him between Zo'-rah and Esh'-ta-ol in the buryingplace of Ma-no'-ah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.

CHAPTER 17

AND there was a man of mount E'-phra-im, whose name *was* Mi'-cah.

2 And he said unto his mother, The eleven hundred *shekels* of silver that were taken from thee, about which thou cursedst, and spakest of also in mine ears, behold, the silver *is* with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed *be thou* of the LORD, my son.

3 And when he had restored the eleven hundred *shekels* of silver to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the silver unto the LORD from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it unto thee.

4 Yet he restored the money unto his mother; and his mother took two hundred *shekels* of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image:

and they were in the house of Mi'-cah.
5 And the man Mi'-cah had an house
of gods, and made an ephod, and tera-
phim, and consecrated one of his sons,
who became his priest.
6 In those days *there was* no king in
Israel, *but* every man did *that which*
was right in his own eyes.
7 And there was a young man out
of Beth–lehem–judah of the family of
Judah, who *was* a Levite, and he so-
journed there.
8 And the man departed out of the
city from Beth–lehem–judah to so-
journ where he could find *a place:* and
he came to mount E'-phra-im to the
house of Mi'-cah, as he journeyed.
9 And Mi'-cah said unto *him,*
Whence comest thou? And he said un-
to him, I *am* a Levite of Beth–lehem–
judah, and I go to sojourn where I may
find *a place.*
10 And Mi'-cah said unto him, Dwell
with me, and be unto me a father and
a priest, and I will give thee ten *shek-*
els of silver by the year, and a suit of
apparel, and thy victuals. So the Le-
vite went in.
11 And the Levite was content to
dwell with the man; and the young
man was unto him as one of his sons.
12 And Mi'-cah consecrated the Le-
vite; and the young man became his
priest, and was in the house of Mi'-cah.
13 Then said Mi'-cah, Now know I
that the LORD will do me good, seeing
I have a Levite to *my* priest.

CHAPTER 18

IN those days *there was* no king in
Israel: and in those days the tribe
of the Danites sought them an inherit-
ance to dwell in; for unto that day *all*
their inheritance had not fallen unto
them among the tribes of Israel.
2 And the children of Dan sent of
their family five men from their coasts,
men of valour, from Zo'-rah, and from
Esh'-ta-ol, to spy out the land, and to
search it; and they said unto them,
Go, search the land: who when they
came to mount E'-phra-im, to the
house of Mi'-cah, they lodged there.
3 When they *were* by the house of
Mi'-cah, they knew the voice of the
young man the Levite: and they
turned in thither, and said unto him,
Who brought thee hither? and what
makest thou in this *place?* and what
hast thou here?
4 And he said unto them, Thus and
thus dealeth Mi'-cah with me, and hath
hired me, and I am his priest.
5 And they said unto him, Ask
counsel, we pray thee, of God, that we
may know whether our way which we
go shall be prosperous.
6 And the priest said unto them, Go
in peace: before the LORD *is* your way
wherein ye go.
7 Then the five men departed, and
came to La'-ish, and saw the people
that *were* therein, how they dwelt care-
less, after the manner of the Zi-do'-ni-
ans, quiet and secure; and *there was* no
magistrate in the land, that might put
them to shame in *any* thing; and they
were far from the Zi-do'-ni-ans, and
had no business with *any* man.
8 And they came unto their breth-
ren to Zo'-rah and Esh'-ta-ol: and
their brethren said unto them, What
say ye?
9 And they said, Arise, that we may
go up against them: for we have seen
the land, and, behold, it *is* very good:
and *are* ye still? be not slothful to go,
and to enter to possess the land.
10 When ye go, ye shall come unto
a people secure, and to a large land:
for God hath given it into your hands;
a place where *there is* no want of any
thing that *is* in the earth.
11 And there went from thence of
the family of the Danites, out of Zo'-
rah and out of Esh'-ta-ol, six hundred
men appointed with weapons of war.
12 And they went up, and pitched
in Kir'-jath–je'-a-rim, in Judah: where-
fore they called that place Ma'-ha-neh–
dan unto this day: behold, *it is* behind
Kir'-jath–je'-a-rim.
13 And they passed thence unto
mount E'-phra-im, and came unto the
house of Mi'-cah.
14 Then answered the five men that
went to spy out the country of La'-ish,
and said unto their brethren, Do ye
know that there is in these houses an
ephod, and teraphim, and a graven
image, and a molten image? now there-
fore consider what ye have to do.
15 And they turned thitherward,
and came to the house of the young
man the Levite, *even* unto the house of
Mi'-cah, and saluted him.
16 And the six hundred men ap-
pointed with their weapons of war,
which *were* of the children of Dan,
stood by the entering of the gate.
17 And the five men that went to
spy out the land went up, *and* came in

thither, *and* took the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image: and the priest stood in the entering of the gate with the six hundred men *that were* appointed with weapons of war.

18 And these went into Mi'-cah's house, and fetched the carved image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image. Then said the priest unto them, What do ye?

19 And they said unto him, Hold thy peace, lay thine hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest: *is it* better for thee to be a priest unto the house of one man, or that thou be a priest unto a tribe and a family in Israel?

20 And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people.

21 So they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the cattle and the carriage before them.

22 *And* when they were a good way from the house of Mi'-cah, the men that *were* in the houses near to Mi'-cah's house were gathered together, and overtook the children of Dan.

23 And they cried unto the children of Dan. And they turned their faces, and said unto Mi'-cah, What aileth thee, that thou comest with such a company?

24 And he said, Ye have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and ye are gone away: and what have I more? and what is this *that* ye say unto me, What aileth thee?

25 And the children of Dan said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest angry fellows run upon thee, and thou lose thy life, with the lives of thy household.

26 And the children of Dan went their way: and when Mi'-cah saw that they *were* too strong for him, he turned and went back unto his house.

27 And they took *the things* which Mi'-cah had made, and the priest which he had, and came unto La'-ish, unto a people *that were* at quiet and secure: and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire.

28 And *there was* no deliverer, because it *was* far from Zi'-don, and they had no business with *any* man; and it was in the valley that *lieth* by Beth-re'-hob. And they built a city, and dwelt therein.

29 And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born unto Israel: howbeit the name of the city *was* La'-ish at the first.

30 And the children of Dan set up the graven image: and Jonathan, the son of Ger'-shom, the son of Ma-nas'-seh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land.

31 And they set them up Mi'-cah's graven image, which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shi'-loh.

CHAPTER 19

AND it came to pass in those days, when *there was* no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the side of mount E'-phra-im, who took to him a concubine out of Beth-lehem-judah.

2 And his concubine played the whore against him, and went away from him unto her father's house to Beth-lehem-judah, and was there four whole months.

3 And her husband arose, and went after her, to speak friendly unto her, *and* to bring her again, having his servant with him, and a couple of asses: and she brought him into her father's house: and when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him.

4 And his father in law, the damsel's father, retained him; and he abode with him three days: so they did eat and drink, and lodged there.

5 And it came to pass on the fourth day, when they arose early in the morning, that he rose up to depart: and the damsel's father said unto his son in law, Comfort thine heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward go your way.

6 And they sat down, and did eat and drink both of them together: for the damsel's father had said unto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and let thine heart be merry.

7 And when the man rose up to depart, his father in law urged him: therefore he lodged there again.

8 And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart: and the damsel's father said, Comfort thine heart, I pray thee. And they tarried until afternoon, and they did eat both of them.

9 And when the man rose up to de-
part, he, and his concubine, and his
servant, his father in law, the damsel's
father, said unto him, Behold, now the
day draweth toward evening, I pray
you tarry all night: behold, the day
groweth to an end, lodge here, that
thine heart may be merry; and to mor-
row get you early on your way, that
thou mayest go home.
10 But the man would not tarry
that night, but he rose up and de-
parted, and came over against Je'-bus,
which *is* Jerusalem; and *there were* with
him two asses saddled, his concubine
also *was* with him.
11 *And* when they *were* by Je'-bus,
the day was far spent; and the servant
said unto his master, Come, I pray
thee, and let us turn in into this city
of the Jeb'-u-sites, and lodge in it.
12 And his master said unto him,
We will not turn aside hither into the
city of a stranger, that *is* not of the
children of Israel; we will pass over to
Gib'-e-ah.
13 And he said unto his servant,
Come, and let us draw near to one of
these places to lodge all night, in Gib'-
e-ah, or in Ra'-mah.
14 And they passed on and went
their way; and the sun went down
upon them *when they were* by Gib'-e-ah,
which *belongeth* to Benjamin.
15 And they turned aside thither,
to go in *and* to lodge in Gib'-e-ah: and
when he went in, he sat him down in a
street of the city: for *there was* no man
hat took them into his house to lodg-
ng.
16 And, behold, there came an old
nan from his work out of the field at
ven, which *was* also of mount E'-phra-
n; and he sojourned in Gib'-e-ah: but
e men of the place *were* Benjamites.
17 And when he had lifted up his
es, he saw a wayfaring man in the
eet of the city: and the old man said,
hither goest thou? and whence com-
thou?
8 And he said unto him, We *are*
sing from Beth-lehem-judah to-
d the side of mount E'-phra-im;
thence *am* I: and I went to Beth-
m-judah, but I *am now* going to
ouse of the LORD; and there *is* no
that receiveth me to house.
Yet there is both straw and pro-
er for our asses; and there is bread
ine also for me, and for thy hand-
and for the young man *which is*
with thy servants: *there is* no want of
any thing.
20 And the old man said, Peace b
with thee; howsoever *let* all thy want
lie upon me; only lodge not in the
street.
21 So he brought him into his
house, and gave provender unto the
asses: and they washed their feet, and
did eat and drink.
22 *Now* as they were making their
hearts merry, behold, the men of the
city, certain sons of Be'-li-al, beset the
house round about, *and* beat at the
door, and spake to the master of the
house, the old man, saying, Bring
forth the man that came into thine
house, that we may know him.
23 And the man, the master of the
house, went out unto them, and said
unto them, Nay, my brethren, *nay*, I
pray you, do not *so* wickedly; seeing
that this man is come into mine house,
do not this folly.
24 Behold, *here is* my daughter a
maiden, and his concubine; them I
will bring out now, and humble ye
them, and do with them what seemeth
good unto you: but unto this man do
not so vile a thing.
25 But the men would not hearken
to him: so the man took his concubine
and brought her forth unto them; and
they knew her, and abused her all the
night until the morning: and when the
day began to spring, they let her go.
26 Then came the woman in the
dawning of the day, and fell down at
the door of the man's house where her
lord *was*, till it was light.
27 And her lord rose up in the
morning, and opened the doors of the
house, and went out to go his way:
and, behold, the woman his concubine
was fallen down *at* the door of the
house, and her hands *were* upon the
threshold.
28 And he said unto her, Up, and
let us be going. But none answered.
Then the man took her *up* upon an ass,
and the man rose up, and gat him unto
his place.
29 And when he was come into his
house, he took a knife, and laid hold on
his concubine, and divided her, *to-
gether* with her bones, into twelve
pieces, and sent her into all the coasts
of Israel.
30 And it was so, that all that saw
it said, There was no such deed done
nor seen from the day...

of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt unto this day: consider of it, take advice, and speak *your minds*.

CHAPTER 20

THEN all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dan even to Be'-er-she'-ba, with the land of Gilead, unto the LORD in Miz'-peh.

2 And the chief of all the people, *even* of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen that drew sword.

3 (Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were gone up to Miz'-peh.) Then said the children of Israel, Tell *us*, how was this wickedness?

4 And the Levite, the husband of the woman that was slain, answered and said, I came into Gib'-e-ah that *belongeth* to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge.

5 And the men of Gib'-e-ah rose against me, and beset the house round about upon me by night, *and* thought to have slain me: and my concubine have they forced, that she is dead.

6 And I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel: for they have committed lewdness and folly in Israel.

7 Behold, ye *are* all children of Israel: give here your advice and counsel.

8 And all the people arose as one man, saying, We will not any *of us* go to his tent, neither will we any *of us* turn into his house.

9 But now this *shall be* the thing which we will do to Gib'-e-ah; *we will go up* by lot against it;

10 And we will take ten men of an hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and an hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch victual for the people, that they may do, when they come to Gib'-e-ah of Benjamin, according to all the folly that they have wrought in Israel.

11 So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit together as one man.

12 And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness *is* this that is done among you?

13 Now therefore deliver *us* the men, the children of Be'-li-al, which *are* in Gib'-e-ah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel. But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel:

14 But the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities unto Gib'-e-ah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel.

15 And the children of Benjamin were numbered at that time out of the cities twenty and six thousand men that drew sword, beside the inhabitants of Gib'-e-ah, which were numbered seven hundred chosen men.

16 Among all this people *there were* seven hundred chosen men lefthanded; every one could sling stones at an hair *breadth*, and not miss.

17 And the men of Israel, beside Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand *men that drew* sword: all these *were* men of war.

18 And the children of Israel arose, and went up to the house of God, and asked counsel of God, and said, Which of us shall go up first to the battle against the children of Benjamin? And the LORD said, Judah *shall go up* first.

19 And the children of Israel rose up in the morning, and encamped against Gib'-e-ah.

20 And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin; and the men of Israel put themselves in array to fight against them at Gib'-e-ah.

21 And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gib'-e-ah, and destroyed down to the ground of the Israelites that day twenty and two thousand men.

22 And the people the men of Israel encouraged *themselves*, and set their battle again in array in the place where they put themselves in array the first day.

23 (And the children of Israel *went* up and wept before the LORD until even, and asked counsel of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up again to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother? And the LORD said, Go up against him.)

24 And the children of Israel came near against the children of Benjamin the second day.

25 And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gib'-e-ah the second day, and destroyed down to the

ground of the children of Israel again
eighteen thousand men; all these drew
the sword.
26 Then all the children of Israel,
and all the people, went up, and came
unto the house of God, and wept, and
sat there before the LORD, and fasted
that day until even, and offered burnt
offerings and peace offerings before the
LORD.
27 And the children of Israel en-
quired of the LORD, (for the ark of the
covenant of God *was* there in those
days,
28 And Phin'-e-has, the son of E-le-
a'-zar, the son of Aaron, stood before it
in those days,) saying, Shall I yet
again go out to battle against the chil-
dren of Benjamin my brother, or shall
I cease? And the LORD said, Go up; for
to morrow I will deliver them into
thine hand.
29 And Israel set liers in wait round
about Gib'-e-ah.
30 And the children of Israel went
up against the children of Benjamin on
the third day, and put themselves in
array against Gib'-e-ah, as at other
times.
31 And the children of Benjamin
went out against the people, *and* were
drawn away from the city; and they
began to smite of the people, *and* kill,
as at other times, in the highways, of
which one goeth up to the house of
God, and the other to Gib'-e-ah in the
field, about thirty men of Israel.
32 And the children of Benjamin
said, They *are* smitten down before us,
as at the first. But the children of Is-
rael said, Let us flee, and draw them
from the city unto the highways.
33 And all the men of Israel rose up
out of their place, and put themselves
in array at Ba'-al-ta'-mar: and the liers
in wait of Israel came forth out of
their places, *even* out of the meadows
of Gib'-e-ah.
34 And there came against Gib'-e-ah
ten thousand chosen men out of all
Israel, and the battle was sore: but
they knew not that evil *was* near
them.
35 And the LORD smote Benjamin
before Israel: and the children of Israel
destroyed of the Benjamites that day
twenty and five thousand and an hun-
dred men: all these drew the sword.
36 So the children of Benjamin saw
that they were smitten: for the men of
Israel gave place to the Benjamites,
because they trusted unto the liers in
wait which they had set beside Gib'-
e-ah.
37 And the liers in wait hasted, and
rushed upon Gib'-e-ah; and the liers in
wait drew *themselves* along, and smote
all the city with the edge of the sword.
38 Now there was an appointed
sign between the men of Israel and the
liers in wait, that they should make a
great flame with smoke rise up out of
the city.
39 And when the men of Israel re-
tired in the battle, Benjamin began to
smite *and* kill of the men of Israel
about thirty persons: for they said,
Surely they are smitten down before
us, as *in* the first battle.
40 But when the flame began to
arise up out of the city with a pillar of
smoke, the Benjamites looked behind
them, and, behold, the flame of the
city ascended up to heaven.
41 And when the men of Israel
turned again, the men of Benjamin
were amazed: for they saw that evil
was come upon them.
42 Therefore they turned *their backs*
before the men of Israel unto the way
of the wilderness; but the battle over-
took them; and them which *came* out
of the cities they destroyed in the
midst of them.
43 *Thus* they inclosed the Benja-
mites round about, *and* chased them,
and trode them down with ease over
against Gib'-e-ah toward the sunrising.
44 And there fell of Benjamin eight-
een thousand men; all these *were* men
of valour.
45 And they turned and fled toward
the wilderness unto the rock of Rim-
mon: and they gleaned of them in the
highways five thousand men: and pur-
sued hard after them unto Gi'-dom,
and slew two thousand men of them.
46 So that all which fell that day of
Benjamin were twenty and five thou-
sand men that drew the sword; all
these *were* men of valour.
47 But six hundred men turned and
fled to the wilderness unto the rock
Rimmon, and abode in the rock Rim-
mon four months.
48 And the men of Israel turned
again upon the children of Benjamin,
and smote them with the edge of the
sword, as well the men of *every* city, as
the beast, and all that came to hand:
also they set on fire all the cities that
they came to.

CHAPTER 21

NOW the men of Israel had sworn
in Miz'-peh, saying, There shall
not any of us give his daughter unto
Benjamin to wife.
2 And the people came to the house
of God, and abode there till even before God, and lifted up their voices,
and wept sore;
3 And said, O LORD God of Israel,
why is this come to pass in Israel, that
there should be to day one tribe lacking in Israel?
4 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people rose early, and
built there an altar, and offered burnt
offerings and peace offerings.
5 And the children of Israel said,
Who *is there* among all the tribes of Israel that came not up with the congregation unto the LORD? For they had
made a great oath concerning him that
came not up to the LORD to Miz'-peh,
saying, He shall surely be put to death.
6 And the children of Israel repented them for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut
off from Israel this day.
7 How shall we do for wives for
them that remain, seeing we have
sworn by the LORD that we will not
give them of our daughters to wives?
8 And they said, What one *is there*
of the tribes of Israel that came not up
to Miz'-peh to the LORD? And, behold,
there came none to the camp from Ja'-besh–gil'-e-ad to the assembly.
9 For the people were numbered,
and, behold, *there were* none of the inhabitants of Ja'-besh–gil'-e-ad there.
10 And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the valiantest, and commanded them, saying, Go
and smite the inhabitants of Ja'-besh–gil'-e-ad with the edge of the sword,
with the women and the children.
11 And this *is* the thing that ye
shall do, Ye shall utterly destroy every
male, and every woman that hath lain
by man.
12 And they found among the inhabitants of Ja'-besh–gil'-e-ad four
hundred young virgins, that had
known no man by lying with any
male: and they brought them unto the
camp to Shi'-loh, which *is* in the land
of Canaan.
13 And the whole congregation sent
some to speak to the children of Benjamin that *were* in the rock Rimmon, and to call peaceably unto them.
14 And Benjamin came again at
that time; and they gave them wives
which they had saved alive of the women of Ja'-besh–gil'-e-ad: and yet so
they sufficed them not.
15 And the people repented them
for Benjamin, because that the LORD
had made a breach in the tribes of
Israel.
16 Then the elders of the congregation said, How shall we do for wives
for them that remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin?
17 And they said, *There must be* an
inheritance for them that be escaped
of Benjamin, that a tribe be not destroyed out of Israel.
18 Howbeit we may not give them
wives of our daughters: for the children of Israel have sworn, saying,
Cursed *be* he that giveth a wife to Benjamin.
19 Then they said, Behold, *there is*
a feast of the LORD in Shi'-loh yearly
in a place which *is* on the north side of
Beth–el, on the east side of the highway that goeth up from Beth–el to
She'-chem, and on the south of Le-bo'-nah.
20 Therefore they commanded the
children of Benjamin, saying, Go and
lie in wait in the vineyards;
21 And see, and, behold, if the
daughters of Shi'-loh come out to dance
in dances, then come ye out of the
vineyards, and catch you every man
his wife of the daughters of Shi'-loh,
and go to the land of Benjamin.
22 And it shall be, when their fathers or their brethren come unto us
to complain, that we will say unto
them, Be favourable unto them for our
sakes: because we reserved not to each
man his wife in the war: for ye did not
give unto them at this time, *that* ye
should be guilty.
23 And the children of Benjamin
did so, and took *them* wives, according
to their number, of them that danced,
whom they caught: and they went and
returned unto their inheritance, and
repaired the cities, and dwelt in them.
24 And the children of Israel departed thence at that time, every man
to his tribe and to his family, and they
went out from thence every man to his
inheritance.
25 In those days *there was* no king
in Israel: every man did *that which was*
right in his own eyes.

The Book of

Ruth

CHAPTER 1

NOW it came to pass in the days
when the judges ruled, that
there was a famine in the
land. And a certain man of Beth-le-
hem-judah went to sojourn in the
country of Moab, he, and his wife, and
his two sons.
2 And the name of the man *was*
E-lim'-e-lech, and the name of his wife
Naomi, and the name of his two sons
Mah'-lon and Chil'-i-on, Eph'-rath-ites
of Beth-lehem-judah. And they came
into the country of Moab, and con-
tinued there.
3 And E-lim'-e-lech Naomi's hus-
band died; and she was left, and her
two sons.
4 And they took them wives of the
women of Moab; the name of the one
was Or'-pah, and the name of the other
Ruth: and they dwelled there about
ten years.
5 And Mah'-lon and Chil'-i-on died
also both of them; and the woman was
left of her two sons and her husband.
6 Then she arose with her daugh-
ters in law, that she might return from
the country of Moab: for she had heard
in the country of Moab how that the
LORD had visited his people in giving
them bread.
7 Wherefore she went forth out of
the place where she was, and her two
daughters in law with her; and they
went on the way to return unto the
land of Judah.
8 And Naomi said unto her two
daughters in law, Go, return each to
her mother's house: the LORD deal
kindly with you, as ye have dealt with
the dead, and with me.
9 The LORD grant you that ye may
find rest, each *of you* in the house of
her husband. Then she kissed them;
and they lifted up their voice, and
wept.
10 And they said unto her, Surely
we will return with thee unto thy peo-
ple.
11 And Naomi said, Turn again, my
daughters: why will ye go with me? *are*
there yet *any more* sons in my womb,
that they may be your husbands?
12 Turn again, my daughters, go
your way; for I am too old to have an
husband. If I should say, I have hope,
if I should have an husband also to
night, and should also bear sons;
13 Would ye tarry for them till they
were grown? would ye stay for them
from having husbands? nay, my
daughters; for it grieveth me much for
your sakes that the hand of the LORD
is gone out against me.
14 And they lifted up their voice,
and wept again: and Or'-pah kissed her
mother in law; but Ruth clave unto
her.
15 And she said, Behold, thy sister
in law is gone back unto her people,
and unto her gods: return thou after
thy sister in law.
16 And Ruth said, Intreat me not
to leave thee, *or* to return from follow-
ing after thee: for whither thou goest,
I will go; and where thou lodgest, I
will lodge: thy people *shall be* my peo-
ple, and thy God my God:
17 Where thou diest, will I die, and
there will I be buried: the LORD do so
to me, and more also, *if ought* but
death part thee and me.
18 When she saw that she was sted-
fastly minded to go with her, then she
left speaking unto her.
19 So they two went until they
came to Beth-lehem. And it came to
pass, when they were come to Beth-
lehem, that all the city was moved
about them, and they said, *Is* this Na-
omi?
20 And she said unto them, Call me
not Naomi, call me Ma'-ra: for the Al-
mighty hath dealt very bitterly with
me.
21 I went out full, and the LORD
hath brought me home again empty:
why *then* call ye me Naomi, seeing the
LORD hath testified against me, and
the Almighty hath afflicted me?
22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth
the Moabitess, her daughter in law,
with her, which returned out of the
country of Moab: and they came to

Beth–lehem in the beginning of barley
harvest.

CHAPTER 2

AND Naomi had a kinsman of her
husband's, a mighty man of
wealth, of the family of E-lim'-e-lech;
and his name *was* Bo'-az.
2 And Ruth the Moabitess said un-
to Naomi, Let me now go to the field,
and glean ears of corn after *him* in
whose sight I shall find grace. And she
said unto her, Go, my daughter.
3 And she went, and came, and
gleaned in the field after the reapers:
and her hap was to light on a part of
the field *belonging* unto Bo'-az, who
was of the kindred of E-lim'-e-lech.
4 And, behold, Bo'-az came from
Beth–lehem, and said unto the reap-
ers, The LORD *be* with you. And they
answered him, The LORD bless thee.
5 Then said Bo'-az unto his servant
that was set over the reapers, Whose
damsel *is* this?
6 And the servant that was set over
the reapers answered and said, It *is*
the Moabitish damsel that came back
with Naomi out of the country of
Moab:
7 And she said, I pray you, let me
glean and gather after the reapers
among the sheaves: so she came, and
hath continued even from the morning
until now, that she tarried a little in
the house.
8 Then said Bo'-az unto Ruth,
Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go
not to glean in another field, neither go
from hence, but abide here fast by my
maidens:
9 *Let* thine eyes *be* on the field that
they do reap, and go thou after them:
have I not charged the young men
that they shall not touch thee? and
when thou art athirst, go unto the ves-
sels, and drink of *that* which the young
men have drawn.
10 Then she fell on her face, and
bowed herself to the ground, and said
unto him, Why have I found grace in
thine eyes, that thou shouldest take
knowledge of me, seeing I *am* a stran-
ger?
11 And Bo'-az answered and said
unto her, It hath fully been shewed
me, all that thou hast done unto thy
mother in law since the death of thine
husband: and *how* thou hast left thy
father and thy mother, and the land of
thy nativity, and art come unto a
people which thou knewest not here-
tofore.
12 The LORD recompense thy work,
and a full reward be given thee of the
LORD God of Israel, under whose
wings thou art come to trust.
13 Then she said, Let me find fa-
vour in thy sight, my lord; for that
thou hast comforted me, and for that
thou hast spoken friendly unto thine
handmaid, though I be not like unto
one of thine handmaidens.
14 And Bo'-az said unto her, At
mealtime come thou hither, and eat of
the bread, and dip thy morsel in the
vinegar. And she sat beside the reap-
ers: and he reached her parched *corn*,
and she did eat, and was sufficed, and
left.
15 And when she was risen up to
glean, Bo'-az commanded his young
men, saying, Let her glean even among
the sheaves, and reproach her not:
16 And let fall also *some* of the
handfuls of purpose for her, and leave
them, that she may glean *them*, and re-
buke her not.
17 So she gleaned in the field until
even, and beat out that she had
gleaned: and it was about an ephah of
barley.
18 And she took *it* up, and went
into the city: and her mother in law
saw what she had gleaned: and she
brought forth, and gave to her that she
had reserved after she was sufficed.
19 And her mother in law said unto
her, Where hast thou gleaned to day?
and where wroughtest thou? blessed be
he that did take knowledge of thee.
And she shewed her mother in law
with whom she had wrought, and said,
The man's name with whom I wrought
to day *is* Bo'-az.
20 And Naomi said unto her daugh-
ter in law, Blessed *be* he of the LORD,
who hath not left off his kindness to
the living and to the dead. And Naomi
said unto her, The man *is* near of kin
unto us, one of our next kinsmen.
21 And Ruth the Moabitess said,
He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep
fast by my young men, until they have
ended all my harvest.
22 And Naomi said unto Ruth her
daughter in law, *It is* good, my daugh-
ter, that thou go out with his maidens,
that they meet thee not in any other
field.
23 So she kept fast by the maidens
of Bo'-az to glean unto the end of bar-

ley harvest and of wheat harvest; and
dwelt with her mother in law.

CHAPTER 3

THEN Naomi her mother in law
said unto her, My daughter, shall
I not seek rest for thee, that it may be
well with thee?
2 And now *is* not Bo'-az of our kin-
dred, with whose maidens thou wast?
Behold, he winnoweth barley to night
in the threshingfloor.
3 Wash thyself therefore, and
anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon
thee, and get thee down to the floor:
but make not thyself known unto the
man, until he shall have done eating
and drinking.
4 And it shall be, when he lieth
down, that thou shalt mark the place
where he shall lie, and thou shalt go
in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee
down; and he will tell thee what thou
shalt do.
5 And she said unto her, All that
thou sayest unto me I will do.
6 And she went down unto the floor,
and did according to all that her moth-
er in law bade her.
7 And when Bo'-az had eaten and
drunk, and his heart was merry, he
went to lie down at the end of the heap
of corn: and she came softly, and un-
covered his feet, and laid her down.
8 And it came to pass at midnight,
that the man was afraid, and turned
himself: and, behold, a woman lay at
his feet.
9 And he said, Who *art* thou? And
she answered, I *am* Ruth thine hand-
maid: spread therefore thy skirt over
thine handmaid; for thou *art* a near
kinsman.
10 And he said, Blessed *be* thou of
the LORD, my daughter: *for* thou hast
shewed more kindness in the latter end
than at the beginning, inasmuch as
thou followedst not young men,
whether poor or rich.
11 And now, my daughter, fear not;
I will do to thee all that thou requir-
est: for all the city of my people doth
know that thou *art* a virtuous woman.
12 And now *it is* true that I *am thy*
near kinsman: howbeit there is a kins-
man nearer than I.
13 Tarry this night, and *it* shall be
in the morning, *that* if he will perform
unto thee the part of a kinsman, well;
let him do the kinsman's part: but if
he will not do the part of a kinsman to
thee, then will I do the part of a kins-
man to thee, *as* the LORD liveth: lie
down until the morning.
14 And she lay at his feet until the
morning: and she rose up before one
could know another. And he said, Let
it not be known that a woman came
into the floor.
15 Also he said, Bring the vail that
thou hast upon thee, and hold it. And
when she held it, he measured six
measures of barley, and laid *it* on her:
and she went into the city.
16 And when she came to her mo-
ther in law, she said, Who *art* thou, my
daughter? And she told her all that the
man had done to her.
17 And she said, These six *mea-
sures* of barley gave he me; for he said
to me, Go not empty unto thy mother
in law.
18 Then said she, Sit still, my
daughter, until thou know how the
matter will fall: for the man will not
be in rest, until he have finished the
thing this day.

CHAPTER 4

THEN went Bo'-az up to the gate,
and sat him down there: and, be-
hold, the kinsman of whom Bo'-az
spake came by; unto whom he said,
Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down
here. And he turned aside, and sat
down.
2 And he took ten men of the elders
of the city, and said, Sit ye down here.
And they sat down.
3 And he said unto the kinsman,
Naomi, that is come again out of the
country of Moab, selleth a parcel of
land, which *was* our brother E-lim'-e-
lech's:
4 And I thought to advertise thee,
saying, Buy *it* before the inhabitants,
and before the elders of my people. If
thou wilt redeem *it*, redeem *it*: but if
thou wilt not redeem *it*, *then* tell me,
that I may know: for *there is* none to
redeem *it* beside thee; and I *am* after
thee. And he said, I will redeem *it*.
5 Then said Bo'-az, What day thou
buyest the field of the hand of Naomi,
thou must buy *it* also of Ruth the Moab-
itess, the wife of the dead, to raise up
the name of the dead upon his in-
heritance.
6 And the kinsman said, I cannot
redeem *it* for myself, lest I mar mine
own inheritance: redeem thou my r[illegible]ht
to thyself; for I cannot r

7 Now this *was the manner* in former
time in Israel concerning redeeming
and concerning changing, for to confirm
all things; a man plucked off his
shoe, and gave *it* to his neighbour: and
this *was* a testimony in Israel.
8 Therefore the kinsman said unto
Bo'-az, Buy *it* for thee. So he drew off
his shoe.
9 And Bo'-az said unto the elders,
and *unto* all the people, Ye *are* witnesses
this day, that I have bought all
that *was* E-lim'-e-lech's, and all that
was Chil'-i-on's and Mah'-lon's, of the
hand of Naomi.
10 Moreover Ruth the Moabitess,
the wife of Mah'-lon, have I purchased
to be my wife, to raise up the name of
the dead upon his inheritance, that the
name of the dead be not cut off from
among his brethren, and from the gate
of his place: ye *are* witnesses this
day.
11 And all the people that *were* in
the gate, and the elders, said, *We are*
witnesses. The LORD make the woman
that is come into thine house like Rachel
and like Leah, which two did
build the house of Israel: and do thou
worthily in Eph'-ra-tah, and be famous
in Beth–lehem:
12 And let thy house be like the
house of Pha'-rez, whom Ta'-mar bare
unto Judah, of the seed which the
LORD shall give thee of this young
woman.
13 So Bo'-az took Ruth, and she
was his wife: and when he went in unto
her, the LORD gave her conception,
and she bare a son.
14 And the women said unto Naomi,
Blessed *be* the LORD, which hath
not left thee this day without a kinsman,
that his name may be famous in
Israel.
15 And he shall be unto thee a restorer
of *thy* life, and a nourisher of
thine old age: for thy daughter in law,
which loveth thee, which is better to
thee than seven sons, hath born him.
16 And Naomi took the child, and
laid it in her bosom, and became nurse
unto it.
17 And the women her neighbours
gave it a name, saying, There is a son
born to Naomi; and they called his
name O'-bed: he *is* the father of Jesse,
the father of David.
18 Now these *are* the generations of
Pha'-rez: Pha'-rez begat Hez'-ron,
19 And Hez'-ron begat Ram, and
Ram begat Am-min'-a-dab,
20 And Am-min'-a-dab begat Nah'-shon,
and Nah'-shon begat Sal'-mon,
21 And Sal'-mon begat Bo'-az, and
Bo'-az begat O'-bed,
22 And O'-bed begat Jesse, and
Jesse begat David.

The First Book of
Samuel
Otherwise Called
THE FIRST BOOK OF THE KINGS

CHAPTER 1

NOW there was a certain man
of Ra-math-a'-im–zo'-phim, of
mount E'-phra-im, and his
name *was* El-ka'-nah, the son of Jer-o'-ham,
the son of E-li'-hu, the son of To'-hu,
the son of Zuph, an Eph'-rath-ite:
2 And he had two wives; the name
of the one *was* Hannah, and the name
of the other Pe-nin'-nah: and Pe-nin'-nah
had children, but Hannah had no
children.
3 And this man went up out of his
city yearly to worship and to sacrifice
unto the LORD of hosts in Shi'-loh. And
the two sons of Eli, Hoph'-ni and Phin'-e-has,
the priests of the LORD, *were*
there.
4 And when the time was that El-ka'-nah
offered, he gave to Pe-nin'-nah
his wife, and to all her sons and her
daughters, portions:
5 But unto Hannah he gave a
worthy portion; for he loved Hannah:
but the LORD had shut up her womb.

6 And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb.

7 And *as* he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.

8 Then said El-ka'-nah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? *am* not I better to thee than ten sons?

9 So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shi'-loh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD.

10 And she *was* in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.

11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

12 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.

13 Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.

14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.

15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I *am* a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Be'-li-al: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.

17 Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant *thee* thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

18 And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more *sad*.

19 And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ra'-mah: and El-ka'-nah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her.

20 Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, *saying*, Because I have asked him of the LORD.

21 And the man El-ka'-nah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.

22 But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, *I will not go up* until the child be weaned, and *then* I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever.

23 And El-ka'-nah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shi'-loh: and the child *was* young.

25 And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli.

26 And she said, Oh my lord, *as* thy soul liveth, my lord, I *am* the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD.

27 For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him:

28 Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

CHAPTER 2

AND Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation.

2 *There is* none holy as the LORD: for *there is* none beside thee: neither *is there* any rock like our God.

3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let *not* arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD *is* a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

4 The bows of the mighty men *are* broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength.

5 *They that were* full have hired out themselves for bread; and *they that were* hungry ceased: so that the barren

hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble.

6 The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.

7 The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, *and* lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set *them* among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth *are* the LORD's, and he hath set the world upon them.

9 He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

10 The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall be thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

11 And El-ka'-nah went to Ra'-mah to his house. And the child did minister unto the LORD before Eli the priest.

12 Now the sons of Eli *were* sons of Be'-li-al; they knew not the LORD.

13 And the priest's custom with the people *was, that,* when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand;

14 And he struck *it* into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shi'-loh unto all the Israelites that came thither.

15 Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw.

16 And *if* any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and *then* take *as much* as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, *Nay*; but thou shalt give *it me* now: and if not, I will take *it* by force.

17 Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

18 But Samuel ministered before the LORD, *being* a child, girded with a linen ephod.

19 Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought *it* to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

20 And Eli blessed El-ka'-nah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home.

21 And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

22 Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

23 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.

24 Nay, my sons; for *it is* no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD's people to transgress.

25 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

26 And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.

27 And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house?

28 And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel *to be* my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?

29 Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded *in my* habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people?

30 Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed *that* thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

31 Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of

thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house.

32 And thou shalt see an enemy *in my* habitation, in all *the wealth* which God shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever.

33 And the man of thine, *whom* I shall not cut off from mine altar, *shall be* to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age.

34 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hoph'-ni and Phin'-e-has; in one day they shall die both of them.

35 And I will raise me up a faithful priest, *that* shall do according to *that which is* in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever.

36 And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left in thine house shall come *and* crouch to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

CHAPTER 3

AND the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; *there was* no open vision.

2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli *was* laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, *that* he could not see;

3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God *was*, and Samuel was laid down *to sleep*;

4 That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here *am* I.

5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

6 And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.

8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.

9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

11 And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.

12 In that day I will perform against Eli all *things* which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.

13 For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

15 And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision.

16 Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here *am* I.

17 And he said, What *is* the thing that *the LORD* hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide *it* not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide *any* thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee.

18 And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It *is* the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.

19 And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

20 And all Israel from Dan even to Be'-er–she'-ba knew that Samuel *was* established *to be* a prophet of the LORD.

21 And the LORD appeared again in Shi'-loh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shi'-loh by the word of the LORD.

CHAPTER 4

AND the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside Eb'-en–e'-ze

of the Philistines went after them unto the border of Beth-shemesh.

13 And *they of* Beth-shemesh *were* reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see *it*.

14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Beth-shemite, and stood there, where *there was* a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt offering unto the LORD.

15 And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD, and the coffer that *was* with it, wherein the jewels of gold *were*, and put *them* on the great stone: and the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto the LORD.

16 And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen *it*, they returned to Ekron the same day.

17 And these *are* the golden emerods which the Philistines returned *for* a trespass offering unto the LORD; for Ash'-dod one, for Ga'-za one, for As'-kelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one;

18 And the golden mice, *according to* the number of all the cities of the Philistines *belonging* to the five lords, *both* of fenced cities, and of country villages, even unto the great *stone of* Abel, whereon they set down the ark of the LORD: *which stone remaineth* unto this day in the field of Joshua, the Beth-shemite.

19 And he smote the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten *many* of the people with a great slaughter.

20 And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God? and to whom shall he go up from us?

21 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kir'-jath-je'-a-rim, saying, The Philistines have brought again the ark of the LORD; come ye down, *and* fetch it up to you.

CHAPTER 7

AND the men of Kir'-jath-je'-a-rim came, and fetched up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of A-bin'-a-dab in the hill, and sanctified E-le-a'-zar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

2 And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kir'-jath-je'-a-rim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.

3 And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, *then* put away the strange gods and Ash'-ta-roth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

4 Then the children of Israel did put away Ba'-al-im and Ash'-ta-roth, and served the LORD only.

5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Miz'-peh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD.

6 And they gathered together to Miz'-peh, and drew water, and poured *it* out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Miz'-peh.

7 And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Miz'-peh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard *it*, they were afraid of the Philistines.

8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

9 And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered *it for* a burnt offering wholly unto the LORD: and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the LORD heard him.

10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel.

11 And the men of Israel went out of Miz'-peh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until *they came* under Beth-car.

12 Then Samuel took a stone, and set *it* between Miz'-peh and Shen, and called the name of it Eb'-en-e'-zer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.

13 So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Israel: and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

ther were lost. And Kish said to Saul
his son, Take now one of the servants
with thee, and arise, go seek the asses.
4 And he passed through mount
E'-phra-im, and passed through the
land of Shal-i'-sha, but they found
them not: then they passed through
the land of Sha'-lim, and *there they*
were not: and he passed through the
land of the Benjamites, but they found
them not.
5 *And* when they were come to the
land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant
that *was* with him, Come, and let us
return; lest my father leave *caring* for
the asses, and take thought for us.
6 And he said unto him, Behold
now, *there is* in this city a man of God,
and *he is* an honourable man; all that
he saith cometh surely to pass: now
let us go thither; peradventure he can
shew us our way that we should go.
7 Then said Saul to his servant,
But, behold, *if* we go, what shall we
bring the man? for the bread is spent
in our vessels, and *there is* not a present
to bring to the man of God: what have
we?
8 And the servant answered Saul
again, and said, Behold, I have here at
hand the fourth part of a shekel of sil-
ver: *that* will I give to the man of God,
to tell us our way.
9 (Beforetime in Israel, when a man
went to enquire of God, thus he spake,
Come, and let us go to the seer: for *he*
that is now *called* a Prophet was be-
foretime called a Seer.)
10 Then said Saul to his servant,
Well said; come, let us go. So they
went unto the city where the man of
God *was*.
11 *And* as they went up the hill to
the city, they found young maidens
going out to draw water, and said unto
them, Is the seer here?
12 And they answered them, and
said, He is; behold, *he is* before you:
make haste now, for he came to day to
the city; for *there is* a sacrifice of the
people to day in the high place:
13 As soon as ye be come into the
city, ye shall straightway find him, be-
fore he go up to the high place to eat:
for the people will not eat until he
come, because he doth bless the sacri-
fice; *and* afterwards they eat that be
bidden. Now therefore get you up; for
about this time ye shall find him.
14 And they went up into the city:
and when they were come into the city,
behold, Samuel came out against
them, for to go up to the high place.
15 Now the LORD had told Samuel
in his ear a day before Saul came, say-
ing,
16 To morrow about this time I will
send thee a man out of the land of Ben-
jamin, and thou shalt anoint him *to be*
captain over my people Israel, that he
may save my people out of the hand
of the Philistines: for I have looked
upon my people, because their cry is
come unto me.
17 And when Samuel saw Saul, the
LORD said unto him, Behold the man
whom I spake to thee of! this same
shall reign over my people.
18 Then Saul drew near to Samuel
in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray
thee, where the seer's house *is*.
19 And Samuel answered Saul, and
said, I *am* the seer: go up before me
unto the high place; for ye shall eat
with me to day, and to morrow I will
let thee go, and will tell thee all that
is in thine heart.
20 And as for thine asses that were
lost three days ago, set not thy mind
on them; for they are found. And on
whom *is* all the desire of Israel? *Is it*
not on thee, and on all thy father's
house?
21 And Saul answered and said,
Am not I a Benjamite, of the smallest
of the tribes of Israel? and my family
the least of all the families of the tribe
of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest
thou so to me?
22 And Samuel took Saul and his
servant, and brought them into the
parlour, and made them sit in the
chiefest place among them that were
bidden, which *were* about thirty per-
sons.
23 And Samuel said unto the cook,
Bring the portion which I gave thee,
of which I said unto thee, Set it by
thee.
24 And the cook took up the shoul-
der, and *that* which *was* upon it, and
set *it* before Saul. And Samuel said,
Behold that which is left! set *it* before
thee, *and* eat: for unto this time hath
it been kept for thee since I said, I
have invited the people. So Saul did
eat with Samuel that day.
25 And when they were come down
from the high place into the city, *Sam-*
uel communed with Saul upon the top
of the house.
26 And they arose early: and it

came to pass about the spring of the
day, that Samuel called Saul to the top
of the house, saying, Up, that I may
send thee away. And Saul arose, and
they went out both of them, he and
Samuel, abroad.
27 *And* as they were going down to
the end of the city, Samuel said to
Saul, Bid the servant pass on before
us, (and he passed on,) but stand thou
still a while, that I may shew thee the
word of God.

CHAPTER 10

THEN Samuel took a vial of oil, and
poured *it* upon his head, and kissed
him, and said, *Is it* not because the
LORD hath anointed thee *to be* captain
over his inheritance?
2 When thou art departed from me
to day, then thou shalt find two men
by Rachel's sepulchre in the border of
Benjamin at Zel'-zah; and they will say
unto thee, The asses which thou went-
est to seek are found: and, lo, thy fa-
ther hath left the care of the asses, and
sorroweth for you, saying, What shall
I do for my son?
3 Then shalt thou go on forward
from thence, and thou shalt come to
the plain of Ta'-bor, and there shall
meet thee three men going up to God
to Beth-el, one carrying three kids,
and another carrying three loaves of
bread, and another carrying a bottle
of wine:
4 And they will salute thee, and
give thee two *loaves* of bread; which
thou shalt receive of their hands.
5 After that thou shalt come to the
hill of God, where *is* the garrison of the
Philistines: and it shall come to pass,
when thou art come thither to the city,
that thou shalt meet a company of
prophets coming down from the high
place with a psaltery, and a tabret,
and a pipe, and a harp, before them;
and they shall prophesy:
6 And the Spirit of the LORD will
come upon thee, and thou shalt proph-
esy with them, and shalt be turned in-
to another man.
7 And let it be, when these signs are
come unto thee, *that* thou do as occa-
sion serve thee; for God *is* with thee.
8 And thou shalt go down before me
to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come
down unto thee, to offer burnt offer-
ings, *and* to sacrifice sacrifices of peace
offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry,
till I come to thee, and shew thee what
thou shalt do.
9 And it was *so*, that when he had
turned his back to go from Samuel,
God gave him another heart: and all
those signs came to pass that day.
10 And when they came thither to
the hill, behold, a company of prophets
met him; and the Spirit of God came
upon him, and he prophesied among
them.
11 And it came to pass, when all
that knew him beforetime saw that,
behold, he prophesied among the proph-
ets, then the people said one to an-
other, What *is* this *that* is come unto
the son of Kish? *Is* Saul also among the
prophets?
12 And one of the same place an-
swered and said, But who *is* their fa-
ther? Therefore it became a proverb, *Is*
Saul also among the prophets?
13 And when he had made an end
of prophesying, he came to the high
place.
14 And Saul's uncle said unto him
and to his servant, Whither went ye?
And he said, To seek the asses: and
when we saw that *they were* no where,
we came to Samuel.
15 And Saul's uncle said, Tell me,
I pray thee, what Samuel said unto
you.
16 And Saul said unto his uncle, He
told us plainly that the asses were
found. But of the matter of the king-
dom, whereof Samuel spake, he told
him not.
17 And Samuel called the people
together unto the LORD to Miz'-peh;
18 And said unto the children of Is-
rael, Thus saith the LORD God of Is-
rael, I brought up Israel out of Egypt,
and delivered you out of the hand of
the Egyptians, and out of the hand of
all kingdoms, *and* of them that op-
pressed you:
19 And ye have this day rejected
your God, who himself saved you out
of all your adversities and your tribu-
lations; and ye have said unto him,
Nay, but set a king over us. Now
therefore present yourselves before the
LORD by your tribes, and by your
thousands.
20 And when Samuel had caused all
the tribes of Israel to come near, the
tribe of Benjamin was taken.
21 When he had caused the tribe of
Benjamin to come near by their fami-
lies, the family of Ma'-tri was taken,

and Saul the son of Kish was taken:
and when they sought him, he could
not be found.
22 Therefore they enquired of the
LORD further, if the man should yet
come thither. And the LORD answered,
Behold, he hath hid himself among the
stuff.
23 And they ran and fetched him
thence: and when he stood among the
people, he was higher than any of the
people from his shoulders and upward.
24 And Samuel said to all the people,
See ye him whom the LORD hath
chosen, that *there is* none like him
among all the people? And all the people
shouted, and said, God save the
king.
25 Then Samuel told the people the
manner of the kingdom, and wrote *it*
in a book, and laid *it* up before the
LORD. And Samuel sent all the people
away, every man to his house.
26 And Saul also went home to Gib'-
e-ah; and there went with him a band
of men, whose hearts God had touched.
27 But the children of Be'-li-al said,
How shall this man save us? And they
despised him, and brought him no
presents. But he held his peace.

CHAPTER 11

THEN Nahash the Ammonite came
up, and encamped against Ja'-
besh-gil'-e-ad: and all the men of Ja'-
besh said unto Nahash, Make a covenant
with us, and we will serve thee.
2 And Nahash the Ammonite answered
them, On this condition will I
make *a covenant* with you, that I may
thrust out all your right eyes, and lay
it *for* a reproach upon all Israel.
3 And the elders of Ja'-besh said unto
him, Give us seven days' respite,
that we may send messengers unto all
the coasts of Israel: and then, if *there
be* no man to save us, we will come out
to thee.
4 Then came the messengers to Gib'-
e-ah of Saul, and told the tidings in the
ears of the people: and all the people
lifted up their voices, and wept.
5 And, behold, Saul came after the
herd out of the field; and Saul said,
What *aileth* the people that they
weep? And they told him the tidings
of the men of Ja'-besh.
6 And the Spirit of God came upon
Saul when he heard those tidings, and
his anger was kindled greatly.
7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and
hewed them in pieces, and sent *them*
throughout all the coasts of Israel by
the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever
cometh not forth after Saul and
after Samuel, so shall it be done unto
his oxen. And the fear of the LORD fell
on the people, and they came out with
one consent.
8 And when he numbered them in
Be'-zek, the children of Israel were
three hundred thousand, and the men
of Judah thirty thousand.
9 And they said unto the messengers
that came, Thus shall ye say unto
the men of Ja'-besh-gil'-e-ad, To morrow,
by *that time* the sun be hot, ye
shall have help. And the messengers
came and shewed *it* to the men of Ja'-
besh; and they were glad.
10 Therefore the men of Ja'-besh
said, To morrow we will come out unto
you, and ye shall do with us all that
seemeth good unto you.
11 And it was so on the morrow,
that Saul put the people in three companies;
and they came into the midst
of the host in the morning watch, and
slew the Ammonites until the heat of
the day: and it came to pass, that they
which remained were scattered, so
that two of them were not left together.
12 And the people said unto Samuel,
Who *is* he that said, Shall Saul
reign over us? bring the men, that we
may put them to death.
13 And Saul said, There shall not a
man be put to death this day: for to
day the LORD hath wrought salvation
in Israel.
14 Then said Samuel to the people,
Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew
the kingdom there.
15 And all the people went to Gilgal;
and there they made Saul king before
the LORD in Gilgal; and there they
sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings
before the LORD; and there Saul and all
the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

CHAPTER 12

AND Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold,
I have hearkened unto your
voice in all that ye said unto me, and
have made a king over you.
2 And now, behold, the king walketh
before you: and I am old and grayheaded;
and, behold, my sons *are* with
you: and I have walked before you
from my childhood unto this day.
3 Behold, here I *am:* witness against

me before the LORD, and before his
anointed: whose ox have I taken? or
whose ass have I taken? or whom have
I defrauded? whom have I oppressed?
or of whose hand have I received *any*
bribe to blind mine eyes therewith?
and I will restore *it* you.
4 And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither
hast thou taken ought of any man's
hand.
5 And he said unto them, The LORD
is witness against you, and his anointed
is witness this day, that ye have not
found ought in my hand. And they answered, *He is* witness.
6 And Samuel said unto the people,
It is the LORD that advanced Moses
and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt.
7 Now therefore stand still, that I
may reason with you before the LORD
of all the righteous acts of the LORD,
which he did to you and to your fathers.
8 When Jacob was come into
Egypt, and your fathers cried unto the
LORD, then the LORD sent Moses and
Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them
dwell in this place.
9 And when they forgat the LORD
their God, he sold them into the hand
of Sis'-e-ra, captain of the host of Ha'-zor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of
Moab, and they fought against them.
10 And they cried unto the LORD,
and said, We have sinned, because we
have forsaken the LORD, and have
served Ba'-al-im and Ash'-ta-roth: but
now deliver us out of the hand of our
enemies, and we will serve thee.
11 And the LORD sent Je-rub'-ba-al,
and Be'-dan, and Jeph'-thah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand
of your enemies on every side, and ye
dwelled safe.
12 And when ye saw that Nahash
the king of the children of Ammon
came against you, ye said unto me,
Nay; but a king shall reign over us:
when the LORD your God *was* your
king.
13 Now therefore behold the king
whom ye have chosen, *and* whom ye
have desired! and, behold, the LORD
hath set a king over you.
14 If ye will fear the LORD, and
serve him, and obey his voice, and not
rebel against the commandment of the
LORD, then shall both ye and also the
king that reigneth over you continue
following the LORD your God:
15 But if ye will not obey the voice
of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the
hand of the LORD be against you, as *it*
was against your fathers.
16 Now therefore stand and see this
great thing, which the LORD will do before your eyes.
17 *Is it* not wheat harvest to day? I
will call unto the LORD, and he shall
send thunder and rain; that ye may
perceive and see that your wickedness
is great, which ye have done in the
sight of the LORD, in asking you a king.
18 So Samuel called unto the LORD;
and the LORD sent thunder and rain
that day: and all the people greatly
feared the LORD and Samuel.
19 And all the people said unto
Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto
the LORD thy God, that we die not: for
we have added unto all our sins *this*
evil, to ask us a king.
20 And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this
wickedness: yet turn not aside from
following the LORD, but serve the
LORD with all your heart;
21 And turn ye not aside: *for then*
should ye go after vain *things*, which
cannot profit nor deliver; for they *are*
vain.
22 For the LORD will not forsake his
people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make
you his people.
23 Moreover as for me, God forbid
that I should sin against the LORD in
ceasing to pray for you: but I will
teach you the good and the right way:
24 Only fear the LORD, and serve
him in truth with all your heart: for
consider how great *things* he hath done
for you.
25 But if ye shall still do wickedly,
ye shall be consumed, both ye and
your king.

CHAPTER 13

SAUL reigned one year; and when he
had reigned two years over Israel,
2 Saul chose him three thousand
men of Israel; *whereof* two thousand
were with Saul in Mich'-mash and in
mount Beth-el, and a thousand were
with Jonathan in Gib'-e-ah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent
every man to his tent

3 And Jonathan smote the garrison
of the Philistines that *was* in Ge'-ba,
and the Philistines heard *of it*. And
Saul blew the trumpet throughout all
the land, saying, Let the Hebrews
hear.
4 And all Israel heard say *that* Saul
had smitten a garrison of the Philis-
tines, and *that* Israel also was had in
abomination with the Philistines. And
the people were called together after
Saul to Gilgal.
5 And the Philistines gathered
themselves together to fight with Is-
rael, thirty thousand chariots, and six
thousand horsemen, and people as the
sand which *is* on the sea shore in mul-
titude: and they came up, and pitched
in Mich'-mash, eastward from Beth-
a'-ven.
6 When the men of Israel saw that
they were in a strait, (for the people
were distressed,) then the people did
hide themselves in caves, and in thick-
ets, and in rocks, and in high places,
and in pits.
7 And *some of* the Hebrews went
over Jordan to the land of Gad and
Gilead. As for Saul, he *was* yet in Gil-
gal, and all the people followed him
trembling.
8 And he tarried seven days, ac-
cording to the set time that Samuel
had appointed: but Samuel came not to
Gilgal; and the people were scattered
from him.
9 And Saul said, Bring hither a
burnt offering to me, and peace offer-
ings. And he offered the burnt offer-
ing.
10 And it came to pass, that as soon
as he had made an end of offering the
burnt offering, behold, Samuel came;
and Saul went out to meet him, that he
might salute him.
11 And Samuel said, What hast
thou done? And Saul said, Because I
saw that the people were scattered
from me, and *that* thou camest not
within the days appointed, and *that*
the Philistines gathered themselves to-
gether at Mich'-mash;
12 Therefore said I, The Philistines
will come down now upon me to Gil-
gal, and I have not made supplication
unto the LORD: I forced myself there-
fore, and offered a burnt offering.
13 And Samuel said to Saul, Thou
hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept
the commandment of the LORD thy
God, which he commanded thee: for
now would the LORD have established
thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.
14 But now thy kingdom shall not
continue: the LORD hath sought him a
man after his own heart, and the LORD
hath commanded him *to be* captain
over his people, because thou hast not
kept *that* which the LORD commanded
thee.
15 And Samuel arose, and gat him
up from Gilgal unto Gib'-e-ah of Ben-
jamin. And Saul numbered the people
that were present with him, about six
hundred men.
16 And Saul, and Jonathan his son,
and the people *that were* present with
them, abode in Gib'-e-ah of Benjamin:
but the Philistines encamped in Mich'-
mash.
17 And the spoilers came out of the
camp of the Philistines in three com-
panies: one company turned unto the
way *that leadeth to* Oph'-rah, unto the
land of Shu'-al:
18 And another company turned
the way *to* Beth-ho'-ron: and another
company turned *to* the way of the bor-
der that looketh to the valley of Ze-
bo'-im toward the wilderness.
19 Now there was no smith found
throughout all the land of Israel: for
the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews
make *them* swords or spears:
20 But all the Israelites went down
to the Philistines, to sharpen every
man his share, and his coulter, and his
axe, and his mattock.
21 Yet they had a file for the mat-
tocks, and for the coulters, and for the
forks, and for the axes, and to sharpen
the goads.
22 So it came to pass in the day of
battle, that there was neither sword
nor spear found in the hand of any of
the people that *were* with Saul and
Jonathan: but with Saul and with Jon-
athan his son was there found.
23 And the garrison of the Philis-
tines went out to the passage of Mich'-
mash.

CHAPTER 14

NOW it came to pass upon a day,
that Jonathan the son of Saul
said unto the young man that bare his
armour, Come, and let us go over to
the Philistines' garrison, that *is* on the
other side. But he told not his father.
2 And Saul tarried in the uttermost
part of Gib'-e-ah under a pomegranate
tree which *is* in Mig'-ron: and the peo-

ple that *were* with him *were* about six
hundred men;
3 And A-hi'-ah, the son of A-hi'-tub,
I'-cha-bod's brother, the son of Phin'-e-
has, the son of Eli, the LORD's priest in
Shi'-loh, wearing an ephod. And the
people knew not that Jonathan was
gone.
4 And between the passages, by
which Jonathan sought to go over un-
to the Philistines' garrison, *there was* a
sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp
rock on the other side: and the name
of the one *was* Bo'-zez, and the name of
the other Se'-neh.
5 The forefront of the one *was* situ-
ate northward over against Mich'-
mash, and the other southward over
against Gib'-e-ah.
6 And Jonathan said to the young
man that bare his armour, Come, and
let us go over unto the garrison of
these uncircumcised: it may be that
the LORD will work for us: for *there is*
no restraint to the LORD to save by
many or by few.
7 And his armourbearer said unto
him, Do all that *is* in thine heart: turn
thee; behold, I *am* with thee according
to thy heart.
8 Then said Jonathan, Behold, we
will pass over unto *these* men, and we
will discover ourselves unto them.
9 If they say thus unto us, Tarry
until we come to you; then we will
stand still in our place, and will not go
up unto them.
10 But if they say thus, Come up
unto us; then we will go up: for the
LORD hath delivered them into our
hand: and this *shall be* a sign unto us.
11 And both of them discovered
themselves unto the garrison of the
Philistines: and the Philistines said,
Behold, the Hebrews come forth out
of the holes where they had hid them-
selves.
12 And the men of the garrison an-
swered Jonathan and his armourbear-
er, and said, Come up to us, and we
will shew you a thing. And Jonathan
said unto his armourbearer, Come up
after me: for the LORD hath delivered
them into the hand of Israel.
13 And Jonathan climbed up upon
his hands and upon his feet, and his
armourbearer after him: and they fell
before Jonathan; and his armourbear-
er slew after him.
14 And that first slaughter, which
Jonathan and his armourbearer made,
was about twenty men, within as it
were an half acre of land, *which* a yoke
of oxen might plow.
15 And there was trembling in the
host, in the field, and among all the
people: the garrison, and the spoilers,
they also trembled, and the earth
quaked: so it was a very great trem-
bling.
16 And the watchmen of Saul in
Gib'-e-ah of Benjamin looked; and, be-
hold, the multitude melted away, and
they went on beating down *one an-
other.*
17 Then said Saul unto the people
that *were* with him, Number now, and
see who is gone from us. And when
they had numbered, behold, Jonathan
and his armourbearer *were* not *there.*
18 And Saul said unto A-hi'-ah,
Bring hither the ark of God. For the
ark of God was at that time with the
children of Israel.
19 And it came to pass, while Saul
talked unto the priest, that the noise
that *was* in the host of the Philistines
went on and increased: and Saul said
unto the priest, Withdraw thine
hand.
20 And Saul and all the people that
were with him assembled themselves,
and they came to the battle: and, be-
hold, every man's sword was against
his fellow, *and there was* a very great
discomfiture.
21 Moreover the Hebrews *that* were
with the Philistines before that time,
which went up with them into the
camp *from the country* round about,
even they also *turned* to be with the
Israelites that *were* with Saul and Jona-
than.
22 Likewise all the men of Israel
which had hid themselves in mount
E'-phra-im, *when* they heard that the
Philistines fled, even they also fol-
lowed hard after them in the battle.
23 So the LORD saved Israel that
day: and the battle passed over unto
Beth-a'-ven.
24 And the men of Israel were dis-
tressed that day: for Saul had adjured
the people, saying, Cursed *be* the man
that eateth *any* food until evening,
that I may be avenged on mine ene-
mies. So none of the people tasted *any*
food.
25 And all *they of* the land came to
a wood; and there was honey upon the
ground.
26 And when the people were come

into the wood, behold, the honey
dropped; but no man put his hand to
his mouth: for the people feared the
oath.
27 But Jonathan heard not when
his father charged the people with the
oath: wherefore he put forth the end
of the rod that *was* in his hand, and
dipped it in an honeycomb, and put
his hand to his mouth; and his eyes
were enlightened.
28 Then answered one of the peo-
ple, and said, Thy father straitly
charged the people with an oath, say-
ing, Cursed *be* the man that eateth *any*
food this day. And the people were
faint.
29 Then said Jonathan, My father
hath troubled the land: see, I pray
you, how mine eyes have been enlight-
ened, because I tasted a little of this
honey.
30 How much more, if haply the
people had eaten freely to day of the
spoil of their enemies which they
found? for had there not been now a
much greater slaughter among the
Philistines?
31 And they smote the Philistines
that day from Mich'-mash to Aij'-a-lon:
and the people were very faint.
32 And the people flew upon the
spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and
calves, and slew *them* on the ground:
and the people did eat *them* with the
blood.
33 Then they told Saul, saying, Be-
hold, the people sin against the LORD,
in that they eat with the blood. And he
said, Ye have transgressed: roll a great
stone unto me this day.
34 And Saul said, Disperse your-
selves among the people, and say unto
them, Bring me hither every man his
ox, and every man his sheep, and slay
them here, and eat; and sin not against
the LORD in eating with the blood.
And all the people brought every man
his ox with him that night, and slew
them there.
35 And Saul built an altar unto the
LORD: the same was the first altar that
he built unto the LORD.
36 And Saul said, Let us go down
after the Philistines by night, and spoil
them until the morning light, and let
us not leave a man of them. And they
said, Do whatsoever seemeth good un-
to thee. Then said the priest, Let us
draw near hither unto God.
37 And Saul asked counsel of God,
Shall I go down after the Philistines?
wilt thou deliver them into the hand
of Israel? But he answered him not
that day.
38 And Saul said, Draw ye near
hither, all the chief of the people: and
know and see wherein this sin hath
been this day.
39 For, *as* the LORD liveth, which
saveth Israel, though it be in Jonathan
my son, he shall surely die. But *there*
was not a man among all the people
that answered him.
40 Then said he unto all Israel, Be
ye on one side, and I and Jonathan my
son will be on the other side. And the
people said unto Saul, Do what seem-
eth good unto thee.
41 Therefore Saul said unto the
LORD God of Israel, Give a perfect *lot*.
And Saul and Jonathan were taken:
but the people escaped.
42 And Saul said, Cast *lots* between
me and Jonathan my son. And Jona-
than was taken.
43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell
me what thou hast done. And Jona-
than told him, and said, I did but
taste a little honey with the end of the
rod that *was* in mine hand, *and*, lo, I
must die.
44 And Saul answered, God do so
and more also: for thou shalt surely
die, Jonathan.
45 And the people said unto Saul,
Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought
this great salvation in Israel? God for-
bid: *as* the LORD liveth, there shall not
one hair of his head fall to the ground;
for he hath wrought with God this day.
So the people rescued Jonathan, that
he died not.
46 Then Saul went up from follow-
ing the Philistines: and the Philistines
went to their own place.
47 So Saul took the kingdom over
Israel, and fought against all his ene-
mies on every side, against Moab, and
against the children of Ammon, and
against Edom, and against the kings of
Zobah, and against the Philistines:
and whithersoever he turned himself,
he vexed *them*.
48 And he gathered an host, and
smote the Am'-a-lek-ites, and delivered
Israel out of the hands of them that
spoiled them.
49 Now the sons of Saul were Jona-
than, and Ish'-u-i, and Mel'-chi-shu'-a:
and *the* names of his two daughters
were these; the name of the firstborn

Me'-rab, and the name of the younger Mi'-chal:

50 And the name of Saul's wife *was* A-hin'-o-am, the daughter of A-him'-a-az: and the name of the captain of his host *was* Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle.

51 And Kish *was* the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner *was* the son of A-bi'-el.

52 And there was sore war against the Philistines all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he took him unto him.

CHAPTER 15

SAMUEL also said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint thee *to be* king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD.

2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember *that* which Am'-a-lek did to Israel, how he laid *wait* for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt.

3 Now go and smite Am'-a-lek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

4 And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Tel'-a-im, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah.

5 And Saul came to a city of Am'-a-lek, and laid wait in the valley.

6 And Saul said unto the Ken'-ites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Am'-a-lek-ites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Ken'-ites departed from among the Am'-a-lek-ites.

7 And Saul smote the Am'-a-lek-ites from Hav'-i-lah *until* thou comest to Shur, that *is* over against Egypt.

8 And he took Agag the king of the Am'-a-lek-ites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

9 But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all *that was* good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing *that was* vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

10 Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying,

11 It repenteth me that I have set up Saul *to be* king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.

12 And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal.

13 And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed *be* thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD.

14 And Samuel said, What *meaneth* then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

15 And Saul said, They have brought them from the Am'-a-lek-ites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.

16 Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.

17 And Samuel said, When thou *wast* little in thine own sight, *wast* thou not *made* the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel?

18 And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Am'-a-lek-ites, and fight against them until they be consumed.

19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD?

20 And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Am'-a-lek, and have utterly destroyed the Am'-a-lek-ites.

21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.

22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion *is*

witchcraft, and stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from *being* king.

24 And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

25 Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD.

26 And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel.

27 And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent.

28 And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, *that is* better than thou.

29 And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he *is* not a man, that he should repent.

30 Then he said, I have sinned: *yet* honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God.

31 So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the LORD.

32 Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Am'-a-lek-ites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.

33 And Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.

34 Then Samuel went to Ra'-mah; and Saul went up to his house to Gib'-e-ah of Saul.

35 And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

CHAPTER 16

AND the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

2 And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear *it*, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.

3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me *him* whom I name unto thee.

4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Beth-lehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on E-li'-ab, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed *is* before him.

7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature: because I have refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

8 Then Jesse called A-bin'-a-dab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

9 Then Jesse made Sham'-mah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all *thy* children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, *and* withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this *is* he.

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ra'-mah.

14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.
15 And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee.
16 Let our lord now command thy servants, *which are* before thee, to seek out a man, *who is* a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.
17 And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring *him* to me.
18 Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Beth-lehemite, *that is* cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD *is* with him.
19 Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, which *is* with the sheep.
20 And Jesse took an ass *laden* with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent *them* by David his son unto Saul.
21 And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer.
22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight.
23 And it came to pass, when the *evil* spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

CHAPTER 17

NOW the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Sho'-choh, which *belongeth* to Judah, and pitched between Sho'-choh and A-ze'-kah, in E'-phes-dam'-mim.
2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of E'-lah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines.
3 And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and *there was* a valley between them.
4 And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height *was* six cubits and a span.
5 And *he had* an helmet of brass upon his head, and he *was* armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat *was* five thousand shekels of brass.
6 And *he had* greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders.
7 And the staff of his spear *was* like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head *weighed* six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.
8 And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set *your* battle in array? *am* not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me.
9 If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.
10 And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.
11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.
12 Now David *was* the son of that Eph'-rath-ite of Beth-lehem-judah, whose name *was* Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man went among men *for* an old man in the days of Saul.
13 And the three eldest sons of Jesse went *and* followed Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle *were* E-li'-ab the firstborn, and next unto him A-bin'-a-dab, and the third Sham'-mah.
14 And David *was* the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul.
15 But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Beth-lehem.
16 And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.
17 And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched *corn*, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren;
18 And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of *their* thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.

19 Now Saul, and they, and all the
men of Israel, *were* in the valley of
E'lah, fighting with the Philistines.
20 And David rose up early in the
morning, and left the sheep with a
keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse
had commanded him; and he came to
the trench, as the host was going forth
to the fight, and shouted for the battle.
21 For Israel and the Philistines
had put the battle in array, army
against army.
22 And David left his carriage in
the hand of the keeper of the carriage,
and ran into the army, and came and
saluted his brethren.
23 And as he talked with them, be-
hold, there came up the champion, the
Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name,
out of the armies of the Philistines,
and spake according to the same
words: and David heard *them*.
24 And all the men of Israel, when
they saw the man, fled from him, and
were sore afraid.
25 And the men of Israel said, Have
ye seen this man that is come up?
surely to defy Israel is he come up: and
it shall be, *that* the man who killeth
him, the king will enrich him with
great riches, and will give him his
daughter, and make his father's house
free in Israel.
26 And David spake to the men
that stood by him, saying, What shall
be done to the man that killeth this
Philistine, and taketh away the re-
proach from Israel? for who *is* this un-
circumcised Philistine, that he should
defy the armies of the living God?
27 And the people answered him
after this manner, saying, So shall it
be done to the man that killeth him.
28 And E-li'-ab his eldest brother
heard when he spake unto the men;
and E-li'-ab's anger was kindled
against David, and he said, Why cam-
est thou down hither? and with whom
hast thou left those few sheep in the
wilderness? I know thy pride, and the
naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art
come down that thou mightest see the
battle.
29 And David said, What have I
now done? *Is there* not a cause?
30 And he turned from him toward
another, and spake after the same
manner: and the people answered him
again after the former manner.
31 And when the words were heard
which David spake, they rehearsed
them before Saul: and he sent for him.
32 And David said to Saul, Let no
man's heart fail because of him; thy
servant will go and fight with this
Philistine.
33 And Saul said to David, Thou
art not able to go against this Philis-
tine to fight with him: for thou *art but*
a youth, and he a man of war from his
youth.
34 And David said unto Saul, Thy
servant kept his father's sheep, and
there came a lion, and a bear, and took
a lamb out of the flock:
35 And I went out after him, and
smote him, and delivered *it* out of his
mouth: and when he arose against me,
I caught *him* by his beard, and smote
him, and slew him.
36 Thy servant slew both the lion
and the bear: and this uncircumcised
Philistine shall be as one of them, see-
ing he hath defied the armies of the
living God.
37 *David said* moreover, The LORD
that delivered me out of the paw of the
lion, and out of the paw of the bear,
he will deliver me out of the hand of
this Philistine. And Saul said unto
David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.
38 And Saul armed David with his
armour, and he put an helmet of brass
upon his head; also he armed him with
a coat of mail.
39 And David girded his sword up-
on his armour, and he assayed to go;
for he had not proved *it*. And David
said unto Saul, I cannot go with these;
for I have not proved *them*. And David
put them off him.
40 And he took his staff in his hand,
and chose him five smooth stones out
of the brook, and put them in a shep-
herd's bag which he had, even in a
scrip; and his sling *was* in his hand: and
he drew near to the Philistine.
41 And the Philistine came on and
drew near unto David; and the man
that bare the shield *went* before him.
42 And when the Philistine looked
about, and saw David, he disdained
him: for he was *but* a youth, and ruddy,
and of a fair countenance.
43 And the Philistine said unto Da-
vid, *Am* I a dog, that thou comest to
me with staves? and the Philistine
cursed David by his gods.
44 And the Philistine said to David,
Come to me, and I will give thy flesh
unto the fowls of the air, and to the
beasts of the field.

45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle *is* the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands.

48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang *it*, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but *there was* no sword in the hand of David.

51 Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

52 And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Sha-a-ra'-im, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron.

53 And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents.

54 And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

55 And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son *is* this youth? And Abner said, As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell.

56 And the king said, Enquire thou whose son the stripling *is*.

57 And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.

58 And Saul said to him, Whose son *art* thou, *thou* young man? And David answered, I *am* the son of thy servant Jesse the Beth-lehemite.

CHAPTER 18

AND it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.

3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that *was* upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

5 And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, *and* behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

6 And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick.

7 And the women answered *one another* as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.

8 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed *but* thousands: and *what* can he have more but the kingdom?

9 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

10 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and *there was* a javelin in Saul's hand.

11 And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall *with it*. And David avoided out of his presence twice.

12 And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.

13 Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

14 And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD *was* with him.

15 Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him.

16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

17 And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Me'-rab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD's battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him.

18 And David said unto Saul, Who *am* I? and what *is* my life, *or* my father's family in Israel, that I should be son in law to the king?

19 But it came to pass at the time when Me'-rab Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto A'-dri-el the Me-hol'-ath-ite to wife.

20 And Mi'-chal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

21 And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son in law in *the one of* the twain.

22 And Saul commanded his servants, *saying*, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law.

23 And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you *a* light *thing* to be a king's son in law, seeing that I *am* a poor man, and lightly esteemed?

24 And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On this manner spake David.

25 And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

26 And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son in law: and the days were not expired.

27 Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Mi'-chal his daughter to wife.

28 And Saul saw and knew that the LORD *was* with David, and *that* Mi'-chal Saul's daughter loved him.

29 And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually.

30 Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, after they went forth, *that* David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by.

CHAPTER 19

AND Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.

2 But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret *place*, and hide thyself:

3 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou *art*, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

4 And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works *have been* to thee-ward very good:

5 For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest *it*, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?

6 And Saul hearkened unto the

voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, *As*
the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain.
7 And Jonathan called David, and
Jonathan shewed him all those things.
And Jonathan brought David to Saul,
and he was in his presence, as in times
past.
8 And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the
Philistines, and slew them with a great
slaughter; and they fled from him.
9 And the evil spirit from the LORD
was upon Saul, as he sat in his house
with his javelin in his hand: and David
played with *his* hand.
10 And Saul sought to smite David
even to the wall with the javelin; but
he slipped away out of Saul's presence,
and he smote the javelin into the wall:
and David fled, and escaped that
night.
11 Saul also sent messengers unto
David's house, to watch him, and to
slay him in the morning: and Mi'-chal
David's wife told him, saying, If thou
save not thy life to night, to morrow
thou shalt be slain.
12 So Mi'-chal let David down
through a window: and he went, and
fled, and escaped.
13 And Mi'-chal took an image, and
laid *it* in the bed, and put a pillow of
goats' *hair* for his bolster, and covered
it with a cloth.
14 And when Saul sent messengers
to take David, she said, He *is* sick.
15 And Saul sent the messengers
again to see David, saying, Bring him
up to me in the bed, that I may slay
him.
16 And when the messengers were
come in, behold, *there was* an image in
the bed, with a pillow of goats' *hair* for
his bolster.
17 And Saul said unto Mi'-chal,
Why hast thou deceived me so, and
sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Mi'-chal answered Saul, He
said unto me, Let me go; why should
I kill thee?
18 So David fled, and escaped, and
came to Samuel to Ra'-mah, and told
him all that Saul had done to him. And
he and Samuel went and dwelt in Na'-ioth.
19 And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David *is* at Na'-ioth in Ra'-mah.
20 And Saul sent messengers to
take David: and when they saw the
company of the prophets prophesying,
and Samuel standing *as* appointed
over them, the Spirit of God was upon
the messengers of Saul, and they also
prophesied.
21 And when it was told Saul, he
sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they
prophesied also.
22 Then went he also to Ra'-mah,
and came to a great well that *is* in Se'-chu: and he asked and said, Where *are*
Samuel and David? And *one* said, Behold, *they be* at Na'-ioth in Ra'-mah.
23 And he went thither to Na'-ioth
in Ra'-mah: and the Spirit of God was
upon him also, and he went on, and
prophesied, until he came to Na'-ioth
in Ra'-mah.
24 And he stripped off his clothes
also, and prophesied before Samuel in
like manner, and lay down naked all
that day and all that night. Wherefore
they say, *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

CHAPTER 20

AND David fled from Na'-ioth in
Ra'-mah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done?
what *is* mine iniquity? and what *is* my
sin before thy father, that he seeketh
my life?
2 And he said unto him, God forbid;
thou shalt not die: behold, my father
will do nothing either great or small,
but that he will shew it me: and why
should my father hide this thing from
me? it *is* not *so*.
3 And David sware moreover, and
said, Thy father certainly knoweth
that I have found grace in thine eyes;
and he saith, Let not Jonathan know
this, lest he be grieved: but truly *as* the
LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth,
there is but a step between me and
death.
4 Then said Jonathan unto David,
Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will
even do *it* for thee.
5 And David said unto Jonathan,
Behold, to morrow *is* the new moon,
and I should not fail to sit with the
king at meat: but let me go, that I may
hide myself in the field unto the third
day at even.
6 If thy father at all miss me, then
say, David earnestly asked *leave* of me
that he might run to Beth–lehem his
city: for *there is* a yearly sacrifice there
for all the family.
7 If he say thus, *It is*

vant shall have peace: but if he be very
wroth, *then* be sure that evil is deter-
mined by him.
8 Therefore thou shalt deal kindly
with thy servant; for thou hast
brought thy servant into a covenant
of the LORD with thee: notwithstand-
ing, if there be in me iniquity, slay me
thyself; for why shouldest thou bring
me to thy father?
9 And Jonathan said, Far be it
from thee: for if I knew certainly that
evil were determined by my father to
come upon thee, then would not I tell
it thee?
10 Then said David to Jonathan,
Who shall tell me? or what *if* thy fa-
ther answer thee roughly?
11 And Jonathan said unto David,
Come, and let us go out into the field.
And they went out both of them into
the field.
12 And Jonathan said unto David,
O LORD God of Israel, when I have
sounded my father about to morrow
any time, *or* the third *day*, and, behold,
if there be good toward David, and I
then send not unto thee, and shew it
thee;
13 The LORD do so and much more
to Jonathan: but if it please my father
to do thee evil, then I will shew it thee,
and send thee away, that thou mayest
go in peace: and the LORD be with
thee, as he hath been with my father.
14 And thou shalt not only while
yet I live shew me the kindness of the
LORD, that I die not:
15 But *also* thou shalt not cut off
thy kindness from my house for ever:
no, not when the LORD hath cut off the
enemies of David every one from the
face of the earth.
16 So Jonathan made *a covenant*
with the house of David, *saying*, Let
the LORD even require *it* at the hand
of David's enemies.
17 And Jonathan caused David to
swear again, because he loved him: for
he loved him as he loved his own soul.
18 Then Jonathan said to David,
To morrow *is* the new moon: and thou
shalt be missed, because thy seat will
be empty.
19 And *when* thou hast stayed three
days, *then* thou shalt go down quickly,
and come to the place where thou didst
hide thyself when the business was *in
hand*, and shalt remain by the stone
E'zel.
20 And I will shoot three arrows on
the side *thereof*, as though I shot at a
mark.
21 And, behold, I will send a lad,
saying, Go, find out the arrows. If I ex-
pressly say unto the lad, Behold, the
arrows *are* on this side of thee, take
them; then come thou: for *there is*
peace to thee, and no hurt; *as* the LORD
liveth.
22 But if I say thus unto the young
man, Behold, the arrows *are* beyond
thee; go thy way: for the LORD hath
sent thee away.
23 And *as touching* the matter which
thou and I have spoken of, behold, the
LORD *be* between thee and me for ever.
24 So David hid himself in the field:
and when the new moon was come, the
king sat him down to eat meat.
25 And the king sat upon his seat,
as at other times, *even* upon a seat by
the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Ab-
ner sat by Saul's side, and David's
place was empty.
26 Nevertheless Saul spake not any
thing that day: for he thought, Some-
thing hath befallen him, he *is* not
clean; surely he is not clean.
27 And it came to pass on the mor-
row, *which was* the second *day* of the
month, that David's place was empty:
and Saul said unto Jonathan his son,
Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse
to meat, neither yesterday, nor to day?
28 And Jonathan answered Saul,
David earnestly asked *leave* of me *to go*
to Beth–lehem:
29 And he said, Let me go, I pray
thee; for our family hath a sacrifice
in the city; and my brother, he hath
commanded me *to be there:* and now,
if I have found favour in thine eyes,
let me get away, I pray thee, and see
my brethren. Therefore he cometh not
unto the king's table.
30 Then Saul's anger was kindled
against Jonathan, and he said unto
him, Thou son of the perverse rebel-
lious *woman*, do not I know that thou
hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine
own confusion, and unto the confusion
of thy mother's nakedness?
31 For as long as the son of Jesse
liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not
be established, nor thy kingdom.
Wherefore now send and fetch him un-
to me, for he shall surely die.
32 And Jonathan answered Saul his
father, and said unto him, Wherefore
shall he be slain? what hath he done?
33 And Saul cast a javelin at him to

smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.

34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

35 And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him.

36 And he said unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot. *And* as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.

37 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, *Is* not the arrow beyond thee?

38 And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.

39 But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan and David knew the matter.

40 And Jonathan gave his artillery unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry *them* to the city.

41 *And* as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of *a place* toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed *himself* three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded.

42 And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

CHAPTER 21

THEN came David to Nob to A-him'-e-lech the priest: and A-him'-e-lech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why *art* thou alone, and no man with thee?

2 And David said unto A-him'-e-lech the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed *my* servants to such and such a place.

3 Now therefore what is under thine hand? give *me* five *loaves of* bread in mine hand, or what there is present.

4 And the priest answered David, and said, *There is* no common bread under mine hand, but there is hallowed bread; if the young men have kept themselves at least from women.

5 And David answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth women *have been* kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and *the bread is* in a manner common, yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessel.

6 So the priest gave him hallowed *bread:* for there was no bread there but the shewbread, that was taken from before the LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.

7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul *was* there that day, detained before the LORD; and his name *was* Do'-eg, an Edomite, the chiefest of the herdmen that *belonged* to Saul.

8 And David said unto A-him'-e-lech, And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste.

9 And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of E'-lah, behold, it *is here* wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take *it:* for *there is* no other save that here. And David said, *There is* none like that; give it me.

10 And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to A'-chish the king of Gath.

11 And the servants of A'-chish said unto him, *Is* not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

12 And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of A'-chish the king of Gath.

13 And he changed his behavior before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard.

14 Then said A'-chish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man is mad: wherefore *then* have ye brought him to me?

15 Have I need of mad men, that ye
have brought this *fellow* to play the
mad man in my presence? shall this
fellow come into my house?

CHAPTER 22

DAVID therefore departed thence,
and escaped to the cave A-dul'-
lam: and when his brethren and all his
father's house heard *it*, they went
down thither to him.
2 And every one *that was* in distress,
and every one that *was* in debt, and
every one *that was* discontented, gath-
ered themselves unto him; and he be-
came a captain over them: and there
were with him about four hundred
men.
3 And David went thence to Miz'-
peh of Moab: and he said unto the king
of Moab, Let my father and my mother,
I pray thee, come forth, *and be* with
you, till I know what God will do for
me.
4 And he brought them before the
king of Moab: and they dwelt with him
all the while that David was in the
hold.
5 And the prophet Gad said unto
David, Abide not in the hold; depart,
and get thee into the land of Judah.
Then David departed, and came into
the forest of Ha'-reth.
6 When Saul heard that David was
discovered, and the men that *were*
with him, (now Saul abode in Gib'-e-ah
under a tree in Ra'-mah, having his
spear in his hand, and all his servants
were standing about him;)
7 Then Saul said unto his servants
that stood about him, Hear now, ye
Benjamites; will the son of Jesse give
every one of you fields and vineyards,
and make you all captains of thou-
sands, and captains of hundreds;
8 That all of you have conspired
against me, and *there is* none that
sheweth me that my son hath made a
league with the son of Jesse, and *there*
is none of you that is sorry for me, or
sheweth unto me that my son hath
stirred up my servant against me, to
lie in wait, as at this day?
9 Then answered Do'-eg the Edom-
ite, which was set over the servants of
Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse
coming to Nob, to A-him'-e-lech the
son of A-hi'-tub.
10 And he enquired of the LORD for
him and gave him victuals, and gave
him the sword of Goliath the Philis-
tine.
11 Then the king sent to call A-him'-
e-lech the priest, the son of A-hi'-tub,
and all his father's house, the priests
that *were* in Nob: and they came all of
them to the king.
12 And Saul said, Hear now, thou
son of A-hi'-tub. And he answered,
Here I *am*, my lord.
13 And Saul said unto him, Why
have ye conspired against me, thou
and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast
given him bread, and a sword, and
hast enquired of God for him, that he
should rise against me, to lie in wait,
as at this day?
14 Then A-him'-e-lech answered the
king, and said, And who *is so* faithful
among all thy servants as David,
which is the king's son in law, and
goeth at thy bidding, and is honour-
able in thine house?
15 Did I then begin to enquire of
God for him? be it far from me: let not
the king impute *any* thing unto his
servant, *nor* to all the house of my
father: for thy servant knew nothing
of all this, less or more.
16 And the king said, Thou shalt
surely die, A-him'-e-lech, thou, and all
thy father's house.
17 And the king said unto the foot-
men that stood about him, Turn, and
slay the priests of the LORD; because
their hand also *is* with David, and be-
cause they knew when he fled, and did
not shew it to me. But the servants of
the king would not put forth their
hand to fall upon the priests of the
LORD.
18 And the king said to Do'-eg,
Turn thou, and fall upon the priests.
And Do'-eg the Edomite turned, and
he fell upon the priests, and slew on
that day fourscore and five persons
that did wear a linen ephod.
19 And Nob, the city of the priests,
smote he with the edge of the sword,
both men and women, children and
sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and
sheep, with the edge of the sword.
20 And one of the sons of A-him'-e-
lech the son of A-hi'-tub, named A-bi'-a-
thar, escaped, and fled after David.
21 And A-bi'-a-thar shewed David
that Saul had slain the LORD's priests.
22 And David said unto A-bi'-a-
thar, I knew *it* that day, when Do'-eg
the Edomite *was* there, that he would
surely tell Saul: I have occasioned *the*

in the plain on the south of Jesh'-i-
mon.
25 Saul also and his men went to
seek *him*. And they told David: where-
fore he came down into a rock, and
abode in the wilderness of Ma'-on. And
when Saul heard *that*, he pursued after
David in the wilderness of Ma'-on.
26 And Saul went on this side of the
mountain, and David and his men on
that side of the mountain: and David
made haste to get away for fear of
Saul; for Saul and his men compassed
David and his men round about to
take them.
27 But there came a messenger unto
Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come; for
the Philistines have invaded the land.
28 Wherefore Saul returned from
pursuing after David, and went
against the Philistines: therefore they
called that place Se'-la-ham'-mah-le'-
koth.
29 And David went up from thence,
and dwelt in strong holds at En-ge'-di.

CHAPTER 24

AND it came to pass, when Saul
was returned from following the
Philistines, that it was told him, say-
ing, Behold, David *is* in the wilderness
of En-ge'-di.
2 Then Saul took three thousand
chosen men out of all Israel, and went
to seek David and his men upon the
rocks of the wild goats.
3 And he came to the sheepcotes by
the way, where *was* a cave; and Saul
went in to cover his feet: and David
and his men remained in the sides of
the cave.
4 And the men of David said unto
him, Behold the day of which the
LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will de-
liver thine enemy into thine hand, that
thou mayest do to him as it shall seem
good unto thee. Then David arose, and
cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily.
5 And it came to pass afterward,
that David's heart smote him, because
he had cut off Saul's skirt.
6 And he said unto his men, The
LORD forbid that I should do this
thing unto my master, the LORD's
anointed, to stretch forth mine hand
against him, seeing he *is* the anointed
of the LORD.
7 So David stayed his servants with
these words, and suffered them not to
rise against Saul. But Saul rose up out
of the cave, and went on *his* way.
8 David also arose afterward, and
went out of the cave, and cried after
Saul, saying, My lord the king. And
when Saul looked behind him, David
stooped with his face to the earth, and
bowed himself.
9 And David said to Saul, Where-
fore hearest thou men's words, saying,
Behold, David seeketh thy hurt?
10 Behold, this day thine eyes have
seen how that the LORD had delivered
thee to day into mine hand in the cave:
and *some* bade *me* kill thee: but *mine
eye* spared thee; and I said, I will not
put forth mine hand against my lord;
for he *is* the LORD's anointed.
11 Moreover, my father, see, yea,
see the skirt of thy robe in my hand:
for in that I cut off the skirt of thy
robe, and killed thee not, know thou
and see that *there is* neither evil nor
transgression in mine hand, and I have
not sinned against thee; yet thou hunt-
est my soul to take it.
12 The LORD judge between me and
thee, and the LORD avenge me of thee:
but mine hand shall not be upon thee.
13 As saith the proverb of the an-
cients, Wickedness proceedeth from
the wicked: but mine hand shall not be
upon thee.
14 After whom is the king of Israel
come out? after whom dost thou pur-
sue? after a dead dog, after a flea.
15 The LORD therefore be judge,
and judge between me and thee, and
see, and plead my cause, and deliver
me out of thine hand.
16 And it came to pass, when David
had made an end of speaking these
words unto Saul, that Saul said, *Is* this
thy voice, my son David? And Saul
lifted up his voice, and wept.
17 And he said to David, Thou *art*
more righteous than I: for thou hast
rewarded me good, whereas I have re-
warded thee evil.
18 And thou hast shewed this day
how that thou hast dealt well with me:
forasmuch as when the LORD had de-
livered me into thine hand, thou kill-
edst me not.
19 For if a man find his enemy, will
he let him go well away? wherefore the
LORD reward thee good for that thou
hast done unto me this day.
20 And now, behold, I know well
that *thou shalt* surely be king, and
that the kingdom of Israel shall be es-
tablished in thine hand.
21 Swear now therefore unto me by

the LORD, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father's house.

22 And David sware unto Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto the hold.

CHAPTER 25

AND Samuel died; and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ra'-mah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran.

2 And *there was* a man in Ma'-on, whose possessions *were* in Carmel; and the man *was* very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.

3 Now the name of the man *was* Na'-bal; and the name of his wife Ab'-i-gail: and *she was* a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man *was* churlish and evil in his doings; and he *was* of the house of Caleb.

4 And David heard in the wilderness that Na'-bal did shear his sheep.

5 And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Na'-bal, and greet him in my name:

6 And thus shall ye say to him that liveth *in prosperity*, Peace *be* both to thee, and peace *be* to thine house, and peace *be* unto all that thou hast.

7 And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there ought missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel.

8 Ask thy young men, and they will shew thee. Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David.

9 And when David's young men came, they spake to Na'-bal according to all those words in the name of David, and ceased.

10 And Na'-bal answered David's servants, and said, Who *is* David? and who *is* the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master.

11 Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give *it* unto men, whom I know not whence they *be?*

12 So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings.

13 And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff.

14 But one of the young men told Ab'-i-gail, Na'-bal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he railed on them.

15 But the men *were* very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields:

16 They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep.

17 Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he *is such* a son of Be'-li-al, that *a man* cannot speak to him.

18 Then Ab'-i-gail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched *corn*, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid *them* on asses.

19 And she said unto her servants, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Na'-bal.

20 And it was *so, as* she rode on the ass, that she came down by the covert of the hill, and, behold, David and his men came down against her; and she met them.

21 Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this *fellow* hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that *pertained* unto him: and he hath requited me evil for good.

22 So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that *pertain* to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.

23 And when Ab'-i-gail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off th

fell before David on her face, and
bowed herself to the ground,
24 And fell at his feet, and said,
Upon me, my lord, *upon* me *let this*
iniquity *be*: and let thine handmaid, I
pray thee, speak in thine audience, and
hear the words of thine handmaid.
25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, re-
gard this man of Be'-li-al, *even* Na'-bal:
for as his name *is*, so *is* he; Na'-bal *is*
his name, and folly *is* with him: but I
thine handmaid saw not the young
men of my lord, whom thou didst send.
26 Now therefore, my lord, *as* the
LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth,
seeing the LORD hath withholden thee
from coming to *shed* blood, and from
avenging thyself with thine own hand,
now let thine enemies, and they that
seek evil to my lord, be as Na'-bal.
27 And now this blessing which
thine handmaid hath brought unto my
lord, let it even be given unto the
young men that follow my lord.
28 I pray thee, forgive the trespass
of thine handmaid: for the LORD will
certainly make my lord a sure house;
because my lord fighteth the battles
of the LORD, and evil hath not been
found in thee *all* thy days.
29 Yet a man is risen to pursue thee,
and to seek thy soul: but the soul of
my lord shall be bound *in the bundle*
of life with the LORD thy God; and the
souls of thine enemies, them shall he
sling out, *as out* of the middle of a
sling.
30 And it shall come to pass, when
the LORD shall have done to my lord
according to all the good that he hath
spoken concerning thee, and shall have
appointed thee ruler over Israel;
31 That this shall be no *grief* unto
thee, nor offence of heart unto my
lord, either that thou hast shed blood
causeless, or that my lord hath aveng-
ed himself: but when the LORD shall
have dealt well with my lord, then re-
member thine handmaid.
32 And David said to Ab'-i-gail,
Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel,
which sent thee this day to meet me:
33 And blessed *be* thy advice, and
blessed *be* thou, which hast kept me
this day from coming *to shed* blood,
and from avenging myself with mine
own hand.
34 For in very deed, *as* the LORD
God of Israel liveth, which hath kept
me back from hurting thee, except
thou hadst hasted and come to meet
me, surely there had not been left unto
Na'-bal by the morning light any that
pisseth against the wall.
35 So David received of her hand
that which she had brought him, and
said unto her, Go up in peace to thine
house; see, I have hearkened to thy
voice, and have accepted thy person.
36 And Ab'-i-gail came to Na'-bal;
and, behold, he held a feast in his
house, like the feast of a king; and Na'-
bal's heart *was* merry within him, for
he *was* very drunken: wherefore she
told him nothing, less or more, until
the morning light.
37 But it came to pass in the morn-
ing, when the wine was gone out of
Na'-bal, and his wife had told him
these things, that his heart died within
him, and he became *as* a stone.
38 And it came to pass about ten
days *after*, that the LORD smote Na'-
bal, that he died.
39 And when David heard that Na'-
bal was dead, he said, Blessed *be* the
LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of
my reproach from the hand of Na'-bal,
and hath kept his servant from evil:
for the LORD hath returned the wick-
edness of Na'-bal upon his own head.
And David sent and communed with
Ab'-i-gail, to take her to him to wife.
40 And when the servants of David
were come to Ab'-i-gail to Carmel, they
spake unto her, saying, David sent us
unto thee, to take thee to him to wife.
41 And she arose, and bowed her-
self on *her* face to the earth, and said,
Behold, *let* thine handmaid *be* a ser-
vant to wash the feet of the servants
of my lord.
42 And Ab'-i-gail hasted, and arose,
and rode upon an ass, with five dam-
sels of hers that went after her; and
she went after the messengers of Da-
vid, and became his wife.
43 David also took A-hin'-o-am of
Jez'-re-el; and they were also both of
them his wives.
44 But Saul had given Mi'-chal his
daughter, David's wife, to Phal'-ti the
son of La'-ish, which *was* of Gal'-lim.

CHAPTER 26

AND the Ziphites came unto Saul to
Gib'-e-ah, saying, Doth not David
hide himself in the hill of Hach-i'-lah,
which is before Jesh'-i-mon?
2 Then Saul arose, and went down
to the wilderness of Ziph, having three
thousand chosen men of Israel with

him, to seek David in the wilderness of
Ziph.
3 And Saul pitched in the hill of
Hach-i'-lah, which *is* before Jesh'-i-
mon, by the way. But David abode in
the wilderness, and he saw that Saul
came after him into the wilderness.
4 David therefore sent out spies,
and understood that Saul was come in
very deed.
5 And David arose, and came to the
place where Saul had pitched: and Da-
vid beheld the place where Saul lay,
and Abner the son of Ner, the captain
of his host: and Saul lay in the trench,
and the people pitched round about
him.
6 Then answered David and said to
A-him'-e-lech the Hittite, and to A-
bish'-a-i the son of Zer-u-i'-ah, brother
to Jo'-ab, saying, Who will go down
with me to Saul to the camp? And A-
bish'-a-i said, I will go down with thee.
7 So David and A-bish'-a-i came to
the people by night: and, behold, Saul
lay sleeping within the trench, and his
spear stuck in the ground at his bol-
ster: but Abner and the people lay
round about him.
8 Then said A-bish'-a-i to David,
God hath delivered thine enemy into
thine hand this day: now therefore let
me smite him, I pray thee, with the
spear even to the earth at once, and I
will not *smite* him the second time.
9 And David said to A-bish'-a-i, De-
stroy him not: for who can stretch
forth his hand against the LORD's
anointed, and be guiltless?
10 David said furthermore, As the
LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him;
or his day shall come to die; or he shall
descend into battle, and perish.
11 The LORD forbid that I should
stretch forth mine hand against the
LORD's anointed: but, I pray thee,
take thou now the spear that *is* at his
bolster, and the cruse of water, and let
us go.
12 So David took the spear and the
cruse of water from Saul's bolster; and
they gat them away, and no man saw
it, nor knew *it*, neither awaked: for
they *were* all asleep; because a deep
sleep from the LORD was fallen upon
them.
13 Then David went over to the
other side, and stood on the top of an
hill afar off; a great space *being* be-
tween them:
14 And David cried to the people,
and to Abner the son of Ner, saying,
Answerest thou not, Abner? Then Ab-
ner answered and said, Who *art* thou
that criest to the king?
15 And David said to Abner, *Art*
not thou a *valiant* man? and who *is* like
to thee in Israel? wherefore then hast
thou not kept thy lord the king? for
there came one of the people in to de-
stroy the king thy lord.
16 This thing *is* not good that thou
hast done. As the LORD liveth, ye *are*
worthy to die, because ye have not
kept your master, the LORD's anointed.
And now see where the king's spear *is*,
and the cruse of water that *was* at his
bolster.
17 And Saul knew David's voice,
and said, *Is* this thy voice, my son Da-
vid? And David said, *It is* my voice,
my lord, O king.
18 And he said, Wherefore doth my
lord thus pursue after his servant? for
what have I done? or what evil *is* in
mine hand?
19 Now therefore, I pray thee, let
my lord the king hear the words of his
servant. If the LORD have stirred thee
up against me, let him accept an offer-
ing: but if *they be* the children of men,
cursed *be* they before the LORD; for
they have driven me out this day from
abiding in the inheritance of the LORD,
saying, Go, serve other gods.
20 Now therefore, let not my blood
fall to the earth before the face of the
LORD: for the king of Israel is come out
to seek a flea, as when one doth hunt
a partridge in the mountains.
21 Then said Saul, I have sinned:
return, my son David: for I will no
more do thee harm, because my soul
was precious in thine eyes this day: be-
hold, I have played the fool, and have
erred exceedingly.
22 And David answered and said,
Behold the king's spear! and let one of
the young men come over and fetch it.
23 The LORD render to every man
his righteousness and his faithfulness:
for the LORD delivered thee into *my*
hand to day, but I would not stretch
forth mine hand against the LORD's
anointed.
24 And, behold, as thy life was
much set by this day in mine eyes, so
let my life be much set by in the eyes
of the LORD, and let him deliver me
out of all tribulation.
25 Then Saul said to David, Blessed
be thou, my son David: th

do great *things*, and also shalt still prevail. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

CHAPTER 27

AND David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: *there is* nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand.

2 And David arose, and he passed over with the six hundred men that *were* with him unto A´-chish, the son of Ma´-och, king of Gath.

3 And David dwelt with A´-chish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, *even* David with his two wives, A-hin´-o-am the Jez´-re-el-i-tess, and Ab´-i-gail the Carmelitess, Na´-bal's wife.

4 And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath: and he sought no more again for him.

5 And David said unto A´-chish, If I have now found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee?

6 Then A´-chish gave him Ziklag that day: wherefore Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day.

7 And the time that David dwelt in the country of the Philistines was a full year and four months.

8 And David and his men went up, and invaded the Gesh´-u-rites, and the Gez´-rites, and the Am´-a-lek-ites: for those *nations were* of old the inhabitants of the land, as thou goest to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt.

9 And David smote the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel, and returned, and came to A´-chish.

10 And A´-chish said, Whither have ye made a road to day? And David said, Against the south of Judah, and against the south of the Je-rah´-me-el-ites, and against the south of the Ke´-nites.

11 And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring *tidings* to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, So did David, and so *will be* his manner all the while he dwelleth in the country of the Philistines.

12 And A´-chish believed David, saying, He hath made his people Israel utterly to abhor him; therefore he shall be my servant for ever.

CHAPTER 28

AND it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And A´-chish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men.

2 And David said to A´-chish, Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do. And A´-chish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever.

3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ra´-mah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.

4 And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shu´-nem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gil-bo´-a.

5 And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.

6 And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by U´-rim, nor by prophets.

7 Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, *there is* a woman that hath a familiar spirit at En–dor.

8 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me *him* up, whom I shall name unto thee.

9 And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?

10 And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, *As* the LORD liveth, *there* shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing.

11 Then said the woman, Whom
shall I bring up unto thee? And he
said, Bring me up Samuel.
12 And when the woman saw Samu-
el, she cried with a loud voice: and the
woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast
thou deceived me? for thou *art* Saul.
13 And the king said unto her, Be
not afraid: for what sawest thou? And
the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods
ascending out of the earth.
14 And he said unto her, What
form *is* he of? And she said, An old
man cometh up; and he *is* covered
with a mantle. And Saul perceived
that it *was* Samuel, and he stooped
with *his* face to the ground, and bowed
himself.
15 And Samuel said to Saul, Why
hast thou disquieted me, to bring me
up? And Saul answered, I am sore dis-
tressed; for the Philistines make war
against me, and God is departed from
me, and answereth me no more, nei-
ther by prophets, nor by dreams:
therefore I have called thee, that thou
mayest make known unto me what I
shall do.
16 Then said Samuel, Wherefore
then dost thou ask of me, seeing the
LORD is departed from thee, and is be-
come thine enemy?
17 And the LORD hath done to him,
as he spake by me: for the LORD hath
rent the kingdom out of thine hand,
and given it to thy neighbour, *even* to
David:
18 Because thou obeyedst not the
voice of the LORD, nor executedst his
fierce wrath upon Am'-a-lek, therefore
hath the LORD done this thing unto
thee this day.
19 Moreover the LORD will also de-
liver Israel with thee into the hand of
the Philistines: and tomorrow *shalt*
thou and thy sons *be* with me: the
LORD also shall deliver the host of Is-
rael into the hand of the Philistines.
20 Then Saul fell straightway all
along on the earth, and was sore afraid,
because of the words of Samuel: and
there was no strength in him; for he
had eaten no bread all the day, nor
all the night.
21 And the woman came unto Saul,
and saw that he was sore troubled, and
said unto him, Behold, thine hand-
maid hath obeyed thy voice, and I
have put my life in my hand, and have
hearkened unto thy words which thou
spakest unto me.
22 Now therefore, I pray thee,
hearken thou also unto the voice of
thine handmaid, and let me set a mor-
sel of bread before thee; and eat, that
thou mayest have strength, when thou
goest on thy way.
23 But he refused, and said, I will
not eat. But his servants, together
with the woman, compelled him; and
he hearkened unto their voice. So he
arose from the earth, and sat upon the
bed.
24 And the woman had a fat calf in
the house; and she hasted, and killed
it, and took flour, and kneaded *it*, and
did bake unleavened bread thereof:
25 And she brought *it* before Saul,
and before his servants; and they did
eat. Then they rose up, and went away
that night.

CHAPTER 29

NOW the Philistines gathered to-
gether all their armies to A'-phek:
and the Israelites pitched by a foun-
tain which *is* in Jez'-re-el.
2 And the lords of the Philistines
passed on by hundreds, and by thou-
sands: but David and his men passed
on in the rereward with A'-chish.
3 Then said the princes of the Phil-
istines, What *do* these Hebrews *here?*
And A'-chish said unto the princes of
the Philistines, *Is* not this David, the
servant of Saul the king of Israel,
which hath been with me these days,
or these years, and I have found no
fault in him since he fell *unto me* unto
this day?
4 And the princes of the Philistines
were wroth with him; and the princes
of the Philistines said unto him, Make
this fellow return, that he may go
again to his place which thou hast ap-
pointed him, and let him not go down
with us to battle, lest in the battle he
be an adversary to us: for wherewith
should he reconcile himself unto his
master? *should it* not *be* with the heads
of these men?
5 *Is* not this David, of whom they
sang one to another in dances, saying,
Saul slew his thousands, and David his
ten thousands?
6 Then A'-chish called David, and
said unto him, Surely, *as* the LORD
liveth, thou hast been upright, and thy
going out and thy coming in with me
in the host *is* good in my sight: for I
have not found evil in thee since the
day of thy coming unto

day: nevertheless the lords favour thee not.
7 Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou displease not the lords of the Philistines.
8 And David said unto A'-chish, But what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy servant so long as I have been with thee unto this day, that I may not go fight against the enemies of my lord the king?
9 And A'-chish answered and said to David, I know that thou *art* good in my sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle.
10 Wherefore now rise up early in the morning with thy master's servants that are come with thee: and as soon as ye be up early in the morning, and have light, depart.
11 So David and his men rose up early to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jez'-re-el.

CHAPTER 30

AND it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Am'-a-lek-ites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire;
2 And had taken the women captives, that *were* therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried *them* away, and went on their way.
3 So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, *it was* burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives.
4 Then David and the people that *were* with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.
5 And David's two wives were taken captives, A-hin'-o-am the Jez'-re-el-i-tess, and Ab'-i-gail the wife of Na'-bal the Carmelite.
6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.
7 And David said to A-bi'-a-thar the priest, A-him'-e-lech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And A-bi'-a-thar brought thither the ephod to David.
8 And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake *them*, and without fail recover *all*.
9 So David went, he and the six hundred men that *were* with him, and came to the brook Be'-sor, where those that were left behind stayed.
10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Be'-sor.
11 And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water;
12 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk *any* water, three days and three nights.
13 And David said unto him, To whom *belongest* thou? and whence *art* thou? And he said, I *am* a young man of Egypt, servant to an Am'-a-lek-ite; and my master left me, because three days agone I fell sick.
14 We made an invasion *upon* the south of the Cher'-e-thites, and upon *the coast* which *belongeth* to Judah, and upon the south of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire.
15 And David said to him, Canst thou bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company.
16 And when he had brought him down, behold, *they were* spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah.
17 And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled.
18 And David recovered all that the Am'-a-lek-ites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives.
19 And there was nothing lacking

to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any *thing* that they had taken to them: David recovered all.
20 And David took all the flocks and the herds, *which* they drave before those *other* cattle, and said, This *is* David's spoil.
21 And David came to the two hundred men, which were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Be'-sor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that *were* with him: and when David came near to the people, he saluted them.
22 Then answered all the wicked men and *men* of Be'-li-al, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them *ought* of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead *them* away, and depart.
23 Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the LORD hath given us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand.
24 For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part *is* that goeth down to the battle, so *shall* his part *be* that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike.
25 And it was *so* from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day.
26 And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, *even* to his friends, saying, Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD;
27 To *them* which *were* in Beth–el, and to *them* which *were* in south Ra'-moth, and to *them* which *were* in Jat'-tir,
28 And to *them* which *were* in Ar-o'-er, and to *them* which *were* in Siph'-moth, and to *them* which *were* in Esh-te-mo'-a,
29 And to *them* which *were* in Ra'-chal, and to *them* which *were* in the cities of the Je-rah'-me-el-ites, and to *them* which *were* in the cities of the Ken'-ites,
30 And to *them* which *were* in Hor'-mah, and to *them* which *were* in Chor–a'-shan, and to *them* which *were* in A'-thach,
31 And to *them* which *were* in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were wont to haunt.

CHAPTER 31

NOW the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gil-bo'-a.
2 And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and A-bin'-a-dab, and Mel'-chi–shu'-a, Saul's sons.
3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers.
4 Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.
5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him.
6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together.
7 And when the men of Israel that *were* on the other side of the valley, and *they* that *were* on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.
8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gil-bo'-a.
9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish *it in* the house of their idols, and among the people.
10 And they put his armour in the house of Ash'-ta-roth: and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth'–shan.
11 And when the inhabitants of Ja'-besh–gil'-e-ad heard of that which the Philistines had done to Saul;
12 All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth'–shan, and came to Ja'-besh, and burnt them there.
13 And they took their bones, and buried *them* under a tree at Ja'-besh, and fasted s

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CHAPTER 1

NOW it came to pass after the
death of Saul, when David
was returned from the slaugh-
ter of the Am'-a-lek-ites, and David
had abode two days in Ziklag;
2 It came even to pass on the third
day, that, behold, a man came out of
the camp from Saul with his clothes
rent, and earth upon his head: and so
it was, when he came to David, that
he fell to the earth, and did obeisance.
3 And David said unto him, From
whence comest thou? And he said unto
him, Out of the camp of Israel am I
escaped.
4 And David said unto him, How
went the matter? I pray thee, tell me.
And he answered, That the people are
fled from the battle, and many of the
people also are fallen and dead; and
Saul and Jonathan his son are dead
also.
5 And David said unto the young
man that told him, How knowest thou
that Saul and Jonathan his son be
dead?
6 And the young man that told him
said, As I happened by chance upon
mount Gil-bo'-a, behold, Saul leaned
upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots
and horsemen followed hard after him.
7 And when he looked behind him,
he saw me, and called unto me. And I
answered, Here *am* I.
8 And he said unto me, Who *art*
thou? And I answered him, I *am* an
Am'-a-lek-ite.
9 He said unto me again, Stand, I
pray thee, upon me, and slay me: for
anguish is come upon me, because my
life *is* yet whole in me.
10 So I stood upon him, and slew
him, because I was sure that he could
not live after that he was fallen: and I
took the crown that *was* upon his head,
and the bracelet that *was* on his arm,
and have brought them hither unto
my lord.
11 Then David took hold on his
clothes, and rent them; and likewise
all the men that *were* with him:
12 And they mourned, and wept,
and fasted until even, for Saul, and for
Jonathan his son, and for the people
of the LORD, and for the house of Is-
rael; because they were fallen by the
sword.
13 And David said unto the young
man that told him, Whence *art* thou?
And he answered, I *am* the son of a
stranger, an Am'-a-lek-ite.
14 And David said unto him, How
wast thou not afraid to stretch forth
thine hand to destroy the LORD'S
anointed?
15 And David called one of the
young men, and said, Go near, *and* fall
upon him. And he smote him that he
died.
16 And David said unto him, Thy
blood *be* upon thy head; for thy mouth
hath testified against thee, saying, I
have slain the LORD'S anointed.
17 And David lamented with this
lamentation over Saul and over Jona-
than his son:
18 (Also he bade them teach the
children of Judah *the use of* the bow:
behold, *it is* written in the book of
Ja'-sher.)
19 The beauty of Israel is slain upon
thy high places: how are the mighty
fallen!
20 Tell *it* not in Gath, publish *it* not
in the streets of As'-ke-lon; lest the
daughters of the Philistines rejoice,
lest the daughters of the uncircumcised
triumph.
21 Ye mountains of Gil-bo'-a, *let*
there be no dew, neither *let there be* rain,
upon you, nor fields of offerings: for
there the shield of the mighty is vilely
cast away, the shield of Saul, *as though*
he had not *been* anointed with oil.
22 From the blood of the slain, from
the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jona-
than turned not back, and the sword
of Saul returned not empty.

23 Saul and Jonathan *were* lovely
and pleasant in their lives, and in their
death they were not divided: they were
swifter than eagles, they were stronger
than lions.
24 Ye daughters of Israel, weep
over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet,
with *other* delights, who put on orna-
ments of gold upon your apparel.
25 How are the mighty fallen in the
midst of the battle! O Jonathan, *thou
wast* slain in thine high places.
26 I am distressed for thee, my
brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast
thou been unto me: thy love to me was
wonderful, passing the love of women.
27 How are the mighty fallen, and
the weapons of war perished!

CHAPTER 2

AND it came to pass after this, that
David enquired of the LORD, say-
ing, Shall I go up into any of the cities
of Judah? And the LORD said unto
him, Go up. And David said, Whither
shall I go up? And he said, Unto He-
bron.
2 So David went up thither, and his
two wives also, A-hin'-o-am the Jez'-re-
el-i-tess, and Ab'-i-gail Na'-bal's wife
the Carmelite.
3 *And his men that were with him*
did David bring up, every man with
his household: and they dwelt in the
cities of Hebron.
4 And the men of Judah came, and
there they anointed David king over
the house of Judah. And they told
David, saying, *That* the men of Ja'-
besh–gil'-e-ad *were they* that buried
Saul.
5 And David sent messengers unto
the men of Ja'-besh–gil'-e-ad, and said
unto them, Blessed *be* ye of the LORD,
that ye have shewed this kindness unto
your lord, *even* unto Saul, and have
buried him.
6 And now the LORD shew kindness
and truth unto you: and I also will
requite you this kindness, because ye
have done this thing.
7 Therefore now let your hands be
strengthened, and be ye valiant: for
your master Saul is dead, and also the
house of Judah have anointed me king
over them.
8 But Abner the son of Ner, captain
of Saul's host, took Ish–bo'-sheth the
son of Saul, and brought him over to
Ma-ha-na'-im;
9 And made him king over Gilead,
and over the Ash'-ur-ites, and over
Jez'-re-el, and over E'-phra-im, and
over Benjamin, and over all Israel.
10 Ish–bo'-sheth Saul's son *was*
forty years old when he began to reign
over Israel, and reigned two years. But
the house of Judah followed David.
11 And the time that David was
king in Hebron over the house of Ju-
dah was seven years and six months.
12 And Abner the son of Ner, and
the servants of Ish–bo'-sheth the son
of Saul, went out from Ma-ha-na'-im to
Gibeon.
13 And Jo'-ab the son of Zer-u-i'-ah,
and the servants of David, went out,
and met together by the pool of Gib-
eon: and they sat down, the one on the
one side of the pool, and the other on
the other side of the pool.
14 And Abner said to Jo'-ab, Let the
young men now arise, and play before
us. And Jo'-ab said, Let them arise.
15 Then there arose and went over
by number twelve of Benjamin, which
pertained to Ish–bo'-sheth the son of
Saul, and twelve of the servants of
David.
16 And they caught every one his
fellow by the head, and *thrust* his
sword in his fellow's side; so they fell
down together: wherefore that place
was called Hel'-kath–haz'-zu-rim,
which *is* in Gib'-e-on.
17 And there was a very sore battle
that day; and Abner was beaten, and
the men of Israel, before the servants
of David.
18 And there were three sons of
Zer-u-i'-ah there, Jo'-ab, and A-bish'-a-i,
and A'-sa-hel: and A'-sa-hel *was as*
light of foot as a wild roe.
19 And A'-sa-hel pursued after Ab-
ner; and in going he turned not to the
right hand nor to the left from follow-
ing Abner.
20 Then Abner looked behind him,
and said, *Art* thou A'-sa-hel? And he
answered, I *am*.
21 And Abner said to him, Turn
thee aside to thy right hand or to thy
left, and lay thee hold on one of the
young men, and take thee his armour.
But A'-sa-hel would not turn aside
from following of him.
22 And Abner said again to A'-sa-
hel, Turn thee aside from following me:
wherefore should I smite thee to the
ground? how then should I hold up my
face to Jo'-ab thy brother?
23 Howbeit he refused to turn aside:

wherefore Abner with the hinder end
of the spear smote him under the fifth
rib, that the spear came out behind
him; and he fell down there, and died
in the same place: and it came to pass,
that as many as came to the place
where A′-sa-hel fell down and died
stood still.
24 Jo′-ab also and A-bish′-a-i pur-
sued after Abner: and the sun went
down when they were come to the hill
of Am′-mah, that *lieth* before Gi′-ah by
the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.
25 And the children of Benjamin
gathered themselves together after
Abner, and became one troop, and
stood on the top of an hill.
26 Then Abner called to Jo′-ab, and
said, Shall the sword devour for ever?
knowest thou not that it will be bitter-
ness in the latter end? how long shall
it be then, ere thou bid the people re-
turn from following their brethren?
27 And Jo′-ab said, As God liveth,
unless thou hadst spoken, surely then
in the morning the people had gone up
every one from following his brother.
28 So Jo′-ab blew a trumpet, and all
the people stood still, and pursued
after Israel no more, neither fought
they any more.
29 And Abner and his men walked
all that night through the plain, and
passed over Jordan, and went through
all Bith′-ron, and they came to Ma-ha-
na′-im.
30 And Jo′-ab returned from follow-
ing Abner: and when he had gathered
all the people together, there lacked of
David's servants nineteen men and
A′-sa-hel.
31 But the servants of David had
smitten of Benjamin, and of Abner's
men, so *that* three hundred and three-
score men died.
32 And they took up A′-sa-hel, and
buried him in the sepulchre of his fa-
ther, which *was in* Beth-lehem. And
Jo′-ab and his men went all night, and
they came to Hebron at break of day.

CHAPTER 3

NOW there was long war between
the house of Saul and the house
of David: but David waxed stronger
and stronger, and the house of Saul
waxed weaker and weaker.
2 And unto David were sons born
in Hebron: and his firstborn was Am′-
non, of A-hin′-o-am the Jez′-re-el-i-tess;
3 And his second, Chil′-e-ab, of Ab′-i-
gail the wife of Na′-bal the Carmelite;
and the third, Ab′-sa-lom the son of
Ma′-a-cah the daughter of Tal′-mai king
of Ge′-shur;
4 And the fourth, Ad-o-ni′-jah the
son of Hag′-gith; and the fifth, Sheph-a-
ti′-ah the son of Ab′-i-tal;
5 And the sixth, Ith′-re-am, by Eg′-
lah David's wife. These were born to
David in Hebron.
6 And it came to pass, while there
was war between the house of Saul and
the house of David, that Abner made
himself strong for the house of Saul.
7 And Saul had a concubine, whose
name *was* Riz′-pah, the daughter of
A-i′-ah: and *Ish-bo′-sheth* said to Abner,
Wherefore hast thou gone in unto my
father's concubine?
8 Then was Abner very wroth for
the words of Ish-bo′-sheth, and said,
Am I a dog's head, which against Ju-
dah do shew kindness this day unto
the house of Saul thy father, to his
brethren, and to his friends, and have
not delivered thee into the hand of Da-
vid, that thou chargest me to day with
a fault concerning this woman?
9 So do God to Abner, and more
also, except, as the LORD *hath sworn*
to David, even so I do to him;
10 To translate the kingdom from
the house of Saul, and to set up the
throne of David over Israel and over
Judah, from Dan even to Be′-er-she′-
ba.
11 And he could not answer Abner
a word again, because he feared him.
12 And Abner sent messengers to
David on his behalf, saying, Whose *is*
the land? saying *also*, Make thy league
with me, and, behold, my hand *shall be*
with thee, to bring about all Israel un-
to thee.
13 And he said, Well; I will make a
league with thee: but one thing I re-
quire of thee, that is, Thou shalt not
see my face, except thou first bring
Mi′-chal Saul's daughter, when thou
comest to see my face.
14 And David sent messengers to
Ish-bo′-sheth Saul's son, saying, De-
liver *me* my wife Mi′-chal, which I es-
poused to me for an hundred foreskins
of the Philistines.
15 And Ish-bo′-sheth sent, and took
her from *her* husband, *even* from Phal′-
ti-el the son of La′-ish.
16 And her husband went with her
along weeping behind her to Ba-hu′-

rim. Then said Abner unto him, Go, return. And he returned.

17 And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, Ye sought for David in times past *to be* king over you:

18 Now then do *it*: for the LORD hath spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.

19 And Abner also spake in the ears of Benjamin: and Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel, and that seemed good to the whole house of Benjamin.

20 So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him. And David made Abner and the men that *were* with him a feast.

21 And Abner said unto David, I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel unto my lord the king, that they may make a league with thee, and that thou mayest reign over all that thine heart desireth. And David sent Abner away; and he went in peace.

22 And, behold, the servants of David and Jo'-ab came from *pursuing* a troop, and brought in a great spoil with them: but Abner *was* not with David in Hebron; for he had sent him away, and he was gone in peace.

23 When Jo'-ab and all the host that *was* with him were come, they told Jo'-ab, saying, Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he hath sent him away, and he is gone in peace.

24 Then Jo'-ab came to the king, and said, What hast thou done? behold, Abner came unto thee; why *is it that* thou hast sent him away, and he is quite gone?

25 Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out and thy coming in, and to know all that thou doest.

26 And when Jo'-ab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, which brought him again from the well of Si'-rah: but David knew *it* not.

27 And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Jo'-ab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there under the fifth *rib*, that he died, for the blood of A'-sa-hel his brother.

28 And afterward when David heard *it*, he said, I and my kingdom *are* guiltless before the LORD for ever from the blood of Abner the son of Ner:

29 Let it rest on the head of Jo'-ab, and on all his father's house; and let there not fail from the house of Jo'-ab one that hath an issue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a staff, or that falleth on the sword, or that lacketh bread.

30 So Jo'-ab and A-bish'-a-i his brother slew Abner, because he had slain their brother A'-sa-hel at Gibeon in the battle.

31 And David said to Jo'-ab, and to all the people that *were* with him, Rend your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David *himself* followed the bier.

32 And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept.

33 And the king lamented over Abner, and said, Died Abner as a fool dieth?

34 Thy hands *were* not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters: as a man falleth before wicked men, *so* fellest thou. And all the people wept again over him.

35 And when all the people came to cause David to eat meat while it was yet day, David sware, saying, So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or ought else, till the sun be down.

36 And all the people took notice *of it*, and it pleased them: as whatsoever the king did pleased all the people.

37 For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to slay Abner the son of Ner.

38 And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?

39 And I *am* this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zer-u-i'-ah *be* too hard for me: the LORD shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.

CHAPTER 4

AND when Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled.

2 And Saul's son had tw[illegible]en *that*

were captains of bands: the name of the
one *was* Ba'-a-nah, and the name of the
other Re'-chab, the sons of Rimmon a
Be-e'-ro-thite, of the children of Benjamin:
(for Be-e'-roth also was reckoned to Benjamin.
3 And the Be-e'-ro-thites fled to
Git'-ta-im, and were sojourners there
until this day.)
4 And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a
son *that was* lame of *his* feet. He was
five years old when the tidings came
of Saul and Jonathan out of Jez'-re-el,
and his nurse took him up, and fled:
and it came to pass, as she made haste
to flee, that he fell, and became lame.
And his name *was* Me-phib'-o-sheth.
5 And the sons of Rimmon the Be-
e'-ro-thite, Re'-chab and Ba'-a-nah,
went, and came about the heat of the
day to the house of Ish-bo'-sheth, who
lay on a bed at noon.
6 And they came thither into the
midst of the house, *as though* they
would have fetched wheat; and they
smote him under the fifth *rib:* and Re'-
chab and Ba'-a-nah his brother escaped.
7 For when they came into the
house, he lay on his bed in his bed-
chamber, and they smote him, and
slew him, and beheaded him, and took
his head, and gat them away through
the plain all night.
8 And they brought the head of
Ish-bo'-sheth unto David to Hebron,
and said to the king, Behold the head
of Ish-bo'-sheth the son of Saul thine
enemy, which sought thy life; and the
LORD hath avenged my lord the king
this day of Saul, and of his seed.
9 And David answered Re'-chab
and Ba'-a-nah his brother, the sons of
Rimmon the Be-e'-ro-thite, and said
unto them, *As* the LORD liveth, who
hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity,
10 When one told me, saying, Behold,
Saul is dead, thinking to have
brought good tidings, I took hold of
him, and slew him in Ziklag, who
thought that I would have given him a
reward for his tidings:
11 How much more, when wicked
men have slain a righteous person in
his own house upon his bed? shall I not
therefore now require his blood of your
hand, and take you away from the
earth?
12 And David commanded his
young men, and they slew them, and
cut off their hands and their feet, and
hanged *them* up over the pool in Hebron.
But they took the head of Ish-bo'-sheth,
and buried *it* in the sepulchre
of Abner in Hebron.

CHAPTER 5

THEN came all the tribes of Israel
to David unto Hebron, and spake,
saying, Behold, we *are* thy bone and
thy flesh.
2 Also in time past, when Saul was
king over us, thou wast he that leddest
out and broughtest in Israel: and the
LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed my
people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain
over Israel.
3 So all the elders of Israel came to
the king to Hebron; and king David
made a league with them in Hebron
before the LORD: and they anointed
David king over Israel.
4 David *was* thirty years old when
he began to reign, *and* he reigned forty
years.
5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah
seven years and six months: and in
Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three
years over all Israel and Judah.
6 And the king and his men went to
Jerusalem unto the Jeb'-u-sites, the inhabitants
of the land: which spake unto
David, saying, Except thou take
away the blind and the lame, thou
shalt not come in hither: thinking, David
cannot come in hither.
7 Nevertheless David took the
strong hold of Zion: the same *is* the
city of David.
8 And David said on that day,
Whosoever getteth up to the gutter,
and smiteth the Jeb'-u-sites, and the
lame and the blind, *that are* hated of
David's soul, *he shall be chief and captain.*
Wherefore they said, The blind
and the lame shall not come into the
house.
9 So David dwelt in the fort, and
called it the city of David. And David
built round about from Mil'-lo and inward.
10 And David went on, and grew
great, and the LORD God of hosts *was*
with him.
11 And Hiram king of Tyre sent
messengers to David, and cedar trees,
and carpenters, and masons: and they
built David an house.
12 And David perceived that the
LORD had established him king over
Israel, and that he had exalted his

kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

13 And David took *him* more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David.

14 And these be the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem; Sham-mu'ah, and Sho'-bab, and Na'than, and Solomon,

15 Ib'-har also and El-i'-shu-a, and Ne'-pheg, and Ja-phi'-a,

16 And E-lish'-a-ma, and E-li'-a-da, and E-liph'-a-let.

17 But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard *of it*, and went down to the hold.

18 The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Reph'-a-im.

19 And David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand.

20 And David came to Ba'-al-per'-a-zim, and David smote them there, and said, The LORD hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place Ba'-al-per'-a-zim.

21 And there they left their images, and David and his men burned them.

22 And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Reph'-a-im.

23 And when David enquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; *but* fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.

24 And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines.

25 And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Ge'-ba until thou come to Ga'-zer.

CHAPTER 6

AGAIN, David gathered together all *the* chosen *men* of Israel, thirty thousand.

2 And David arose, and went with all the people that *were* with him from Ba'-al-e of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, *whose name is* called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth *between* the cherubims.

3 And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of A-bin'-a-dab that *was* in Gib'-e-ah: and Uz'-zah and A-hi'-o, the sons of A-bin'-a-dab, drave the new cart.

4 And they brought it out of the house of A-bin'-a-dab which *was* at Gib'-e-ah, accompanying the ark of God: and A-hi'-o went before the ark.

5 And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of *instruments made of* fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

6 And when they came to Na'-chon's threshingfloor, Uz'-zah put forth *his hand* to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook *it*.

7 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uz'-zah; and God smote him there for *his* error; and there he died by the ark of God.

8 And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uz'-zah: and he called the name of the place Pe'-rez-uz'-zah to this day.

9 And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me?

10 So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David: but David carried it aside into the house of O'-bed-e'-dom the Git'-tite.

11 And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of O'-bed-e'-dom the Git'-tite three months: and the LORD blessed O'-bed-e'-dom, and all his household.

12 And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of O'-bed-e'-dom, and all that *pertaineth* unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of O'-bed-e'-dom into the city of David with gladness.

13 And it was *so*, that when they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.

14 And David danced before the LORD with all *his* might; and David *was* girded with a linen ephod.

15 So David an

rael brought up the ark of the LORD
with shouting, and with the sound of
the trumpet.
16 And as the ark of the LORD came
into the city of David, Mi'-chal Saul's
daughter looked through a window,
and saw king David leaping and danc-
ing before the LORD; and she despised
him in her heart.
17 And they brought in the ark of
the LORD, and set it in his place, in the
midst of the tabernacle that David
had pitched for it: and David offered
burnt offerings and peace offerings be-
fore the LORD.
18 And as soon as David had made
an end of offering burnt offerings and
peace offerings, he blessed the people
in the name of the LORD of hosts.
19 And he dealt among all the peo-
ple, *even* among the whole multitude
of Israel, as well to the women as men,
to every one a cake of bread, and a
good piece *of flesh*, and a flagon *of
wine*. So all the people departed every
one to his house.
20 Then David returned to bless his
household. And Mi'-chal the daughter
of Saul came out to meet David, and
said, How glorious was the king of Is-
rael to day, who uncovered himself to
day in the eyes of the handmaids of his
servants, as one of the vain fellows
shamelessly uncovereth himself!
21 And David said unto Mi'-chal, *It
was* before the LORD, which chose me
before thy father, and before all his
house, to appoint me ruler over the
people of the LORD, over Israel: there-
fore will I play before the LORD.
22 And I will yet be more vile than
thus, and will be base in mine own
sight: and of the maidservants which
thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be
had in honour.
23 Therefore Mi'-chal the daughter
of Saul had no child unto the day of
her death.

CHAPTER 7

AND it came to pass, when the king
sat in his house, and the LORD
had given him rest round about from
all his enemies;
2 That the king said unto Nathan
the prophet, See now, I dwell in an
house of cedar, but the ark of God
dwelleth within curtains.
3 And Nathan said to the king, Go,
do all that *is* in thine heart; for the
LORD *is* with thee.
4 And it came to pass that night,
that the word of the LORD came unto
Nathan, saying,
5 Go and tell my servant David,
Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build
me an house for me to dwell in?
6 Whereas I have not dwelt in *any*
house since the time that I brought up
the children of Israel out of Egypt,
even to this day, but have walked in a
tent and in a tabernacle.
7 In all *the places* wherein I have
walked with all the children of Israel
spake I a word with any of the tribes
of Israel, whom I commanded to feed
my people Israel, saying, Why build ye
not me an house of cedar?
8 Now therefore so shalt thou say
unto my servant David, Thus saith
the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the
sheepcote, from following the sheep, to
be ruler over my people, over Israel:
9 And I was with thee whitherso-
ever thou wentest, and have cut off all
thine enemies out of thy sight, and
have made thee a great name, like un-
to the name of the great *men* that *are*
in the earth.
10 Moreover I will appoint a place
for my people Israel, and will plant
them, that they may dwell in a place
of their own, and move no more; nei-
ther shall the children of wickedness
afflict them any more, as beforetime,
11 And as since the time that I
commanded judges *to be* over my peo-
ple Israel, and have caused thee to
rest from all thine enemies. Also the
LORD telleth thee that he will make
thee an house.
12 And when thy days be fulfilled,
and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers,
I will set up thy seed after thee, which
shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I
will establish his kingdom.
13 He shall build an house for my
name, and I will stablish the throne of
his kingdom for ever.
14 I will be his father, and he shall
be my son. If he commit iniquity, I
will chasten him with the rod of men,
and with the stripes of the children of
men:
15 But my mercy shall not depart
away from him, as I took *it* from Saul,
whom I put away before thee.
16 And thine house and thy king-
dom shall be established for ever be-
fore thee: thy throne shall be estab-
lished for ever.
17 According to all these words, and

according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

18 Then went king David in, and sat before the LORD, and he said, Who *am* I, O Lord GOD? and what *is* my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

19 And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord GOD; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And *is* this the manner of man, O Lord GOD?

20 And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, Lord GOD, knowest thy servant.

21 For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know *them*.

22 Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for *there is* none like thee, neither *is there any* God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

23 And what one nation in the earth *is* like thy people, *even* like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, *from* the nations and their gods?

24 For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel *to be* a people unto thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art become their God.

25 And now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish *it* for ever, and do as thou hast said.

26 And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts *is* the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee.

27 For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee.

28 And now, O Lord GOD, thou *art* that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant:

29 Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken *it*: and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

CHAPTER 8

AND after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them: and David took Me'theg-am'mah out of the hand of the Philistines.

2 And he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground; even with two lines measured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive. And *so* the Moabites became David's servants, *and* brought gifts.

3 David smote also Had-ad-e'zer, the son of Re'hob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his border at the river Eu-phra'tes.

4 And David took from him a thousand *chariots:* and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David houghed all the chariot *horses*, but reserved of them *for* an hundred chariots.

5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succour Had-ad-e'zer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men.

6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus: and the Syrians became servants to David, *and* brought gifts. And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Had-ad-e'zer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 And from Be'tah, and from Ber'o-thai, cities of Had-ad-e'zer, king David took exceeding much brass.

9 When To'i king of Ha'math heard that David had smitten all the host of Had-ad-e'zer,

10 Then To'i sent Joram his son unto king David, to salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Had-ad-e'zer, and smitten him: for Had-ad-e'zer had wars with To'i. And *Joram* brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass:

11 Which also king David did dedicate unto the LORD, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated of all nations which he subdued;

12 Of Syria, and of Moab, and of the children [illegible] tines, an[illegible]

spoil of Had-ad-e'zer, son of Re'hob,
king of Zobah.
13 And David gat *him* a name when
he returned from smiting of the Syri-
ans in the valley of salt, *being* eighteen
thousand *men*.
14 And he put garrisons in Edom;
throughout all Edom put he garrisons,
and all they of Edom became David's
servants. And the LORD preserved Da-
vid whithersoever he went.
15 And David reigned over all Is-
rael; and David executed judgment
and justice unto all his people.
16 And Jo'ab the son of Zer-u-i'ah
was over the host; and Je-hosh'a-phat
the son of A-hi'lud *was* recorder;
17 And Za'dok the son of A-hi'tub,
and A-him'e-lech the son of A-bi'a-
thar, *were* the priests; and Ser-ai'ah
was the scribe;
18 And Be-na'iah the son of Je-hoi'-
a-da *was over* both the Cher'e-thites
and the Pel'e-thites; and David's sons
were chief rulers.

CHAPTER 9

AND David said, Is there yet any
that is left of the house of Saul,
that I may shew him kindness for Jona-
than's sake?
2 And *there was* of the house of Saul
a servant whose name *was* Zi'ba. And
when they had called him unto David,
the king said unto him, *Art* thou Zi'ba?
And he said, Thy servant *is he*.
3 And the king said, *Is* there not yet
any of the house of Saul, that I may
shew the kindness of God unto him?
And Zi'ba said unto the king, Jona-
than hath yet a son, *which is* lame on
his feet.
4 And the king said unto him,
Where *is* he? And Zi'ba said unto the
king, Behold, he *is* in the house of Ma'-
chir, the son of Am'mi-el, in Lo-de'-
bar.
5 Then king David sent, and
etched him out of the house of Ma'-
hir, the son of Am'mi-el, from Lo-
e'bar.
6 Now when Me-phib'o-sheth, the
n of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was
ne unto David, he fell on his face,
l did reverence. And David said,
phib'o-sheth. And he answered,
old thy servant!
And David said unto him, Fear
for I will surely shew thee kind-
for Jonathan thy father's sake,

and will restore thee all the
Saul thy father; and thou sh
bread at my table continually.
8 And he bowed himself, an
What *is* thy servant, that thou sh
est look upon such a dead dog as
9 Then the king called to Z
Saul's servant, and said unto hi
have given unto thy master's so
that pertained to Saul and to al
house.
10 Thou therefore, and thy so
and thy servants, shall till the land
him, and thou shalt bring in *the fru*
that thy master's son may have fo
to eat: but Me-phib'o-sheth thy ma
ter's son shall eat bread alway at m
table. Now Zi'ba had fifteen sons an
twenty servants.
11 Then said Zi'ba unto the king,
According to all that my lord the king
hath commanded his servant, so shall
thy servant do. As for Me-phib'o-
sheth, *said the king*, he shall eat at my
table, as one of the king's sons.
12 And Me-phib'o-sheth had a
young son, whose name *was* Mi'cha.
And all that dwelt in the house of Zi'-
ba *were* servants unto Me-phib'o-
sheth.
13 So Me-phib'o-sheth dwelt in
Jerusalem: for he did eat continually
at the king's table; and was lame on
both his feet.

CHAPTER 10

AND it came to pass after this, that
the king of the children of Am-
mon died, and Ha'nun his son reigned
in his stead.
2 Then said David, I will shew
kindness unto Ha'nun the son of Na'-
hash, as his father shewed kindness un-
to me. And David sent to comfort him
by the hand of his servants for his fa-
ther. And David's servants came into
the land of the children of Ammon.
3 And the princes of the children of
Ammon said unto Ha'nun their lord,
Thinkest thou that David doth honour
thy father, that he hath sent comfort-
ers unto thee? hath not David *rather*
sent his servants unto thee to search
the city, and to spy it out, and to over-
throw it?
4 Wherefore Ha'nun took David's
servants, and shaved off the one half
of their beards, and cut off their gar-
ments in the middle, *even* to their but-
tocks, and sent them away
5 When they

sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed: and the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and *then* return.

6 And when the children of Ammon saw that they stank before David, the children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Beth–re'-hob, and the Syrians of Zo'-ba, twenty thousand footmen, and of king Ma'-a-cah a thousand men, and of Ish'–tob twelve thousand men.

7 And when David heard of *it*, he sent Jo'-ab, and all the host of the mighty men.

8 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the entering in of the gate: and the Syrians of Zo'-ba, and of Re'-hob, and Ish'–tob, and Ma'-a-cah, *were* by themselves in the field.

9 When Jo'-ab saw that the front of the battle was against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice *men* of Israel, and put *them* in array against the Syrians:

10 And the rest of the people he delivered into the hand of A-bish'-a-i his brother, that he might put *them* in array against the children of Ammon.

11 And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee.

12 Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the LORD do that which seemeth him good.

13 And Jo'-ab drew nigh, and the people that *were* with him, unto the battle against the Syrians: and they fled before him.

14 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, then fled they also before A-bish'-a-i, and entered into the city. So Jo'-ab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem.

15 And when the Syrians saw that they were smitten before Israel, they gathered themselves together.

16 And Had-ar-e'-zer sent, and brought out the Syrians that *were* beyond the river: and they *came to* He'-lam; and Sho'-bach the captain of the host of Had-ar-e'-zer *went* before *them*.

17 And when it was told David, he gathered all Israel together, and passed over Jordan, and came to He'-lam. And the Syrians set themselves in array against David, and fought with him.

18 And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew *the men of* seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand horsemen, and smote Sho'-bach the captain of their host, who died there.

19 And when all the kings *that were* servants to Had-ar-e'-zer saw that they were smitten before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and served them. So the Syrians feared to help the children of Ammon any more.

CHAPTER 11

AND it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth *to battle*, that David sent Jo'-ab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rab'-bah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

2 And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman *was* very beautiful to look upon.

3 And David sent and enquired after the woman. And *one* said, *Is* not this Bath'–she-ba, the daughter of E-li'-am, the wife of U-ri'-ah the Hittite?

4 And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house.

5 And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I *am* with child.

6 And David sent to Jo'-ab, *saying*, Send me U-ri'-ah the Hittite. And Jo'-ab sent U-ri'-ah to David.

7 And when U-ri'-ah was come unto him, David demanded *of him* how Jo'-ab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered.

8 And David said to U-ri'-ah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And U-ri'-ah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess *of meat* from the king.

9 But U-ri'-ah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house.

10 And when they had told David,

saying, U-ri'-ah went not down unto his house, David said unto U-ri'-ah, Camest thou not from *thy* journey? why *then* didst thou not go down unto thine house?

11 And U-ri'-ah said unto David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Jo'-ab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? *as* thou livest, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing.

12 And David said to U-ri'-ah, Tarry here to day also, and tomorrow I will let thee depart. So U-ri'-ah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow.

13 And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

14 And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Jo'-ab, and sent *it* by the hand of U-ri'-ah.

15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye U-ri'-ah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die.

16 And it came to pass, when Jo'-ab observed the city, that he assigned U-ri'-ah unto a place where he knew that valiant men *were*.

17 And the men of the city went out, and fought with Jo'-ab: and there fell *some* of the people of the servants of David; and U-ri'-ah the Hittite died also.

18 Then Jo'-ab sent and told David all the things concerning the war;

19 And charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king,

20 And if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall?

21 Who smote A-bim'-e-lech the son of Je-rub'-be-sheth? did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall, that he died in The'-bez? why went ye nigh the wall? then say thou, Thy servant U-ri'-ah the Hittite is dead also.

22 So the messenger went, and came and shewed David all that Jo'-ab had sent him for.

23 And the messenger said unto David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate.

24 And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and *some* of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant U-ri'-ah the Hittite is dead also.

25 Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Jo'-ab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him.

26 And when the wife of U-ri'-ah heard that U-ri'-ah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.

27 And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

CHAPTER 12

AND the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one *rich*, and the other poor.

2 The rich *man* had exceeding many flocks and herds:

3 But the poor *man* had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.

4 And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, *As* the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this *thing* shall surely die:

6 And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

7 And Nathan said to David, Thou *art* the man. Thus saith the LORD God

of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;

8 And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if *that had been* too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.

9 Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed U-ri'-ah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife *to be* thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of U-ri'-ah the Hittite to be thy wife.

11 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give *them* unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.

12 For thou didst *it* secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.

13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also *that is* born unto thee shall surely die.

15 And Nathan departed unto his house. And the LORD struck the child that U-ri'-ah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick.

16 David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth.

17 And the elders of his house arose, *and went* to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.

18 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?

19 But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead.

20 Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed *himself*, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.

21 Then said his servants unto him, What thing *is* this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, *while it was* alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread.

22 And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell *whether* GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?

23 But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

24 And David comforted Bath-sheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his name Solomon: and the LORD loved him.

25 And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name Jed-i-di'-ah, because of the LORD.

26 And Jo'-ab fought against Rab'-bah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city.

27 And Jo'-ab sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Rab'-bah, and have taken the city of waters.

28 Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it: lest I take the city, and it be called after my name.

29 And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rab'-bah, and fought against it, and took it.

30 And he took their king's crown from off his head, the weight whereof *was* a talent of gold with the precious stones: and it was *set* on David's head. And he brought forth the spoil of the city in great abundance.

31 And he brought forth the people that *were* therein, and put *them* under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brick-kiln: and th

did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 13

AND it came to pass after this, that Ab'-sa-lom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name *was* Ta'-mar; and Amnon the son of David loved her.

2 And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Ta'-mar; for she *was* a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do anything to her.

3 But Amnon had a friend, whose name *was* Jon'-a-dab, the son of Shim'-e-ah David's brother: and Jon'-a-dab *was* a very subtil man.

4 And he said unto him, Why *art* thou, *being* the king's son, lean from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love Ta'-mar, my brother Ab'-sa-lom's sister.

5 And Jon'-a-dab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Ta'-mar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see *it*, and eat *it* at her hand.

6 So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, I pray thee, let Ta'-mar my sister come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand.

7 Then David sent home to Ta'-mar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's house, and dress him meat.

8 So Ta'-mar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was laid down. And she took flour, and kneaded *it*, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes.

9 And she took a pan, and poured *them* out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him.

10 And Amnon said unto Ta'-mar, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Ta'-mar took the cakes which she had made, and brought *them* into the chamber to Amnon her brother.

11 And when she had brought *them* unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister.

12 And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly.

13 And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee.

14 Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her.

15 Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her *was* greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone.

16 And she said unto him, *There is* no cause: this evil in sending me away *is* greater than the other that thou didst unto me. But he would not hearken unto her.

17 Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this *woman* out from me, and bolt the door after her.

18 And *she had* a garment of divers colours upon her: for with such robes were the king's daughters *that were* virgins apparelled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her.

19 And Ta'-mar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that *was* on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying.

20 And Ab'-sa-lom her brother said unto her, Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister: he *is* thy brother; regard not this thing. So Ta'-mar remained desolate in her brother Ab'-sa-lom's house.

21 But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth.

22 And Ab'-sa-lom spake unto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad: for Ab'-sa-lom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Ta'-mar.

23 And it came to pass after two full years, that Ab'-sa-lom had sheepshearers in Ba'-al-ha'-zor, which *is* beside E'-phra-im: and Ab'-sa-lom invited all the king's sons.

24 And Ab'-sa-lom came to the king, and said, Behold now, thy servant hath sheepshearers; let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants go with thy servant.

25 And the king said to Ab'-sa-lom,
Nay, my son, let us not all now go,
lest we be chargeable unto thee. And
he pressed him: howbeit he would not
go, but blessed him.
26 Then said Ab'-sa-lom, If not, I
pray thee, let my brother Amnon go
with us. And the king said unto him,
Why should he go with thee?
27 But Ab'-sa-lom pressed him, that
he let Amnon and all the king's sons
go with him.
28 Now Ab'-sa-lom had commanded
his servants, saying, Mark ye now
when Amnon's heart is merry with
wine, and when I say unto you, Smite
Amnon; then kill him, fear not: have
not I commanded you? be courageous,
and be valiant.
29 And the servants of Ab'-sa-lom
did unto Amnon as Ab'-sa-lom had
commanded. Then all the king's sons
arose, and every man gat him up upon
his mule, and fled.
30 And it came to pass, while they
were in the way, that tidings came to
David, saying, Ab'-sa-lom hath slain
all the king's sons, and there is not one
of them left.
31 Then the king arose, and tare his
garments, and lay on the earth; and all
his servants stood by with their clothes
rent.
32 And Jon'-a-dab, the son of Shim'-
e-ah David's brother, answered and
said, Let not my lord suppose *that* they
have slain all the young men the king's
sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by
the appointment of Ab'-sa-lom this
hath been determined from the day
that he forced his sister Ta'-mar.
33 Now therefore let not my lord
the king take the thing to his heart, to
think that all the king's sons are dead:
for Amnon only is dead.
34 But Ab'-sa-lom fled. And the
young man that kept the watch lifted
up his eyes, and looked, and, behold,
there came much people by the way of
the hill side behind him.
35 And Jon'-a-dab said unto the
king, Behold, the king's sons come: as
thy servant said, so it is.
36 And it came to pass, as soon as
he had made an end of speaking, that,
behold, the king's sons came, and
lifted up their voice and wept: and the
king also and all his servants wept
very sore.
37 But Ab'-sa-lom fled, and went to
Tal'-mai, the son of Am-mi'-hud, king
of Ge'-shur. And *David* mourned for his
son every day.
38 So Ab'-sa-lom fled, and went to
Ge'-shur, and was there three years.
39 And *the soul of* king David
longed to go forth unto Ab'-sa-lom: for
he was comforted concerning Amnon,
seeing he was dead.

CHAPTER 14

NOW Jo'-ab the son of Zer-u-i'-ah
perceived that the king's heart
was toward Ab'-sa-lom.
2 And Jo'-ab sent to Te-ko'-ah, and
fetched thence a wise woman, and said
unto her, I pray thee, feign thyself to
be a mourner, and put on now mourn-
ing apparel, and anoint not thyself
with oil, but be as a woman that had
a long time mourned for the dead:
3 And come to the king, and speak
on this manner unto him. So Jo'-ab put
the words in her mouth.
4 And when the woman of Te-ko'-ah
spake to the king, she fell on her face
to the ground, and did obeisance, and
said, Help, O king.
5 And the king said unto her, What
aileth thee? And she answered, I *am*
indeed a widow woman, and mine hus-
band is dead.
6 And thy handmaid had two sons,
and they two strove together in the
field, and *there was* none to part them,
but the one smote the other, and slew
him.
7 And, behold, the whole family is
risen against thine handmaid, and they
said, Deliver him that smote his broth-
er, that we may kill him, for the life
of his brother whom he slew; and we
will destroy the heir also: and so they
shall quench my coal which is left, and
shall not leave to my husband *neither*
name nor remainder upon the earth.
8 And the king said unto the wom-
an, Go to thine house, and I will give
charge concerning thee.
9 And the woman of Te-ko'-ah said
unto the king, My lord, O king, the
iniquity *be* on me, and on my father's
house: and the king and his throne *be*
guiltless.
10 And the king said, Whosoever
saith *ought* unto thee, bring him to me,
and he shall not touch thee any more.
11 Then said she, I pray thee, let
the king remember the LORD thy God,
that thou wouldest not suffer the re-
vengers of blood to destr
lest they destroy my son.

As the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of thy son fall to the earth.

12 Then the woman said, Let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak *one* word unto my lord the king. And he said, Say on.

13 And the woman said, Wherefore then hast thou thought such a thing against the people of God? for the king doth speak this thing as one which is faulty, in that the king doth not fetch home again his banished.

14 For we must needs die, and *are* as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect *any* person: yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him.

15 Now therefore that I am come to speak of this thing unto my lord the king, *it is* because the people have made me afraid: and thy handmaid said, I will now speak unto the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his handmaid.

16 For the king will hear, to deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man *that would* destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God.

17 Then thine handmaid said, The word of my lord the king shall now be comfortable: for as an angel of God, so *is* my lord the king to discern good and bad: therefore the LORD thy God will be with thee.

18 Then the king answered and said unto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ask thee. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak.

19 And the king said, Is not the hand of Jo'ab with thee in all this? And the woman answered and said, As thy soul liveth, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from ought that my lord the king hath spoken: for thy servant Jo'ab, he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thine handmaid:

20 To fetch about this form of speech hath thy servant Jo'ab done *this thing:* and my lord *is* wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all *things* that *are* in the earth.

21 And the king said unto Jo'ab, Behold now, I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Ab'sa-lom again.

22 And Jo'ab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himself, and thanked the king: and Jo'ab said, To day thy servant knoweth that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the king hath fulfilled the request of his servant.

23 So Jo'ab arose and went to Ge'shur, and brought Ab'sa-lom to Jerusalem.

24 And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face. So Ab'sa-lom returned to his own house, and saw not the king's face.

25 But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Ab'sa-lom for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.

26 And when he polled his head, (for it was at every year's end that he polled *it:* because *the hair* was heavy on him, therefore he polled it:) he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels after the king's weight.

27 And unto Ab'sa-lom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name *was* Ta'mar: she was a woman of a fair countenance.

28 So Ab'sa-lom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, and saw not the king's face.

29 Therefore Ab'sa-lom sent for Jo'ab, to have sent him to the king; but he would not come to him: and when he sent again the second time, he would not come.

30 Therefore he said unto his servants, See, Jo'ab's field is near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire. And Ab'sa-lom's servants set the field on fire.

31 Then Jo'ab arose, and came to Ab'sa-lom unto *his* house, and said unto him, Wherefore have thy servants set my field on fire?

32 And Ab'sa-lom answered Jo'ab, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say, Wherefore am I come from Ge'shur? *it had been* good for me *to have been* there still: now therefore let me see the king's face; and if there be *any* iniquity in me, let him kill me.

33 So Jo'ab came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Ab'sa-lom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king kissed Ab'sa-lom.

CHAPTER 15

AND it came to pass after this, that Ab'sa-lom prepared him chariots

and horses, and fifty men to run before him.

2 And Ab′-sa-lom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was *so*, that when any man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Ab′-sa-lom called unto him, and said, Of what city *art* thou? And he said, Thy servant *is* of one of the tribes of Israel.

3 And Ab′-sa-lom said unto him, See, thy matters *are* good and right; but *there is* no man *deputed* of the king to hear thee.

4 Ab′-sa-lom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice!

5 And it was *so*, that when any man came nigh *to him* to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him.

6 And on this manner did Ab′-sa-lom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Ab′-sa-lom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

7 And it came to pass after forty years, that Ab′-sa-lom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the LORD, in Hebron.

8 For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Ge′-shur in Syria, saying, If the LORD shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD.

9 And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron.

10 But Ab′-sa-lom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Ab′-sa-lom reigneth in Hebron.

11 And with Ab′-sa-lom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, *that were* called; and they went in their simplicity, and they knew not any thing.

12 And Ab′-sa-lom sent for A-hith′-o-phel the Gi′-lo-nite, David's counsellor, from his city, *even* from Gi′-loh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Ab′-sa-lom.

13 And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Ab′-sa-lom.

14 And David said unto all his servants that *were* with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not *else* escape from Ab′-sa-lom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword.

15 And the king's servants said unto the king, Behold, thy servants *are ready to do* whatsoever my lord the king shall appoint.

16 And the king went forth, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women, *which were* concubines, to keep the house.

17 And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and tarried in a place that was far off.

18 And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cher′-e-thites, and all the Pel′-e-thites, and all the Git′-tites, six hundred men which came after him from Gath, passed on before the king.

19 Then said the king to It′-ta-i the Git′-tite, Wherefore goest thou also with us? return to thy place, and abide with the king: for thou *art* a stranger, and also an exile.

20 Whereas thou camest *but* yesterday, should I this day make thee go up and down with us? seeing I go whither I may, return thou, and take back thy brethren: mercy and truth *be* with thee.

21 And It′-ta-i answered the king, and said, As the LORD liveth, and *as* my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be.

22 And David said to It′-ta-i, Go and pass over. And It′-ta-i the Git′-tite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that *were* with him.

23 And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.

24 And lo Za′-dok also, and all the Levites *were* with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God: and they set down the ark of God; and A-bi′-a-thar went up, until all the people had done passing out of the city.

25 And the king said unto Za′-dok, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favour in the [illegible]s of the LORD, he will bring [illegible] shew me *both* it, and [illegible]

26 But if he thus say, I have no delight in thee; behold, *here am* I, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him.

27 The king said also unto Za'-dok the priest, Art *not* thou a seer? return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, A-him'-a-az thy son, and Jonathan the son of A-bi'-a-thar.

28 See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderness, until there come word from you to certify me.

29 Za'-dok therefore and A-bi'-a-thar carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem: and they tarried there.

30 And David went up by the ascent of *mount* Olivet, and wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot: and all the people that *was* with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up.

31 And *one* told David, saying, A-hith'-o-phel *is* among the conspirators with Ab'-sa-lom. And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel of A-hith'-o-phel into foolishness.

32 And it came to pass, that *when* David was come to the top *of the mount*, where he worshipped God, behold, Hu'-shai the Ar'-chite came to meet him with his coat rent, and earth upon his head:

33 Unto whom David said, If thou passest on with me, then thou shalt be burden unto me:

34 But if thou return to the city, and say unto Ab'-sa-lom, I will be thy servant, O king; *as* I *have been* thy father's servant hitherto, so *will* I now also *be* thy servant: then mayest thou for me defeat the counsel of A-hith'-o-phel.

35 And *hast thou* not there with thee Za'-dok and A-bi'-a-thar the priests? therefore it shall be, *that* what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the king's house, thou shalt tell *it* to Za'-dok and A-bi'-a-thar the priests.

36 Behold, *they have* there with them their two sons, A-him'-a-az Za'-dok's *son*, and Jonathan A-bi'-a-thar's *son*; and by them ye shall send unto me every thing that ye can hear.

37 So Hu'-shai David's friend came into the city, and Ab'-sa-lom came into Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 16

AND when David was a little past the top *of the hill*, behold, Zi'-ba the servant of Me-phib'-o-sheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred *loaves* of bread, and an hundred bunches of raisins, and an hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine.

2 And the king said unto Zi'-ba, What meanest thou by these? And Zi'-ba said, The asses *be* for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink.

3 And the king said, And where *is* thy master's son? And Zi'-ba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for he said, To day shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father.

4 Then said the king to Zi'-ba, Behold, thine *are* all that *pertained* unto Me-phib'-o-sheth. And Zi'-ba said, I humbly beseech thee *that* I may find grace in thy sight, my lord, O king.

5 And when king David came to Ba-hu'-rim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name *was* Shim'-e-i, the son of Ge'-ra: he came forth, and cursed still as he came.

6 And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men *were* on his right hand and on his left.

7 And thus said Shim'-e-i when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou bloody man, and thou man of Be'-li-al:

8 The LORD hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the LORD hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Ab'-sa-lom thy son: and, behold, thou *art taken* in thy mischief, because thou *art* a bloody man.

9 Then said A-bish'-a-i the son of Zer-u-i'-ah unto the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head.

10 And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zer-u-i'-ah? so let him curse, because the LORD hath said unto him, Curse David. Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so?

11 And David said to A-bish'-a-i, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now *may this* Benjamite *do it*? let him alone,

and let him curse; for the LORD hath
bidden him.
12 It may be that the LORD will
look on mine affliction, and that the
LORD will requite me good for his
cursing this day.
13 And as David and his men went
by the way, Shim'-e-i went along on
the hill's side over against him, and
cursed as he went, and threw stones at
him, and cast dust.
14 And the king, and all the people
that *were* with him, came weary, and
refreshed themselves there.
15 And Ab'-sa-lom, and all the peo-
ple the men of Israel, came to Jerusa-
lem, and A-hith'-o-phel with him.
16 And it came to pass, when Hu'-
shai the Ar'-chite, David's friend, was
come unto Ab'-sa-lom, that Hu'-shai
said unto Ab'-sa-lom, God save the
king, God save the king.
17 And Ab'-sa-lom said to Hu'-shai,
Is this thy kindness to thy friend? why
wentest thou not with thy friend?
18 And Hu'-shai said unto Ab'-sa-
lom, Nay; but whom the LORD, and
this people, and all the men of Israel,
choose, his will I be, and with him will
I abide.
19 And again, whom should I serve?
should I not *serve* in the presence of his
son? as I have served in thy father's
presence, so will I be in thy presence.
20 Then said Ab'-sa-lom to A-hith'-
o-phel, Give counsel among you what
we shall do.
21 And A-hith'-o-phel said unto
Ab'-sa-lom, Go in unto thy father's
concubines, which he hath left to keep
the house; and all Israel shall hear that
thou art abhorred of thy father: then
shall the hands of all that *are* with thee
be strong.
22 So they spread Ab'-sa-lom a tent
upon the top of the house; and Ab'-sa-
lom went in unto his father's concu-
bines in the sight of all Israel.
23 And the counsel of A-hith'-o-
phel, which he counselled in those
days, *was* as if a man had enquired at
the oracle of God: so *was* all the coun-
sel of A-hith'-o-phel both with David
and with Ab'-sa-lom.

CHAPTER 17

MOREOVER A-hith'-o-phel said
unto Ab'-sa-lom, Let me now
choose out twelve thousand men, and
I will arise and pursue after David this
night:
2 And I will come upon him while
he *is* weary and weak handed, and will
make him afraid: and all the people
that *are* with him shall flee; and I will
smite the king only:
3 And I will bring back all the peo-
ple unto thee: the man whom thou
seekest *is* as if all returned: *so* all the
people shall be in peace.
4 And the saying pleased Ab'-sa-
lom well, and all the elders of Israel.
5 Then said Ab'-sa-lom, Call now
Hu'-shai the Ar'-chite also, and let us
hear likewise what he saith.
6 And when Hu'-shai was come to
Ab'-sa-lom, Ab'-sa-lom spake unto him,
saying, A-hith'-o-phel hath spoken aft-
er this manner: shall we do *after* his
saying? if not; speak thou.
7 And Hu'-shai said unto Ab'-sa-
lom, The counsel that A-hith'-o-phel
hath given *is* not good at this time.
8 For, said Hu'-shai, thou knowest
thy father and his men, that they *be*
mighty men, and they *be* chafed in
their minds, as a bear robbed of her
whelps in the field: and thy father *is* a
man of war, and will not lodge with
the people.
9 Behold, he is hid now in some pit,
or in some *other* place: and it will come
to pass, when some of them be over-
thrown at the first, that whosoever
heareth it will say, There is a slaughter
among the people that follow Ab'-sa-
lom.
10 And he also *that is* valiant, whose
heart *is* as the heart of a lion, shall ut-
terly melt: for all Israel knoweth that
thy father *is* a mighty man, and *they*
which *be* with him *are* valiant men.
11 Therefore I counsel that all Is-
rael be generally gathered unto thee,
from Dan even to Be'-er–she'-ba, as the
sand that *is* by the sea for multitude;
and that thou go to battle in thine own
person.
12 So shall we come upon him in
some place where he shall be found,
and we will light upon him as the dew
falleth on the ground: and of him
and of all the men that *are* with him
there shall not be left so much as
one.
13 Moreover, if he be gotten into a
city, then shall all Israel bring ropes
to that city, and we will draw it into
the river, until there be not one small
stone fo
14 An
of Israel

the Ar'-chite *is* better than the counsel of A-hith'-o-phel. For the LORD had appointed to defeat the good counsel of A-hith'-o-phel, to the intent that the LORD might bring evil upon Ab'-sa-lom.

15 Then said Hu'-shai unto Za'-dok and to A-bi'-a-thar the priests, Thus and thus did A-hith'-o-phel counsel Ab'-sa-lom and the elders of Israel; and thus and thus have I counselled.

16 Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge not this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people that *are* with him.

17 Now Jonathan and A-him'-a-az stayed by En-ro'-gel; for they might not be seen to come into the city: and a wench went and told them; and they went and told king David.

18 Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told Ab'-sa-lom: but they went both of them away quickly, and came to a man's house in Ba-hu'-rim, which had a well in his court; whither they went down.

19 And the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground corn thereon; and the thing was not known.

20 And when Ab'-sa-lom's servants came to the woman to the house, they [illegible], Where *is* A-him'-a-az and Jonathan? And the woman said unto them, They be gone over the brook of water. And when they had sought and could not find *them*, they returned to Jerusalem.

21 And it came to pass, after they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David, and said unto David, Arise, and pass quickly over the water: for thus hath A-hith'-o-phel counselled against you.

22 Then David arose, and all the people that *were* with him, and they passed over Jordan: by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over Jordan.

23 And when A-hith'-o-phel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled *his* ass, and arose, and gat him home to his house, to his city, and put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.

24 Then David came to Ma-ha-na'-im. And Ab'-sa-lom passed over Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him.

25 And Ab'-sa-lom made Am'-a-sa captain of the host instead of Jo'-ab: which Am'-a-sa *was* a man's son, whose name *was* Ith'-ra an Israelite, that went in to Ab'-i-gail the daughter of Na'-hash, sister to Zer-u-i'-ah Jo'-ab's mother.

26 So Israel and Ab'-sa-lom pitched in the land of Gilead.

27 And it came to pass, when David was come to Ma-ha-na'-im, that Sho'-bi the son of Na'-hash of Rab'-bah of the children of Ammon, and Ma'-chir the son of Am'-mi-el of Lo-de'-bar, and Bar-zil'-la-i the Gileadite of Ro-ge'-lim,

28 Brought beds, and basons, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched *corn*, and beans, and lentiles, and parched *pulse*,

29 And honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the people that *were* with him, to eat: for they said, The people *is* hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness.

CHAPTER 18

AND David numbered the people that *were* with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them.

2 And David sent forth a third part of the people under the hand of Jo'-ab, and a third part under the hand of A-bish'-a-i the son of Zer-u-i'-ah, Jo'-ab's brother, and a third part under the hand of It'-ta-i the Git'-tite. And the king said unto the people, I will surely go forth with you myself also.

3 But the people answered, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: but now *thou art* worth ten thousand of us: therefore now *it is* better that thou succour us out of the city.

4 And the king said unto them, What seemeth you best I will do. And the king stood by the gate side, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thousands.

5 And the king commanded Jo'-ab and A-bish'-a-i and It'-ta-i, saying, *Deal* gently for my sake with the young man, *even* with Ab'-sa-lom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Ab'-sa-lom.

6 So the people went out into the

field against Israel: and the battle was in the wood of E'-phra-im;

7 Where the people of Israel were slain before the servants of David, and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand *men*.

8 For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country: and the wood devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

9 And Ab'-sa-lom met the servants of David. And Ab'-sa-lom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that *was* under him went away.

10 And a certain man saw *it*, and told Jo'-ab, and said, Behold, I saw Ab'-sa-lom hanged in an oak.

11 And Jo'-ab said unto the man that told him, And, behold, thou sawest *him*, and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten *shekels* of silver, and a girdle.

12 And the man said unto Jo'-ab, Though I should receive a thousand *shekels* of silver in mine hand, *yet* would I not put forth mine hand against the king's son: for in our hearing the king charged thee and A-bish'-a-i and It'-ta-i, saying, Beware that none *touch* the young man Ab'-sa-lom.

13 Otherwise I should have wrought falsehood against mine own life: for there is no matter hid from the king, and thou thyself wouldest have set thyself against *me*.

14 Then said Jo'-ab, I may not tarry thus with thee. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Ab'-sa-lom, while he *was* yet alive in the midst of the oak.

15 And ten young men that bare Jo'-ab's armour compassed about and smote Ab'-sa-lom, and slew him.

16 And Jo'-ab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel: for Jo'-ab held back the people.

17 And they took Ab'-sa-lom, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of stones upon him: and all Israel fled every one to his tent.

18 Now Ab'-sa-lom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which *is* in the king's dale: for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name: and it is called unto this day, Ab'-sa-lom's place.

19 Then said A-him'-a-az the son of Za'-dok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the LORD hath avenged him of his enemies.

20 And Jo'-ab said unto him, Thou shalt not bear tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day: but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead.

21 Then said Jo'-ab to Cu'-shi, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And Cu'-shi bowed himself unto Jo'-ab, and ran.

22 Then said A-him'-a-az the son of Za'-dok yet again to Jo'-ab, But howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after Cu'-shi. And Jo'-ab said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast no tidings ready?

23 But howsoever, *said he*, let me run. And he said unto him, Run. Then A-him'-a-az ran by the way of the plain, and overran Cu'-shi.

24 And David sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone.

25 And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he *be* alone, *there is* tidings in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near.

26 And the watchman saw another man running: and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold *another* man running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings.

27 And the watchman said, Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of A-him'-a-az the son of Za'-dok. And the king said, He *is* a good man, and cometh with good tidings.

28 And A-him'-a-az called, and said unto the king, All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed *be* the LORD thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king.

29 And the king said, Is the young man Ab'-sa-lom safe? And A-him'-a-az answered, When Jo'-ab sent the king's servant, and *me* thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what *it was*.

30 And the king said *unto him*, Turn aside, *and* stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still.

31 And, behold, Cu'-shi came; and Cu'-shi said, Tidings, my lord the king: for the LORD hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee.

32 And the king said unto Cu'-shi, Is the young man Ab'-sa-lom safe? And Cu'-shi answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do *thee* hurt, be as *that* young man *is*.

33 And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Ab'-sa-lom, my son, my son Ab'-sa-lom! would God I had died for thee, O Ab'-sa-lom, my son, my son!

CHAPTER 19

AND it was told Jo'-ab, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Ab'-sa-lom.

2 And the victory that day was *turned* into mourning unto all the people: for the people heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son.

3 And the people gat them by stealth that day into the city, as people being ashamed steal away when they flee in battle.

4 But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my on Ab'-sa-lom, O Ab'-sa-lom, my son, my son!

5 And Jo'-ab came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, which this day have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines;

6 In that thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends. For thou hast declared this day, that thou regardest neither princes nor servants: for this day I perceive, that if Ab'-sa-lom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well.

7 Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak comfortably unto thy servants: for I swear by the LORD, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry one with thee this night: and that will be worse unto thee than all the evil that befell thee from thy youth until now.

8 Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king doth sit in the gate. And all the people came before the king: for Israel had fled every man to his tent.

9 And all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he is fled out of the land for Ab'-sa-lom.

10 And Ab'-sa-lom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why speak ye not a word of bringing the king back?

11 And king David sent to Za'-dok and to A-bi'-a-thar the priests, saying, Speak unto the elders of Judah, saying, Why are ye the last to bring the king back to his house? seeing the speech of all Israel is come to the king, *even* to his house.

12 Ye *are* my brethren, ye *are* my bones and my flesh: wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the king?

13 And say ye to Am'-a-sa, *Art* thou not of my bone, and of my flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if thou be not captain of the host before me continually in the room of Jo'-ab.

14 And he bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as *the heart of* one man; so that they sent *this word* unto the king, Return thou, and all thy servants.

15 So the king returned, and came to Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over Jordan.

16 And Shim'-e-i the son of Ge'-ra, a Benjamite, which *was* of Ba-hu'-rim, hasted and came down with the men of Judah to meet king David.

17 And *there were* a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Zi'-ba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went over Jordan before the king.

18 And there went over a ferry boat to carry over the king's household, and to do what he thought good. And Shim'-e-i the son of Ge'-ra fell down before the king, as he was come over Jordan;

19 And said unto the king, Let not my lord impute iniquity unto me, neither do thou remember that which thy servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart.

20 For thy servant doth know that
I have sinned: therefore, behold, I am
come the first this day of all the house
of Joseph to go down to meet my lord
the king.
21 But A-bish′-a-i the son of Zer-u-
i′-ah answered and said, Shall not
Shim′-e-i be put to death for this, be-
cause he cursed the LORD's anointed?
22 And David said, What have I to
do with you, ye sons of Zer-u-i′-ah,
that ye should this day be adversaries
unto me? shall there any man be put
to death this day in Israel? for do not
I know that I *am* this day king over
Israel?
23 Therefore the king said unto
Shim′-e-i, Thou shalt not die. And the
king sware unto him.
24 And Me-phib′-o-sheth the son of
Saul came down to meet the king, and
had neither dressed his feet, nor
trimmed his beard, nor washed his
clothes, from the day the king de-
parted until the day he came *again* in
peace.
25 And it came to pass, when he
was come to Jerusalem to meet the
king, that the king said unto him,
Wherefore wentest not thou with me,
Me-phib′-o-sheth?
26 And he answered, My lord, O
king, my servant deceived me: for thy
servant said, I will saddle me an ass,
that I may ride thereon, and go to the
king; because thy servant *is* lame.
27 And he hath slandered thy ser-
vant unto my lord the king; but my
lord the king *is* as an angel of God: do
therefore *what is* good in thine eyes.
28 For all *of* my father's house were
but dead men before my lord the king:
yet didst thou set thy servant among
them that did eat at thine own table.
What right therefore have I yet to cry
any more unto the king?
29 And the king said unto him,
Why speakest thou any more of thy
matters? I have said, Thou and Zi′-ba
divide the land.
30 And Me-phib′-o-sheth said unto
the king, Yea, let him take all, foras-
much as my lord the king is come again
in peace unto his own house.
31 And Bar-zil′-la-i the Gileadite
came down from Ro-ge′-lim, and went
over Jordan with the king, to conduct
him over Jordan.
32 Now Bar-zil′-la-i was a very aged
man, *even* fourscore years old: and he
had provided the king of sustenance
while he lay at Ma-ha-na′-im; for he
was a very great man.
33 And the king said unto Bar-zil′-
la-i, Come thou over with me, and I
will feed thee with me in Jerusalem.
34 And Bar-zil′-la-i said unto the
king, How long have I to live, that I
should go up with the king unto Jeru-
salem?
35 I *am* this day fourscore years
old: *and* can I discern between good
and evil? can thy servant taste what I
eat or what I drink? can I hear any
more the voice of singing men and
singing women? wherefore then should
thy servant be yet a burden unto my
lord the king?
36 Thy servant will go a little way
over Jordan with the king: and why
should the king recompense it me with
such a reward?
37 Let thy servant, I pray thee,
turn back again, that I may die in
mine own city, *and be buried* by the
grave of my father and of my mother.
But behold thy servant Chim′-ham; let
him go over with my lord the king; and
do to him what shall seem good unto
thee.
38 And the king answered, Chim′-
ham shall go over with me, and I will
do to him that which shall seem good
unto thee: and whatsoever thou shalt
require of me, *that* will I do for thee.
39 And all the people went over Jor-
dan. And when the king was come
over, the king kissed Bar-zil′-la-i, and
blessed him; and he returned unto his
own place.
40 Then the king went on to Gilgal,
and Chim′-ham went on with him: and
all the people of Judah conducted the
king, and also half the people of Israel.
41 And, behold, all the men of Is-
rael came to the king, and said unto
the king, Why have our brethren the
men of Judah stolen thee away, and
have brought the king, and his house-
hold, and all David's men with him,
over Jordan?
42 And all the men of Judah an-
swered the men of Israel, Because th
king *is* near of kin to us: wherefor
then be ye angry for this matter? hav
we eaten at all of the king's *cost?* o
hath he given us any gift?
43 And the men of Israel answered
the men of Judah, and said, We have
ten parts in the king, and we have *also*
more *right*
did ye do

should not be first had in bringing
back our king? And the words of the
men of Judah were fiercer than the
words of the men of Israel.

CHAPTER 20

AND there happened to be there a
man of Be'-li-al, whose name *was*
She'-ba, the son of Bich'-ri, a Benja-
mite: and he blew a trumpet, and said,
We have no part in David, neither
have we inheritance in the son of Jesse:
every man to his tents, O Israel.
2 So every man of Israel went up
from after David, *and* followed She'-ba
the son of Bich'-ri: but the men of Ju-
dah clave unto their king, from Jordan
even to Jerusalem.
3 And David came to his house at
Jerusalem; and the king took the ten
women *his* concubines, whom he had
left to keep the house, and put them in
ward, and fed them, but went not in
unto them. So they were shut up unto
the day of their death, living in widow-
hood.
4 Then said the king to Am'-a-sa,
Assemble me the men of Judah within
three days, and be thou here present.
5 So Am'-a-sa went to assemble *the
men of* Judah: but he tarried longer
than the set time which he had ap-
pointed him.
6 And David said to A-bish'-a-i,
Now shall She'-ba the son of Bich'-ri do
us more harm than *did* Ab'-sa-lom:
take thou thy lord's servants, and pur-
sue after him, lest he get him fenced
cities, and escape us.
7 And there went out after him Jo'-
ab's men, and the Cher'-e-thites, and
the Pel'-e-thites, and all the mighty
men: and they went out of Jerusalem,
to pursue after She'-ba the son of
Bich'-ri.
8 When they *were* at the great stone
which *is* in Gibeon, Am'-a-sa went be-
fore them. And Jo'-ab's garment that
he had put on was girded unto him,
and upon it a girdle *with* a sword fas-
tened upon his loins in the sheath
thereof; and as he went forth it fell
out.
9 And Jo'-ab said to Am'-a-sa, *Art*
thou in health, my brother? And Jo'-ab
took Am'-a-sa by the beard with the
right hand to kiss him.
10 But Am'-a-sa took no heed to the
sword that *was* in Jo'-ab's hand: so he
smote him therewith in the fifth *rib*,
and shed out his bowels to the ground,
and struck him not again; and he died.
So Jo'-ab and A-bish'-a-i his brother
pursued after She'-ba the son of Bich'-
ri.
11 And one of Jo'-ab's men stood by
him, and said, He that favoureth Jo'-
ab, and he that *is* for David, *let him go*
after Jo'-ab.
12 And Am'-a-sa wallowed in blood
in the midst of the highway. And when
the man saw that all the people stood
still, he removed Am'-a-sa out of the
highway into the field, and cast a cloth
upon him, when he saw that every one
that came by him stood still.
13 When he was removed out of the
highway, all the people went on after
Jo'-ab, to pursue after She'-ba the son
of Bich'-ri.
14 And he went through all the
tribes of Israel unto Abel, and to
Beth–ma'-a-chah, and all the Be'-rites:
and they were gathered together, and
went also after him.
15 And they came and besieged him
in Abel of Beth–ma'-a-chah, and they
cast up a bank against the city, and it
stood in the trench: and all the people
that *were* with Jo'-ab battered the
wall, to throw it down.
16 Then cried a wise woman out of
the city, Hear, hear; say, I pray you,
unto Jo'-ab, Come near hither, that I
may speak with thee.
17 And when he was come near un-
to her, the woman said, *Art* thou Jo'-
ab? And he answered, I *am he*. Then
she said unto him, Hear the words of
thine handmaid. And he answered, I
do hear.
18 Then she spake, saying, They
were wont to speak in old time, saying,
They shall surely ask *counsel* at Abel:
and so they ended *the matter*.
19 I *am one of them that are* peace-
able *and* faithful in Israel: thou seek-
est to destroy a city and a mother in
Israel: why wilt thou swallow up the
inheritance of the LORD?
20 And Jo'-ab answered and said,
Far be it, far be it from me, that I
should swallow up or destroy.
21 The matter *is* not so: but a man
of mount E'-phra-im, She'-ba the son of
Bich'-ri by name, hath lifted up his
hand against the king, *even* against
David: deliver him only, and I will de-
part from the city. And the woman
said unto Jo'-ab, Behold, his head shall
be thrown to thee over the wall.
22 Then the woman went unto all

the people in her wisdom. And they
cut off the head of She'-ba the son of
Bich'-ri, and cast *it* out to Jo'-ab. And
he blew a trumpet, and they retired
from the city, every man to his tent.
And Jo'-ab returned to Jerusalem unto
the king.
23 Now Jo'-ab *was* over all the host
of Israel: and Be-na'-iah the son of Je-
hoi'-a-da *was* over the Cher'-e-thites
and over the Pel'-e-thites:
24 And A-do'-ram *was* over the trib-
ute: and Je-hosh'-a-phat the son of
A-hi'-lud *was* recorder:
25 And She'-va *was* scribe: and Za'-
dok and A-bi'-a-thar *were* the priests:
26 And Ira also the Ja'-ir-ite was a
chief ruler about David.

CHAPTER 21

THEN there was a famine in the
days of David three years, year
after year; and David enquired of the
LORD. And the LORD answered, *It is*
for Saul, and for *his* bloody house, be-
cause he slew the Gibeonites.
2 And the king called the Gibeon-
ites, and said unto them; (now the
Gibeonites *were* not of the children of
Israel, but of the remnant of the Amo-
rites; and the children of Israel had
sworn unto them: and Saul sought to
slay them in his zeal to the children of
Israel and Judah.)
3 Wherefore David said unto the
Gibeonites, What shall I do for you?
and wherewith shall I make the atone-
ment, that ye may bless the inherit-
ance of the LORD?
4 And the Gibeonites said unto him,
We will have no silver nor gold of Saul,
nor of his house; neither for us shalt
thou kill any man in Israel. And he
said, What ye shall say, *that* will I do
for you.
5 And they answered the king, The
man that consumed us, and that de-
vised against us *that* we should be de-
stroyed from remaining in any of the
coasts of Israel,
6 Let seven men of his sons be de-
livered unto us, and we will hang them
up unto the LORD in Gib'-e-ah of Saul,
whom the LORD did choose. And the
king said, I will give *them*.
7 But the king spared Me-phib'-o-
sheth, the son of Jonathan the son of
Saul, because of the LORD's oath that
was between them, between David and
Jonathan the son of Saul.
8 But the king took the two sons of
Riz'-pah the daughter of A-i'-ah, whom
she bare unto Saul, Ar-mo'-ni and Me-
phib'-o-sheth; and the five sons of Mi'-
chal the daughter of Saul, whom she
brought up for A'-dri-el the son of Bar-
zil'-la-i the Me-hol'-ath-ite:
9 And he delivered them into the
hands of the Gibeonites, and they
hanged them in the hill before the
LORD: and they fell *all* seven together,
and were put to death in the days of
harvest, in the first *days*, in the begin-
ning of barley harvest.
10 And Riz'-pah the daughter of
A-i'-ah took sackcloth, and spread it
for her upon the rock, from the begin-
ning of harvest until water dropped
upon them out of heaven, and suffered
neither the birds of the air to rest on
them by day, nor the beasts of the field
by night.
11 And it was told David what Riz'-
pah the daughter of A-i'-ah, the concu-
bine of Saul, had done.
12 And David went and took the
bones of Saul and the bones of Jona-
than his son from the men of Ja'-besh-
gil'-e-ad, which had stolen them from
the street of Beth'-shan, where the
Philistines had hanged them, when the
Philistines had slain Saul in Gil-bo'-a:
13 And he brought up from thence
the bones of Saul and the bones of Jona-
than his son; and they gathered the
bones of them that were hanged.
14 And the bones of Saul and Jona-
than his son buried they in the country
of Benjamin in Ze'-lah, in the sepulchre
of Kish his father: and they performed
all that the king commanded. And
after that God was intreated for the
land.
15 Moreover the Philistines had yet
war again with Israel; and David went
down, and his servants with him, and
fought against the Philistines: and Da-
vid waxed faint.
16 And Ish'-bi-be'-nob, which *was* of
the sons of the giant, the weight of
whose spear *weighed* three hundred
shekels of brass in weight, he being
girded with a new *sword*, thought to
have slain David.
17 But A-bish'-a-i the son of Zer-u-
i'-ah succoured him, and smote the
Philistine, and killed him. Then the
men of David sware unto him, saying,
Thou shalt go no more out with us to
battle, that thou quench not the light
of Israel.
18 And it came to pa

that there was again a battle with the
Philistines at Gob: then Sib'-be-chai
the Hu'-shath-ite slew Saph, which
was of the sons of the giant.
19 And there was again a battle in
Gob with the Philistines, where El-ha'-
nan the son of Ja-ar'-e-or'-e-gim, a
Beth-lehemite, slew *the brother of* Go-
li'-ath the Git'-tite, the staff of whose
spear *was* like a weaver's beam.
20 And there was yet a battle in
Gath, where was a man of *great* sta-
ture, that had on every hand six fingers,
and on every foot six toes, four and
twenty in number; and he also was
born to the giant.
21 And when he defied Israel, Jona-
than the son of Shim'-e-ah the brother
of David slew him.
22 These four were born to the giant
in Gath, and fell by the hand of David,
and by the hand of his servants.

CHAPTER 22

AND David spake unto the LORD the
words of this song in the day *that*
the LORD had delivered him out of the
hand of all his enemies, and out of the
hand of Saul:
2 And he said, The LORD *is* my rock,
and my fortress, and my deliverer;
3 The God of my rock; in him will I
trust: *he is* my shield, and the horn of
my salvation, my high tower, and my
refuge, my saviour; thou savest me
from violence.
4 I will call on the LORD, *who is*
worthy to be praised: so shall I be
saved from mine enemies.
5 When the waves of death com-
passed me, the floods of ungodly men
made me afraid;
6 The sorrows of hell compassed me
about; the snares of death prevented
me;
7 In my distress I called upon the
LORD, and cried to my God: and he did
hear my voice out of his temple, and
my cry *did enter* into his ears.
8 Then the earth shook and trem-
bled; the foundations of heaven moved
and shook, because he was wroth.
9 There went up a smoke out of his
nostrils, and fire out of his mouth de-
voured: coals were kindled by it.
10 He bowed the heavens also, and
came down; and darkness *was* under
his feet.
11 And he rode upon a cherub, and
did fly: and he was seen upon the wings
of the wind.
12 And he made darkness pavilions
round about him, dark waters, *and*
thick clouds of the skies.
13 Through the brightness before
him were coals of fire kindled.
14 The LORD thundered from heav-
en, and the most High uttered his
voice.
15 And he sent out arrows, and
scattered them; lightning, and discom-
fited them.
16 And the channels of the sea ap-
peared, the foundations of the world
were discovered, at the rebuking of the
LORD, at the blast of the breath of his
nostrils.
17 He sent from above, he took me;
he drew me out of many waters;
18 He delivered me from my strong
enemy, *and* from them that hated me:
for they were too strong for me.
19 They prevented me in the day of
my calamity: but the LORD was my
stay.
20 He brought me forth also into a
large place: he delivered me, because
he delighted in me.
21 The LORD rewarded me accord-
ing to my righteousness: according to
the cleanness of my hands hath he
recompensed me.
22 For I have kept the ways of the
LORD, and have not wickedly departed
from my God.
23 For all his judgments *were* before
me: and *as for* his statutes, I did not
depart from them.
24 I was also upright before him,
and have kept myself from mine in-
iquity.
25 Therefore the LORD hath recom-
pensed me according to my righteous-
ness; according to my cleanness in his
eye sight.
26 With the merciful thou wilt shew
thyself merciful, *and* with the upright
man thou wilt shew thyself upright.
27 With the pure thou wilt shew
thyself pure; and with the froward
thou wilt shew thyself unsavoury.
28 And the afflicted people thou
wilt save: but thine eyes *are* upon the
haughty, *that* thou mayest bring *them*
down.
29 For thou *art* my lamp, O LORD;
and the LORD will lighten my darkness.
30 For by thee I have run through
a troop: by my God have I leaped over
a wall.
31 *As for* God, his way *is* perfect;
the word of the LORD *is* tried: he *is* a

buckler to all them that trust in
him.
32 For who *is* God, save the LORD?
and who *is* a rock, save our God?
33 God *is* my strength *and* power:
and he maketh my way perfect.
34 He maketh my feet like hinds'
feet: and setteth me upon my high
places.
35 He teacheth my hands to war; so
that a bow of steel is broken by mine
arms.
36 Thou hast also given me the
shield of thy salvation: and thy gentle-
ness hath made me great.
37 Thou hast enlarged my steps un-
der me; so that my feet did not slip.
38 I have pursued mine enemies,
and destroyed them; and turned not
again until I had consumed them.
39 And I have consumed them, and
wounded them, that they could not
arise: yea, they are fallen under my
feet.
40 For thou hast girded me with
strength to battle: them that rose up
against me hast thou subdued under
me.
41 Thou hast also given me the
necks of mine enemies, that I might
destroy them that hate me.
42 They looked, but *there was* none
to save; *even* unto the LORD, but he
answered them not.
43 Then did I beat them as small as
the dust of the earth, I did stamp them
as the mire of the street, *and* did
spread them abroad.
44 Thou also hast delivered me
from the strivings of my people, thou
hast kept me *to be* head of the heathen:
a people *which* I knew not shall serve
me.
45 Strangers shall submit them-
selves unto me: as soon as they hear,
they shall be obedient unto me.
46 Strangers shall fade away, and
they shall be afraid out of their close
places.
47 The LORD liveth; and blessed *be*
my rock; and exalted be the God of the
rock of my salvation.
48 It *is* God that avengeth me, and
that bringeth down the people under
me,
49 And that bringeth me forth from
mine enemies: thou also hast lifted me
up on high above them that rose up
against me: thou hast delivered me
from the violent man.
50 Therefore I will give thanks unto
thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and
I will sing praises unto thy name.
51 *He is* the tower of salvation for
his king: and sheweth mercy to his
anointed, unto David, and to his seed
for evermore.

CHAPTER 23

NOW these *be* the last words of Da-
vid. David the son of Jesse said,
and the man *who was* raised up on
high, the anointed of the God of Jacob,
and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,
2 The Spirit of the LORD spake by
me, and his word *was* in my tongue.
3 The God of Israel said, the Rock
of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth
over men *must be* just, ruling in the
fear of God.
4 And *he shall be* as the light of the
morning, *when* the sun riseth, *even* a
morning without clouds; *as* the tender
grass *springing* out of the earth by
clear shining after rain.
5 Although my house *be* not so with
God; yet he hath made with me an
everlasting covenant, ordered in all
things, and sure: for *this is* all my salva-
tion, and all *my* desire, although he
make *it* not to grow.
6 But *the sons* of Be'-li-al *shall be* all
of them as thorns thrust away, be-
cause they cannot be taken with
hands:
7 But the man *that* shall touch them
must be fenced with iron and the staff
of a spear; and they shall be utterly
burned with fire in the *same* place.
8 These *be* the names of the mighty
men whom David had: The Tach'-mo-
nite that sat in the seat, chief among
the captains; the same *was* Ad'-i-no the
Ez'-nite: *he lift up his spear* against
eight hundred, whom he slew at one
time.
9 And after him *was* E-le-a'-zar the
son of Dodo the A-ho'-hite, *one* of the
three mighty men with David, when
they defied the Philistines *that* were
there gathered together to battle, and
the men of Israel were gone away:
10 He arose, and smote the Philis-
tines until his hand was weary, and his
hand clave unto the sword: and the
LORD wrought a great victory that
day; and the people returned after him
only to spoil.
11 And after him *was* Sham'-mah
the son of A'-ge-e the Ha'-ra-rite. And
the Philistines were gathered together
into a troop, where was a piece of

ground full of lentiles: and the people
fled from the Philistines.
12 But he stood in the midst of the
ground, and defended it, and slew the
Philistines: and the LORD wrought a
great victory.
13 And three of the thirty chief
went down, and came to David in the
harvest time unto the cave of Adullam:
and the troop of the Philistines pitched
in the valley of Reph'-a-im.
14 And David *was* then in an hold,
and the garrison of the Philistines *was*
then *in* Beth-lehem.
15 And David longed, and said, Oh
that one would give me drink of the
water of the well of Beth-lehem, which
is by the gate!
16 And the three mighty men brake
through the host of the Philistines, and
drew water out of the well of Beth-
lehem, that *was* by the gate, and took
it, and brought *it* to David: neverthe-
less he would not drink thereof, but
poured it out unto the LORD.
17 And he said, Be it far from me,
O LORD, that I should do this: *is not
this* the blood of the men that went in
jeopardy of their lives? therefore he
would not drink it. These things did
these three mighty men.
18 And A-bish'-a-i, the brother of
Jo'-ab, the son of Zer-u-i'-ah, was chief
among three. And he lifted up his
spear against three hundred, *and* slew
them, and had the name among
three.
19 Was he not most honourable of
three? therefore he was their captain:
howbeit he attained not unto the *first*
three.
20 And Be-na'-iah the son of Je-hoi'-
a-da, the son of a valiant man, of
Kab'-ze-el, who had done many acts,
he slew two lionlike men of Moab: he
went down also and slew a lion in the
midst of a pit in time of snow:
21 And he slew an Egyptian, a
goodly man: and the Egyptian had a
spear in his hand; but he went down
to him with a staff, and plucked the
spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and
slew him with his own spear.
22 These *things* did Be-na'-iah the
son of Je-hoi'-a-da, and had the name
among three mighty men.
23 He was more honourable than
the thirty, but he attained not to the
first three. And David set him over his
guard.
24 A'-sa-hel the brother of Jo'-ab
was one of the thirty; El-ha'-nan the
son of Dodo of Beth-lehem,
25 Sham'-mah the Ha'-rod-ite, El-i'-
ka the Ha'-rod-ite,
26 He'-lez the Pal'-tite, Ira the son
of Ik'-kesh the Te-ko'-ite,
27 A-bi-e'-zer the An'-e-thoth-ite,
Me-bun'-nai the Hu'-shath-ite,
28 Zal'-mon the A-ho'-hite, Ma-har'-
a-i the Ne-toph'-a-thite,
29 He'-leb the son of Ba'-a-nah, a
Ne-toph'-a-thite, It'-ta-i the son of Ri'-
bai out of Gib'-e-ah of the children of
Benjamin,
30 Be-na'-iah the Pir-a'-thon-ite,
Hid'-da-i of the brooks of Ga'-ash,
31 A'-bi-al'-bon the Ar'-bath-ite, Az-
ma'-veth the Bar-hu'-mite,
32 E-li-ah'-ba the Sha-al'-bo-nite, of
the sons of Ja'-shen, Jonathan,
33 Sham'-mah the Ha'-ra-rite, A-hi'-
am the son of Sha'-rar the Ha'-ra-rite,
34 E-liph'-e-let the son of A-has'-
ba-i, the son of the Ma-ach'-a-thite,
E-li'-am the son of A-hith'-o-phel the
Gi'-lo-nite,
35 Hez'-ra-i the Carmelite, Pa'-a-rai
the Ar'-bite,
36 I'-gal the son of Nathan of Zo-
bah, Ba'-ni the Gadite,
37 Ze'-lek the Ammonite, Na'-ha-ri
the Be-e'-ro-thite, armourbearer to Jo'-
ab the son of Zer-u-i'-ah,
38 Ira an Ith'-rite, Ga'-reb an Ith'-
rite,
39 U-ri'-ah the Hittite: thirty and
seven in all.

CHAPTER 24

AND again the anger of the LORD
was kindled against Israel, and he
moved David against them to say, Go,
number Israel and Judah.
2 For the king said to Jo'-ab the
captain of the host, which *was* with
him, Go now through all the tribes of
Israel, from Dan even to Be'-er-she'-
ba, and number ye the people, that I
may know the number of the people.
3 And Jo'-ab said unto the king,
Now the LORD thy God add unto the
people, how many soever they be, an
hundredfold, and that the eyes of my
lord the king may see *it*: but why doth
my lord the king delight in this thing?
4 Notwithstanding the king's word
prevailed against Jo'-ab, and against
the captains of the host. And Jo'-ab
and the captains of the host went out
from the presence of the king, to num-
ber the people of Israel.

5 And they passed over Jordan, and
pitched in Ar-o'-er, on the right side of
the city that *lieth* in the midst of the
river of Gad, and toward Ja'-zer:
6 Then they came to Gilead, and to
the land of Tah'-tim–hod'-shi; and they
came to Dan–ja'-an, and about to Zi'-
don,
7 And came to the strong hold of
Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hi'-
vites, and of the Canaanites: and they
went out to the south of Judah, *even* to
Be'-er–she'-ba.
8 So when they had gone through
all the land, they came to Jerusalem
at the end of nine months and twenty
days.
9 And Jo'-ab gave up the sum of the
number of the people unto the king:
and there were in Israel eight hundred
thousand valiant men that drew the
sword; and the men of Judah *were* five
hundred thousand men.
10 And David's heart smote him
after that he had numbered the peo-
ple. And David said unto the LORD, I
have sinned greatly in that I have
done: and now, I beseech thee, O
LORD, take away the iniquity of thy
servant; for I have done very foolishly.
11 For when David was up in the
morning, the word of the LORD came
unto the prophet Gad, David's seer,
saying,
12 Go and say unto David, Thus
saith the LORD, I offer thee three
things; choose thee one of them, that I
may *do it* unto thee.
13 So Gad came to David, and told
him, and said unto him, Shall seven
years of famine come unto thee in thy
land? or wilt thou flee three months
before thine enemies, while they pur-
sue thee? or that there be three days'
pestilence in thy land? now advise, and
see what answer I shall return to him
that sent me.
14 And David said unto Gad, I am
in a great strait: let us fall now into the
hand of the LORD; for his mercies *are*
great: and let me not fall into the hand
of man.
15 So the LORD sent a pestilence up-
on Israel from the morning even to the
time appointed: and there died of the
people from Dan even to Be'-er–she'-ba
seventy thousand men.
16 And when the angel stretched
out his hand upon Jerusalem to de-
stroy it, the LORD repented him of the
evil, and said to the angel that de-
stroyed the people, It is enough: stay
now thine hand. And the angel of the
LORD was by the threshingplace of
A-rau'-nah the Jeb'-u-site.
17 And David *spake unto the* LORD
when he saw the angel that smote the
people, and said, Lo, I have sinned,
and I have done wickedly: but these
sheep, what have they done? let thine
hand, I pray thee, be against me, and
against my father's house.
18 And Gad came that day to
David, and said unto him, Go up,
rear an altar unto the LORD in the
threshing-floor of A-rau'-nah the Jeb'-
u-site.
19 And David, according to the
saying of Gad, went up as the LORD
commanded.
20 And A-rau'-nah looked, and saw
the king and his servants coming on
toward him: and A-rau'-nah went out,
and bowed himself before the king on
his face upon the ground.
21 And A-rau'-nah said, Wherefore
is my lord the king come to his ser-
vant? And David said, To buy the
threshingfloor of thee, to build an altar
unto the LORD, that the plague may be
stayed from the people.
22 And A-rau'-nah said unto David,
Let my lord the king take and offer up
what *seemeth* good unto him: behold,
here be oxen for burnt sacrifice, and
threshing instruments and *other* instru-
ments of the oxen for wood.
23 All these *things* did A-rau'-nah,
as a king, give unto the king. And
A-rau'-nah said unto the king, The
LORD thy God accept thee.
24 And the king said unto A-rau'-
nah, Nay; *but* I *will surely buy it* of
thee at a price: neither will I offer
burnt offerings unto the LORD my God
of that which doth cost me nothing.
So David bought the threshingfloor
and the oxen for fifty shekels of sil-
ver.
25 And David built there an altar
unto the LORD, and offered burnt of-
ferings and peace offerings. So the
LORD was intreated for the land, and
the plague was stayed from Israel.

The First Book of the
Kings
Commonly Called
THE THIRD BOOK OF THE KINGS

CHAPTER 1

NOW king David was old *and* stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat.
2 Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat.
3 So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Ab'-i-shag a Shu'-nam-mite, and brought her to the king.
4 And the damsel *was* very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew her not.
5 Then Ad-o-ni'-jah the son of Hag'-gith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before *him*.
6 And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also *was a* very goodly *man*; and *his mother* bare him after Ab'-sa-lom.
7 And he conferred with Jo'-ab the son of Zer-u-i'-ah, and with A-bi'-a-thar the priest: and they following Ad-o-ni'-jah helped *him*.
8 But Za'-dok the priest, and Be-na'-iah the son of Je-hoi'-a-da, and Nathan the prophet, and Shim'-e-i, and Re'-i, and the mighty men which *belonged* to David, were not with Ad-o-ni'-jah.
9 And Ad-o-ni'-jah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zo'-he-leth, which *is* by En-ro'-gel, and called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants:
10 But Nathan the prophet, and Be-na'-iah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.
11 Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bath-she'-ba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Ad-o-ni'-jah the son of Hag'-gith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth *it* not?
12 Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon.
13 Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Ad-o-ni'-jah reign?
14 Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and confirm thy words.
15 And Bath-she'-ba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Ab'-i-shag the Shu'-nam-mite ministered unto the king.
16 And Bath-she'-ba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, What wouldest thou?
17 And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the LORD thy God unto thine handmaid, *saying*, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne.
18 And now, behold, Ad-o-ni'-jah reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knowest *it* not:
19 And he hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and A-bi'-a-thar the priest, and Jo'-ab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called.
20 And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel *are* upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.
21 Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders.

22 And, lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in.

23 And they told the king, saying, Behold Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground.

24 And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Ad-o-ni′-jah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne?

25 For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and A-bi′-a-thar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, God save king Ad-o-ni′-jah.

26 But me, *even* me thy servant, and Za′-dok the priest, and Be-na′-iah the son of Je-hoi′-a-da, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called.

27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed *it* unto thy servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

28 Then king David answered and said, Call me Bath-she′-ba. And she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king.

29 And the king sware, and said, As the LORD liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress,

30 Even as I sware unto thee by the LORD God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day.

31 Then Bath-she′-ba bowed with *her* face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever.

32 And king David said, Call me Za′-dok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Be-na′-iah the son of Je-hoi′-a-da. And they came before the king.

33 The king also said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gi′-hon:

34 And let Za′-dok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon.

35 Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.

36 And Be-na′-iah the son of Je-hoi′-a-da answered the king, and said, Amen: the LORD God of my lord the king say so *too*.

37 As the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.

38 So Za′-dok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Be-na′-iah the son of Je-hoi′-a-da, and the Cher′-e-thites, and the Pel′-e-thites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gi′-hon.

39 And Za′-dok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Solomon.

40 And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

41 And Ad-o-ni′-jah and all the guests that *were* with him heard *it* as they had made an end of eating. And when Jo′-ab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore *is this* noise of the city being in an uproar?

42 And while he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of A-bi′-a-thar the priest came; and Ad-o-ni′-jah said unto him, Come in; for thou *art* a valiant man, and bringest good tidings.

43 And Jonathan answered and said to Ad-o-ni′-jah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king.

44 And the king hath sent with him Za′-dok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Be-na′-iah the son of Je-hoi′-a-da, and the Cher′-e-thites, and the Pel′-e-thites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule:

45 And Za′-dok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gi′-hon: and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This *is* the noise that ye have heard.

46 And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom.

47 And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than [illegible]

And the king bowed himself upon the
bed.
48 And also thus said the king,
Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel,
which hath given *one* to sit on my
throne this day, mine eyes even see-
ing *it*.
49 And all the guests that *were* with
Ad-o-ni'-jah were afraid, and rose up,
and went every man his way.
50 And Ad-o-ni'-jah feared because
of Solomon, and arose, and went, and
caught hold on the horns of the altar.
51 And it was told Solomon, saying,
Behold, Ad-o-ni'-jah feareth king Solo-
mon: for, lo, he hath caught hold on
the horns of the altar, saying, Let king
Solomon swear unto me today that he
will not slay his servant with the
sword.
52 And Solomon said, If he will
shew himself a worthy man, there shall
not an hair of him fall to the earth: but
if wickedness shall be found in him, he
shall die.
53 So king Solomon sent, and they
brought him down from the altar. And
he came and bowed himself to king
Solomon: and Solomon said unto him,
Go to thine house.

CHAPTER 2

NOW the days of David drew nigh
that he should die; and he
charged Solomon his son, saying,
2 I go the way of all the earth: be
thou strong therefore, and shew thy-
self a man;
3 And keep the charge of the LORD
thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep
his statutes, and his commandments,
and his judgments, and his testimo-
nies, as it is written in the law of Mo-
ses, that thou mayest prosper in all
that thou doest, and whithersoever
thou turnest thyself:
4 That the LORD may continue his
word which he spake concerning me,
saying, If thy children take heed to
their way, to walk before me in truth
with all their heart and with all their
soul, there shall not fail thee (said he)
a man on the throne of Israel.
5 Moreover thou knowest also what
Jo'-ab the son of Zer-u-i'-ah did to me,
and what he did to the two captains of
the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son
of Ner, and unto Am'-a-sa the son of
Je'-ther, whom he slew, and shed the
blood of war in peace, and put the
blood of war upon his girdle that *was*
about his loins, and in his shoes that
were on his feet.
6 Do therefore according to thy
wisdom, and let not his hoar head go
down to the grave in peace.
7 But shew kindness unto the sons
of Bar-zil'-la-i the Gileadite, and let
them be of those that eat at thy table:
for so they came to me when I fled be-
cause of Ab'-sa-lom thy brother.
8 And, behold, *thou hast* with thee
Shim'-e-i the son of Ge'-ra, a Benja-
mite of Ba-hu'-rim, which cursed me
with a grievous curse in the day when
I went to Ma-ha-na'-im: but he came
down to meet me at Jordan, and I
sware to him by the LORD, saying, I
will not put thee to death with the
sword.
9 Now therefore hold him not guilt-
less: for thou *art* a wise man, and
knowest what thou oughtest to do un-
to him; but his hoar head bring thou
down to the grave with blood.
10 So David slept with his fathers,
and was buried in the city of David.
11 And the days that David reigned
over Israel *were* forty years: seven
years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty
and three years reigned he in Jerusa-
lem.
12 Then sat Solomon upon the
throne of David his father; and his
kingdom was established greatly.
13 And Ad-o-ni'-jah the son of Hag'-
gith came to Bath-she'-ba the mother
of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou
peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.
14 He said moreover, I have some-
what to say unto thee. And she said,
Say on.
15 And he said, Thou knowest that
the kingdom was mine, and *that* all
Israel set their faces on me, that I
should reign: howbeit the kingdom is
turned about, and is become my broth-
er's: for it was his from the LORD.
16 And now I ask one petition of
thee, deny me not. And she said unto
him, Say on.
17 And he said, Speak, I pray thee,
unto Solomon the king, (for he will not
say thee nay,) that he give me Ab'-i-
shag the Shu'-nam-mite to wife.
18 And Bath-she'-ba said, Well; I
will speak for thee unto the king.
19 Bath-she'-ba therefore went unto
king Solomon, to speak unto him for
Ad-o-ni'-jah. And the king rose up to
meet her, and bowed himself unto her,
and sat down on his throne, and caused

a seat to be set for the king's mother;
and she sat on his right hand.
20 Then she said, I desire one small
petition of thee; I *pray thee*, say me not
nay. And the king said unto her, Ask
on, my mother: for I will not say thee
nay.
21 And she said, Let Ab'-i-shag the
Shu'-nam-mite be given to Ad-o-ni'-jah
thy brother to wife.
22 And king Solomon answered and
said unto his mother, And why dost
thou ask Ab'-i-shag the Shu'-nam-mite
for Ad-o-ni'-jah? ask for him the king-
dom also; for he *is* mine elder brother;
even for him, and for A-bi'-a-thar the
priest, and for Jo'-ab the son of Zer-u-
i'-ah.
23 Then king Solomon sware by the
LORD, saying, God do so to me, and
more also, if Ad-o-ni'-jah have not spo-
ken this word against his own life.
24 Now therefore, *as* the LORD liv-
eth, which hath established me, and set
me on the throne of David my father,
and who hath made me an house, as he
promised, Ad-o-ni'-jah shall be put to
death this day.
25 And king Solomon sent by the
hand of Be-na'-iah the son of Je-hoi'-a-
da; and he fell upon him that he died.
26 And unto A-bi'-a-thar the priest
said the king, Get thee to An'-a-thoth,
unto thine own fields; for thou *art*
worthy of death: but I will not at this
time put thee to death, because thou
barest the ark of the Lord GOD before
David my father, and because thou
hast been afflicted in all wherein my
father was afflicted.
27 So Solomon thrust out A-bi'-a-
thar from being priest unto the LORD;
that he might fulfil the word of the
LORD, which he spake concerning the
house of Eli in Shi'-loh.
28 Then tidings came to Jo'-ab: for
Jo'-ab had turned after Ad-o-ni'-jah,
though he turned not after Ab'-sa-lom.
And Jo'-ab fled unto the tabernacle of
the LORD, and caught hold on the
horns of the altar.
29 And it was told king Solomon
that Jo'-ab was fled unto the taber-
nacle of the LORD; and, behold, *he is*
by the altar. Then Solomon sent Be-
na'-iah the son of Je-hoi'-a-da, saying,
Go, fall upon him.
30 And Be-na'-iah came *to* the tab-
ernacle of the LORD, and said unto
him, Thus saith the king, Come forth.
And he said, Nay; but I will die here.
And Be-na'-iah brought the king word
again, saying, Thus said Jo'-ab, and
thus he answered me.
31 And the king said unto him, Do
as he hath said, and fall upon him, and
bury him; that thou mayest take away
the innocent blood, which Jo'-ab shed,
from me, and from the house of my
father.
32 And the LORD shall return his
blood upon his own head, who fell upon
two men more righteous and better
than he, and slew them with the
sword, my father David not knowing
thereof, to wit, Abner the son of Ner,
captain of the host of Israel, and Am'-
a-sa the son of Je'-ther, captain of the
host of Judah.
33 Their blood shall therefore re-
turn upon the head of Jo'-ab, and upon
the head of his seed for ever: but upon
David, and upon his seed, and upon
his house, and upon his throne, shall
there be peace for ever from the LORD.
34 So Be-na'-iah the son of Je-hoi'-a-
da went up, and fell upon him, and
slew him: and he was buried in his own
house in the wilderness.
35 And the king put Be-na'-iah the
son of Je-hoi'-a-da in his room over the
host: and Za'-dok the priest did the
king put in the room of A-bi'-a-thar.
36 And the king sent and called for
Shim'-e-i, and said unto him, Build
thee an house in Jerusalem, and dwell
there, and go not forth thence any
whither.
37 For it shall be, *that* on the day
thou goest out, and passest over the
brook Kidron, thou shalt know for cer-
tain that thou shalt surely die: thy
blood shall be upon thine own head.
38 And Shim'-e-i said unto the king,
The saying *is* good: as my lord the king
hath said, so will thy servant do. And
Shim'-e-i dwelt in Jerusalem many
days.
39 And it came to pass at the end of
three years, that two of the servants of
Shim'-e-i ran away unto A'-chish son of
Ma'-a-chah king of Gath. And they
told Shim'-e-i, saying, Behold, thy ser-
vants *be* in Gath.
40 And Shim'-e-i arose, and saddled
his ass, and went to Gath to A'-chish to
seek his servants: and Shim'-e-i went,
and brought his servants from Gath.
41 And it was told Solomon that
Shim'-e-i had gone from Jerusalem to
Gath, and was come again.
42 And the king sent and called for

Shim'-e-i, and said unto him, Did I not
make thee to swear by the LORD, and
protested unto thee, saying, Know for
a certain, on the day thou goest out,
and walkest abroad any whither, that
thou shalt surely die? and thou saidst
unto me, The word *that* I have heard
is good.
43 Why then hast thou not kept the
oath of the LORD, and the command-
ment that I have charged thee with?
44 The king said moreover to Shim'-
e-i, Thou knowest all the wickedness
which thine heart is privy to, that thou
didst to David my father: therefore
the LORD shall return thy wickedness
upon thine own head;
45 And king Solomon *shall be*
blessed, and the throne of David shall
be established before the LORD for
ever.
46 So the king commanded Be-na'-iah
the son of Je-hoi'-a-da; which went
out, and fell upon him, that he died.
And the kingdom was established in
the hand of Solomon.

CHAPTER 3

AND Solomon made affinity with
Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took
Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her
into the city of David, until he had
made an end of building his own house,
and the house of the LORD, and the
wall of Jerusalem round about.
2 Only the people sacrificed in high
places, because there was no house
built unto the name of the LORD, until
those days.
3 And Solomon loved the LORD,
walking in the statutes of David his
father: only he sacrificed and burnt in-
cense in high places.
4 And the king went to Gibeon to
sacrifice there; for that *was* the great
high place: a thousand burnt offerings
did Solomon offer upon that altar.
5 In Gibeon the LORD appeared to
Solomon in a dream by night: and God
said, Ask what I shall give thee.
6 And Solomon said, Thou hast
shewed unto thy servant David my
father great mercy, according as he
walked before thee in truth, and in
righteousness, and in uprightness of
heart with thee; and thou hast kept
for him this great kindness, that thou
hast given him a son to sit on his
throne, as *it is* this day.
7 And now, O LORD my God, thou
hast made thy servant king instead of
David my father: and I *am but* a little
child: I know not *how* to go out or
come in.
8 And thy servant *is* in the midst of
thy people which thou hast chosen, a
great people, that cannot be numbered
nor counted for multitude.
9 Give therefore thy servant an un-
derstanding heart to judge thy people,
that I may discern between good and
bad: for who is able to judge this thy
so great a people?
10 And the speech pleased the
LORD, that Solomon had asked this
thing.
11 And God said unto him, Because
thou hast asked this thing, and hast
not asked for thyself long life; neither
hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast
asked the life of thine enemies; but
hast asked for thyself understanding
to discern judgment;
12 Behold, I have done according to
thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise
and an understanding heart; so that
there was none like thee before thee,
neither after thee shall any arise like
unto thee.
13 And I have also given thee that
which thou hast not asked, both riches,
and honour: so that there shall not be
any among the kings like unto thee all
thy days.
14 And if thou wilt walk in my
ways, to keep my statutes and my
commandments, as thy father David
did walk, then I will lengthen thy
days.
15 And Solomon awoke; and, be-
hold, *it was* a dream. And he came to
Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of
the covenant of the LORD, and offered
up burnt offerings, and offered peace
offerings, and made a feast to all his
servants.
16 Then came there two women,
that were harlots, unto the king, and
stood before him.
17 And the one woman said, O my
lord, I and this woman dwell in one
house; and I was delivered of a child
with her in the house.
18 And it came to pass the third
day after that I was delivered, that
this woman was delivered also: and we
were together; *there was* no stranger
with us in the house, save we two in
the house.
19 And this woman's child died in
the night; because she overlaid it.
20 And she arose at midnight, and

took my son from beside me, while
thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her
bosom, and laid her dead child in my
bosom.
21 And when I rose in the morning
to give my child suck, behold, it was
dead: but when I had considered it in
the morning, behold, it was not my
son, which I did bear.
22 And the other woman said, Nay;
but the living *is* my son, and the dead
is thy son. And this said, No; but the
dead *is* thy son, and the living *is* my
son. Thus they spake before the king.
23 Then said the king, The one
saith, This *is* my son that liveth, and
thy son *is* the dead: and the other
saith, Nay; but thy son *is* the dead,
and my son *is* the living.
24 And the king said, Bring me a
sword. And they brought a sword be-
fore the king.
25 And the king said, Divide the
living child in two, and give half to the
one, and half to the other.
26 Then spake the woman whose
the living child *was* unto the king, for
her bowels yearned upon her son, and
she said, O my lord, give her the living
child, and in no wise slay it. But the
other said, Let it be neither mine nor
thine, *but* divide *it*.
27 Then the king answered and
said, Give her the living child, and in
no wise slay it: she *is* the mother
thereof.
28 And all Israel heard of the judg-
ment which the king had judged; and
they feared the king: for they saw that
the wisdom of God *was* in him, to do
judgment.

CHAPTER 4

SO king Solomon was king over all
Israel.
2 And these *were* the princes which
he had; Az-a-ri′-ah the son of Za′-dok
the priest,
3 El-i-ho′-reph and A-hi′-ah, the
sons of Shi′-sha, scribes; Je-hosh′-a-
phat the son of A-hi′-lud, the recorder.
4 And Be-na′-iah the son of Je-hoi′-a-
da *was* over the host: and Za′-dok and
A-bi′-a-thar *were* the priests:
5 And Az-a-ri′-ah the son of Nathan
was over the officers: and Za′-bud the
son of Nathan *was* principal officer,
and the king's friend:
6 And A-hi′-shar *was* over the
household: and Ad-o-ni′-ram the son of
Abda *was* over the tribute.
7 And Solomon had twelve officers
over all Israel, which provided victuals
for the king and his household: each
man his month in a year made provi-
sion.
8 And these *are* their names: The
son of Hur, in mount E′-phra-im:
9 The son of De′-kar, in Ma′-kaz, and
in Sha-al′-bim, and Beth–she′-mesh,
and E′-lon–beth–ha′-nan:
10 The son of He′-sed, in Ar′-u-both;
to him *pertained* So′-choh, and all the
land of He′-pher:
11 The son of A-bin′-a-dab, in all
the region of Dor; which had Ta′-phath
the daughter of Solomon to wife:
12 Ba′-a-na the son of A-hi′-lud; *to
him pertained* Ta′-a-nach and Me-gid′-
do, and all Beth–she′-an, which *is* by
Zar-ta′-nah beneath Jez′-re-el, from
Beth–she′-an to A′-bel–me-ho′-lah, *even*
unto *the place that is* beyond Jok′-ne-
am:
13 The son of Ge′-ber, in Ra′-moth–
gil′-e-ad; to him *pertained* the towns of
Ja′-ir the son of Ma-nas′-seh, which *are*
in Gilead; to him *also pertained* the re-
gion of Ar′-gob, which *is* in Ba′-shan,
threescore great cities with walls and
brasen bars:
14 A-hin′-a-dab the son of Id′-do *had*
Ma-ha-na′-im:
15 A-him′-a-az *was* in Naph′-ta-li; he
also took Bas′-math the daughter of
Solomon to wife:
16 Ba′-a-nah the son of Hu′-shai
was in Asher and in A′-loth:
17 Je-hosh′-a-phat the son of Par′-u-
ah, in Is′-sa-char:
18 Shim′-e-i the son of E′-lah, in
Benjamin:
19 Ge′-ber the son of U′-ri *was* in the
country of Gilead, *in* the country of
Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og
king of Ba′-shan; and *he was* the only
officer which *was* in the land.
20 Judah and Israel *were* many, as
the sand which *is* by the sea in multi-
tude, eating and drinking, and making
merry.
21 And Solomon reigned over all
kingdoms from the river unto the land
of the Philistines, and unto the border
of Egypt: they brought presents, and
served Solomon all the days of his
life.
22 And Solomon's provision for one
day was thirty measures of fine flour,
and threescore measures of meal,
23 Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen
out of the pastures, and

sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and
fallowdeer, and fatted fowl.
24 For he had dominion over all *the*
region on this side the river, from Tiph'-
sah even to Az'-zah, over all the kings
on this side the river: and he had peace
on all sides round about him.
25 And Judah and Israel dwelt safe-
ly, every man under his vine and un-
der his fig tree, from Dan even to
Be'-er-she'-ba, all the days of Solomon.
26 And Solomon had forty thou-
sand stalls of horses for his chariots,
and twelve thousand horsemen.
27 And those officers provided vict-
ual for king Solomon, and for all that
came unto king Solomon's table, every
man in his month: they lacked noth-
ing.
28 Barley also and straw for the
horses and dromedaries brought they
unto the place where *the officers* were,
every man according to his charge.
29 And God gave Solomon wisdom
and understanding exceeding much,
and largeness of heart, even as the
sand that *is* on the sea shore.
30 And Solomon's wisdom excelled
the wisdom of all the children of the
east country, and all the wisdom of
Egypt.
31 For he was wiser than all men;
than Ethan the Ez'-ra-hite, and He'-
man, and Chal'-col, and Dar'-da, the
sons of Ma'-hol: and his fame was in all
nations round about.
32 And he spake three thousand
roverbs: and his songs were a thou-
nd and five.
33 And he spake of trees, from the
dar tree that *is* in Lebanon even un-
the hyssop that springeth out of the
ll: he spake also of beasts, and of
l, and of creeping things, and of
es.
4 And there came of all people to
the wisdom of Solomon, from all
s of the earth, which had heard of
isdom.

CHAPTER 5

Hiram king of Tyre sent his
ervants unto Solomon; for he
ard that they had anointed him
the room of his father: for Hi-
s ever a lover of David.
d Solomon sent to Hiram, say-

u knowest how that David
r could not build an house un-
me of the LORD his God for
the wars which were about him
every side, until the LORD put th
under the soles of his feet.
4 But now the LORD my God ha
given me rest on every side, *so th*
there is neither adversary nor evil o
current.
5 And, behold, I purpose to build a
house unto the name of the LORD my
God, as the LORD spake unto Davic
my father, saying, Thy son, whom I
will set upon thy throne in thy room,
he shall build an house unto my name.
6 Now therefore command thou
that they hew me cedar trees out of
Lebanon; and my servants shall be
with thy servants: and unto thee will
I give hire for thy servants according
to all that thou shalt appoint: for thou
knowest that *there is* not among us any
that can skill to hew timber like unto
the Si-do'-ni-ans.
7 And it came to pass, when Hiram
heard the words of Solomon, that he
rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed *be*
the LORD this day, which hath given
unto David a wise son over this great
people.
8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, say-
ing, I have considered the things which
thou sentest to me for: *and* I will do all
thy desire concerning timber of cedar,
and concerning timber of fir.
9 My servants shall bring *them*
down from Lebanon unto the sea: and
I will convey them by sea in floats un-
to the place that thou shalt appoint
me, and will cause them to be dis-
charged there, and thou shalt receive
them: and thou shalt accomplish my
desire, in giving food for my house-
hold.
10 So Hiram gave Solomon cedar
trees and fir trees *according to* all his
desire.
11 And Solomon gave Hiram twen-
ty thousand measures of wheat *for*
food to his household, and twenty
measures of pure oil: thus gave Solo-
mon to Hiram year by year.
12 And the LORD gave Solomon wis-
dom, as he promised him: and there
was peace between Hiram and Solo-
mon; and they two made a league to-
gether.
13 And king Solomon raised a levy
out of all Israel; and the levy was
thirty thousand men.
14 And he sent them to Lebanon,
ten thousand a month by cours
month they were in Leb

months at home: and Ad-o-ni'-ram *was*
over the levy.
15 And Solomon had threescore and
ten thousand that bare burdens, and
fourscore thousand hewers in the
mountains;
16 Beside the chief of Solomon's
officers which *were* over the work,
three thousand and three hundred,
which ruled over the people that
wrought in the work.
17 And the king commanded, and
they brought great stones, costly
stones, *and* hewed stones, to lay the
foundation of the house.
18 And Solomon's builders and Hi-
ram's builders did hew *them*, and the
stonesquarers: so they prepared timber
and stones to build the house.

CHAPTER 6

AND it came to pass in the four hun-
dred and eightieth year after the
children of Israel were come out of the
land of Egypt, in the fourth year of
Solomon's reign over Israel, in the
month Zif, which *is* the second month,
that he began to build the house of the
LORD.
2 And the house which king Solo-
mon built for the LORD, the length
thereof *was* threescore cubits, and the
breadth thereof twenty *cubits*, and the
height thereof thirty cubits.
3 And the porch before the temple
of the house, twenty cubits *was* the
length thereof, according to the
breadth of the house; *and* ten cubits
was the breadth thereof before the
house.
4 And for the house he made win-
dows of narrow lights.
5 And against the wall of the house
he built chambers round about, *against*
the walls of the house round about,
both of the temple and of the oracle:
and he made chambers round about:
6 The nethermost chamber *was* five
cubits broad, and the middle *was* six
cubits broad, and the third *was* seven
cubits broad: for without *in the wall* of
the house he made narrowed rests
round about, that *the beams* should not
be fastened in the walls of the house.
7 And the house, when it was in
building, was built of stone made
ready before it was brought thither: so
that there was neither hammer nor axe
nor any tool of iron heard in the house,
while it was in building.
8 The door for the middle chamber
was in the right side of the house: and
they went up with winding stairs into
the middle *chamber*, and out of the
middle into the third.
9 So he built the house, and finished
it; and covered the house with beams
and boards of cedar.
10 And *then* he built chambers
against all the house, five cubits high:
and they rested on the house with tim-
ber of cedar.
11 And the word of the LORD came
to Solomon, saying,
12 *Concerning* this house which
thou art in building, if thou wilt walk
in my statutes, and execute my judg-
ments, and keep all my command-
ments to walk in them; then will I per-
form my word with thee, which I spake
unto David thy father:
13 And I will dwell among the chil-
dren of Israel, and will not forsake my
people Israel.
14 So Solomon built the house, and
finished it.
15 And he built the walls of the
house within with boards of cedar,
both the floor of the house, and the
walls of the ceiling: *and* he covered
them on the inside with wood, and cov-
ered the floor of the house with planks
of fir.
16 And he built twenty cubits on
the sides of the house, both the floor
and the walls with boards of cedar: he
even built *them* for it within, *even* for
the oracle, *even* for the most holy
place.
17 And the house, that *is*, the tem-
ple before it, was forty cubits *long*.
18 And the cedar of the house with-
in *was* carved with knops and open
flowers: all *was* cedar; there was no
stone seen.
19 And the oracle he prepared in
the house within, to set there the ark
of the covenant of the LORD.
20 And the oracle in the forepart
was twenty cubits in length, and twen-
ty cubits in breadth, and twenty cu-
bits in the height thereof: and he over-
laid it with pure gold; and *so* covered
the altar *which was of* cedar.
21 So Solomon overlaid the house
within with pure gold: and he made a
partition by the chains of gold before
the oracle; and he overlaid it with gold.
22 And the whole house he overlaid
with gold, until he had finished all the
house: also the whole altar that *was* by
the oracle he overlaid with gold.

23 And within the oracle he made
two cherubims *of* olive tree, *each* ten
cubits high.
24 And five cubits *was* the one wing
of the cherub, and five cubits the other
wing of the cherub: from the uttermost
part of the one wing unto the uttermost
part of the other *were* ten cubits.
25 And the other cherub *was* ten
cubits: both the cherubims *were* of one
measure and one size.
26 The height of the one cherub *was*
ten cubits, and so *was it* of the other
cherub.
27 And he set the cherubims within
the inner house: and they stretched
forth the wings of the cherubims, so
that the wing of the one touched the
one wall, and the wing of the other
cherub touched the other wall; and
their wings touched one another in the
midst of the house.
28 And he overlaid the cherubims
with gold.
29 And he carved all the walls of
the house round about with carved figures
of cherubims and palm trees and
open flowers, within and without.
30 And the floor of the house he
overlaid with gold, within and without.
31 And for the entering of the oracle
he made doors *of* olive tree: the lintel
and side posts *were* a fifth part *of the
wall.*
32 The two doors also *were of* olive
tree; and he carved upon them carvings
of cherubims and palm trees and
open flowers, and overlaid *them* with
gold, and spread gold upon the cherubims,
and upon the palm trees.
33 So also made he for the door of
the temple posts *of* olive tree, a fourth
part *of the wall.*
34 And the two doors *were of* fir
tree: the two leaves of the one door
were folding, and the two leaves of the
other door *were* folding.
35 And he carved *thereon* cherubims
and palm trees and open flowers: and
covered *them* with gold fitted upon the
carved work.
36 And he built the inner court with
three rows of hewed stone, and a row
of cedar beams.
37 In the fourth year was the foundation
of the house of the LORD laid,
in the month Zif:
38 And in the eleventh year, in the
month Bul, which *is* the eighth month,
was the house finished throughout all
the parts thereof, and according to all
the fashion of it. So was he seven years
in building it.

CHAPTER 7

BUT Solomon was building his own
house thirteen years, and he finished
all his house.
2 He built also the house of the forest
of Lebanon; the length thereof *was*
an hundred cubits, and the breadth
thereof fifty cubits, and the height
thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows
of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon
the pillars.
3 And *it was* covered with cedar
above upon the beams, that *lay* on
forty five pillars, fifteen *in* a row.
4 And *there were* windows *in* three
rows, and light *was* against light *in*
three ranks.
5 And all the doors and posts *were*
square, with the windows: and light
was against light *in* three ranks.
6 And he made a porch of pillars;
the length thereof *was* fifty cubits, and
the breadth thereof thirty cubits: and
the porch *was* before them: and the
other pillars and the thick beam *were*
before them.
7 Then he made a porch for the
throne where he might judge, *even* the
porch of judgment: and *it was* covered
with cedar from one side of the floor
to the other.
8 And his house where he dwelt *had*
another court within the porch, *which*
was of the like work. Solomon made
also an house for Pharaoh's daughter,
whom he had taken *to wife*, like unto
this porch.
9 All these *were of* costly stones, according
to the measures of hewed
stones, sawed with saws, within and
without, even from the foundation unto
the coping, and *so* on the outside
toward the great court.
10 And the foundation *was of* costly
stones, even great stones, stones of ten
cubits, and stones of eight cubits.
11 And above *were* costly stones,
after the measures of hewed stones,
and cedars.
12 And the great court round about
was with three rows of hewed stones,
and a row of cedar beams, both for the
inner court of the house of the LORD,
and for the porch of the house.
13 And king Solomon sent and
fetched Hiram out of Tyre.

14 He *was* a widow's son of the
tribe of Naph'-ta-li, and his father *was*
a man of Tyre, a worker in brass: and
he was filled with wisdom, and under-
standing, and cunning to work all
works in brass. And he came to king
Solomon, and wrought all his work.
15 For he cast two pillars of brass,
of eighteen cubits high apiece: and a
line of twelve cubits did compass either
of them about.
16 And he made two chapiters *of*
molten brass, to set upon the tops of
the pillars: the height of the one chapi-
ter *was* five cubits, and the height of
the other chapiter *was* five cubits:
17 *And* nets of checker work, and
wreaths of chain work, for the chapi-
ters which *were* upon the top of the pil-
lars; seven for the one chapiter, and
seven for the other chapiter.
18 And he made the pillars, and
two rows round about upon the one
network, to cover the chapiters that
were upon the top, with pomegranates:
and so did he for the other chapiter.
19 And the chapiters that *were* upon
the top of the pillars *were* of lily work
in the porch, four cubits.
20 And the chapiters upon the two
pillars *had* pomegranates also above,
over against the belly which *was* by
the network: and the pomegranates
were two hundred in rows round about
upon the other chapiter.
21 And he set up the pillars in the
porch of the temple: and he set up the
right pillar, and called the name there-
of Ja'-chin: and he set up the left pillar,
and called the name thereof Bo'-az.
22 And upon the top of the pillars
was lily work: so was the work of the
pillars finished.
23 And he made a molten sea, ten
cubits from the one brim to the other:
it was round all about, and his height
was five cubits: and a line of thirty cu-
bits did compass it round about.
24 And under the brim of it round
about *there were* knops compassing it,
ten in a cubit, compassing the sea
round about: the knops *were* cast in
two rows, when it was cast.
25 It stood upon twelve oxen, three
looking toward the north, and three
looking toward the west, and three
looking toward the south, and three
looking toward the east: and the sea
was set above upon them, and all their
hinder parts *were* inward.
26 And it *was* an hand breadth
thick, and the brim thereof was
wrought like the brim of a cup, with
flowers of lilies: it contained two thou-
sand baths.
27 And he made ten bases of brass;
four cubits *was* the length of one base,
and four cubits the breadth thereof,
and three cubits the height of it.
28 And the work of the bases *was* on
this *manner:* they had borders, and the
borders *were* between the ledges:
29 And on the borders that *were* be-
tween the ledges *were* lions, oxen, and
cherubims: and upon the ledges *there*
was a base above: and beneath the
lions and oxen *were* certain additions
made of thin work.
30 And every base had four brasen
wheels, and plates of brass: and the
four corners thereof had undersetters:
under the laver *were* undersetters mol-
ten, at the side of every addition.
31 And the mouth of it within the
chapiter and above *was* a cubit: but
the mouth thereof *was* round *after* the
work of the base, a cubit and an half:
and also upon the mouth of it *were*
gravings with their borders, four-
square, not round.
32 And under the borders *were* four
wheels; and the axletrees of the wheels
were joined to the base: and the height
of a wheel *was* a cubit and half a
cubit.
33 And the work of the wheels *was*
like the work of a chariot wheel: their
axletrees, and their naves, and their
felloes, and their spokes, *were* all mol-
ten.
34 And *there were* four undersetters
to the four corners of one base: *and* the
undersetters *were* of the very base it-
self.
35 And in the top of the base *was*
there a round compass of half a cubit
high: and on the top of the base the
ledges thereof and the borders thereof
were of the same.
36 For on the plates of the ledges
thereof, and on the borders thereof, he
graved cherubims, lions, and palm
trees, according to the proportion of
every one, and additions round about.
37 After this *manner* he made the
ten bases: all of them had one casting,
one measure, *and* one size.
38 Then made he ten lavers of
brass: one laver contained forty baths:
and every laver was four cubits: *and*
upon every one of the ten bases one
laver.

39 And he put five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward over against *the* south.

40 And Hiram made the lavers, and the shovels, and the basons. So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the house of the LORD:

41 The two pillars, and the *two* bowls of the chapiters that *were* on the top of the two pillars; and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters which *were* upon the top of the pillars;

42 And four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, *even* two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters that *were* upon the pillars;

43 And the ten bases, and ten lavers on the bases;

44 And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea;

45 And the pots, and the shovels, and the basons: and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of the LORD, *were of* bright brass.

46 In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Suc'-coth and Zar'-than.

47 And Solomon left all the vessels *unweighed*, because they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the brass found out.

48 And Solomon made all the vessels that *pertained* unto the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the shewbread *was*,

49 And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right *side*, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs *of* gold,

50 And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the censers *of* pure gold; and the hinges *of* gold, *both* for the doors of the inner house, the most holy *place, and* for the doors of the house, *to wit*, of the temple.

51 So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated; *even* the silver, and the gold, *and the vessels, did he put* among the treasures of the house of the LORD.

CHAPTER 8

THEN Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which *is* Zion.

2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Eth'-a-nim, which *is* the seventh month.

3 And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.

4 And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up.

5 And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, *were* with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

6 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy *place, even* under the wings of the cherubims.

7 For the cherubims spread forth *their* two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.

8 And they drew out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy *place* before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day.

9 *There was* nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Ho'-reb, when the LORD made *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy *place*, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD,

11 So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled t[illegible] house of the LORD.

12 Then spake Solomon, The L[illegible] said that he would dwell in the th[illegible] darkness.

13 I have surely built thee an ho[illegible] to dwell in, a settled place for thee [illegible] abide in for ever.

14 And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the congregation of Israel: (and all the congregation of Israel stood;)

15 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, which spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled *it*, saying,

16 Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house, that my name might be therein; but I chose David to be over my people Israel.

17 And it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

18 And the LORD said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart.

19 Nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house unto my name.

20 And the LORD hath performed his word that he spake, and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

21 And I have set there a place for the ark, wherein *is* the covenant of the LORD, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

22 And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:

23 And he said, LORD God of Israel, *there is* no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart:

24 Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled *it* with thine hand, as *it is* this day.

25 Therefore now, LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me.

26 And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.

27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?

28 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day:

29 That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, *even* toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place.

30 And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive.

31 If any man trespass against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house:

32 Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

33 When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house:

34 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers.

35 When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them:

36 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

37 If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, *or* if there be caterpiller; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness *there be;*

38 What prayer and supplication soever be *made* by any man, *or* by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house:

39 Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, *even* thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;)

40 That they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

41 Moreover concerning a stranger, that *is* not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake;

42 (For they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm:) when he shall come and pray toward this house;

43 Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as *do* thy people Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have builded, is called by thy name.

44 If thy people go out to battle against their enemy, whithersoever thou shalt send them, and shall pray unto the LORD toward the city which thou hast chosen, and *toward* the house that I have built for thy name:

45 Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

46 If they sin against thee, (for *there is* no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near;

47 Yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;

48 And *so* return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name:

49 Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain their cause,

50 And forgive thy people that have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee, and give them compassion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them:

51 For they *be* thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron:

52 That thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them in all that they call for unto thee.

53 For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, *to be* thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD.

54 And it was *so*, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.

55 And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying,

56 Blessed *be* the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

57 The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us:

58 That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.

59 And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause

of his people Israel at all times, as the
matter shall require:
60 That all the people of the earth
may know that the LORD *is* God, *and*
that there is none else.
61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.
62 And the king, and all Israel with
him, offered sacrifice before the LORD.
63 And Solomon offered a sacrifice
of peace offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.
64 The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that *was* *before the house of the LORD: for there* he offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brasen altar that *was* before the LORD *was* too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.
65 And at that time Solomon held
a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Ha'-math unto the river of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven days and seven days, *even* fourteen days.
66 On the eighth day he sent the
people away: and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people.

CHAPTER 9

AND it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,
2 That the LORD appeared to Solo-
mon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon.
3 And the LORD said unto him, I
have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.
4 And if thou wilt walk before me,
as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, *and* wilt keep my statutes and my judgments:
5 Then I will establish the throne of
thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.
6 *But* if ye shall at all turn from fol-
lowing me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments *and* my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:
7 Then will I cut off Israel out of
the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people:
8 *And at this house, which is high*,
every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house?
9 And they shall answer, Because
they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.
10 And it came to pass at the end
of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the king's house,
11 (*Now* Hiram the king of Tyre
had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.
12 And Hiram came out from Tyre
to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleased him not.
13 And he said, What cities *are*
these which thou hast given me, my brother? And he called them the land of Ca'-bul unto this day.
14 And Hiram sent to the king six-
score talents of gold.
15 And this *is* the reason of the levy
which king Solomon raised; for to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and Mil'-lo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Ha'-zor, and Me-gid'-do, and Ge'-zer.
16 *For* Pharaoh king of Egypt had
gone up, and taken Ge'-zer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites

that dwelt in the city, and given it *for* a present unto his daughter, Solomon's wife.

17 And Solomon built Ge'-zer, and Beth–ho'-ron the nether,

18 And Ba'-al-ath, and Tad'-mor in the wilderness, in the land,

19 And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

20 *And* all the people *that were* left of the Amorites, Hittites, Per'-iz-zites, Hi'-vites, and Jeb'-u-sites, which *were* not of the children of Israel,

21 Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of bondservice unto this day.

22 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no bondmen: but they *were* men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.

23 These *were* the chief of the officers that *were* over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work.

24 But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which *Solomon* had built for her: then did he build Mil'-lo.

25 And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense upon the altar that *was* before the LORD. So he finished the house.

26 And king Solomon made a navy of ships in E'-zi-on–ge'-ber, which *is* beside E'-loth, on the shore of the Red sea, in the land of E'-dom.

27 And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.

28 And they came to O'-phir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought *it* to king Solomon.

CHAPTER 10

AND when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions.

2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

3 And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not *any* thing hid from the king, which he told her not.

4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built,

5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.

6 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom.

7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen *it*: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.

8 Happy *are* thy men, happy *are* these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, *and* that hear thy wisdom.

9 Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.

10 And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

11 And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from O'-phir, brought in from O'-phir great plenty of almug trees, and precious stones.

12 And the king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for singers: there came no such almug trees, nor were seen unto this day.

13 And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside *that* which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

14 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six

hundred threescore and six talents of gold,
15 Beside *that he had* of the merchantmen, and of the traffick of the spice merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the country.
16 And king Solomon made two hundred targets *of* beaten gold: six hundred *shekels* of gold went to one target.
17 And *he made* three hundred shields *of* beaten gold; three pound of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.
18 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold.
19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne *was* round behind: and *there were* stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays.
20 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not the like made in any kingdom.
21 And all king Solomon's drinking vessels *were of* gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were of* pure gold; none *were of* silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon.
22 For the king had at sea a navy of Thar'-shish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Thar'-shish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.
23 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom.
24 And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.
25 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.
26 And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem.
27 And the king made silver *to be* in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he *to be* as the sycomore trees that *are* in the vale, for abundance.
28 And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.
29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring *them* out by their means.

CHAPTER 11

BUT king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zi-do'-ni-ans, *and* Hittites;
2 Of the nations *concerning* which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: *for* surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.
3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.
4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, *that* his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as *was* the heart of David his father.
5 For Solomon went after Ash'-to-reth the goddess of the Zi-do'-ni-ans, and after Mil'-com the abomination of the Ammonites.
6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as *did* David his father.
7 Then did Solomon build an high place for Che'-mosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that *is* before Jerusalem, and for Mo'-lech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.
8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.
9 And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice,
10 And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.
11 Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend

the kingdom from thee, and will give
it to thy servant.
12 Notwithstanding in thy days I
will not do it for David thy father's
sake: *but* I will rend it out of the hand
of thy son.
13 Howbeit I will not rend away all
the kingdom; *but* will give one tribe to
thy son for David my servant's sake,
and for Jerusalem's sake which I have
chosen.
14 And the LORD stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Ha'-dad the
Edomite: he *was* of the king's seed in
Edom.
15 For it came to pass, when David
was in Edom, and Jo'-ab the captain of
the host was gone up to bury the slain,
after he had smitten every male in
Edom;
16 (For six months did Jo'-ab remain there with all Israel, until he had
cut off every male in Edom:)
17 That Ha'-dad fled, he and certain
Edomites of his father's servants with
him, to go into Egypt; Ha'-dad *being*
yet a little child.
18 And they arose out of Mid'-i-an,
and came to Paran: and they took men
with them out of Paran, and they
came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of
Egypt; which gave him an house, and
appointed him victuals, and gave him
land.
19 And Ha'-dad found great favour
in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave
him to wife the sister of his own wife,
the sister of Tah'-pen-es the queen.
20 And the sister of Tah'-pen-es
bare him Ge-nu'-bath his son, whom
Tah'-pen-es weaned in Pharaoh's
house: and Ge-nu'-bath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of
Pharaoh.
21 And when Ha'-dad heard in
Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Jo'-ab the captain of
the host was dead, Ha'-dad said to
Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may
go to mine own country.
22 Then Pharaoh said unto him,
But what hast thou lacked with me,
that, behold, thou seekest to go to
thine own country? And he answered,
Nothing: howbeit let me go in any
wise.
23 And God stirred him up *another*
adversary, Re'-zon the son of E-li'-adah, which fled from his lord Had-ad-e'-zer king of Zobah:
24 And he gathered men unto him,
and became captain over a band, when
David slew them *of Zobah:* and they
went to Damascus, and dwelt therein,
and reigned in Damascus.
25 And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the
mischief that Ha'-dad *did:* and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.
26 And Jer-o-bo'-am the son of Ne'-bat, an Eph'-rath-ite of Zer'-e-da, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name
was Ze-ru'-ah, a widow woman, even he
lifted up *his* hand against the king.
27 And this *was* the cause that he
lifted up *his* hand against the king:
Solomon built Mil'-lo, *and* repaired the
breaches of the city of David his father.
28 And the man Jer-o-bo'-am *was* a
mighty man of valour: and Solomon
seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all
the charge of the house of Joseph.
29 And it came to pass at that time
when Jer-o-bo'-am went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet A-hi'-jah the
Shi'-lo-nite found him in the way; and
he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two *were* alone in the
field:
30 And A-hi'-jah caught the new
garment that *was* on him, and rent it
in twelve pieces:
31 And he said to Jer-o-bo'-am,
Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the
LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will
rend the kingdom out of the hand of
Solomon, and will give ten tribes to
thee:
32 (But he shall have one tribe for
my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have
chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:)
33 Because that they have forsaken
me, and have worshipped Ash'-to-reth
the goddess of the Zi-do'-ni-ans, Che'-mosh the god of the Moabites, and
Mil'-com the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways,
to do *that which is* right in mine eyes,
and *to keep* my statutes and my judgments, as *did* David his father.
34 Howbeit I will not take the
whole kingdom out of his hand: but I
will make him prince all the days of
his life for David my servant's sake,
whom I chose, because he kept my
commandments and my statutes:
35 But I will take the kingdom out
of his son's hand, and will give it unto
thee, *even* ten tribes.

36 And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light alway before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.

37 And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel.

38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do *that is* right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.

39 And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever.

40 Solomon sought therefore to kill Jer-o-bo'-am. And Jer-o-bo'-am arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shi'-shak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

41 And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, *are* they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?

42 And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel *was* forty years.

43 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and Re-ho-bo'-am his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 12

AND Re-ho-bo'-am went to She'-chem: for all Israel were come to She'-chem to make him king.

2 And it came to pass, when Jer-o-bo'-am the son of Ne'-bat, who was yet in Egypt, heard *of it*, (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jer-o-bo'-am dwelt in Egypt;)

3 That they sent and called him. And Jer-o-bo'-am and all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Re-ho-bo'-am, saying,

4 Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee.

5 And he said unto them, Depart yet *for* three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.

6 And king Re-ho-bo'-am consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people?

7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever.

8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, *and* which stood before him:

9 And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter?

10 And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou *it* lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father's loins.

11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

12 So Jer-o-bo'-am and all the people came to Re-ho-bo'-am the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.

13 And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him;

14 And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father *also* chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

15 Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cause was from the LORD, that he might perform his saying, which the LORD spake by A-hi'-jah the Shi'-lo-nite unto Jer-o-bo'-am the son of Ne'-bat.

16 So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither *have we* inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents.

17 But *as for* the children of Israel

which dwelt in the cities of Judah,
Re-ho-bo'-am reigned over them.
18 Then king Re-ho-bo'-am sent
A-do'-ram, who *was* over the tribute;
and all Israel stoned him with stones,
that he died. Therefore king Re-ho-
bo'-am made speed to get him up to his
chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.
19 So Israel rebelled against the
house of David unto this day.
20 And it came to pass, when all Is-
rael heard that Jer-o-bo'-am was come
again, that they sent and called him
unto the congregation, and made him
king over all Israel: there was none
that followed the house of David, but
the tribe of Judah only.
21 And when Re-ho-bo'-am was
come to Jerusalem, he assembled all
the house of Judah, with the tribe of
Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore
thousand chosen men, which were war-
riors, to fight against the house of Is-
rael, to bring the kingdom again to
Re-ho-bo'-am the son of Solomon.
22 But the word of God came unto
She-ma'-iah the man of God, saying,
23 Speak unto Re-ho-bo'-am, the
son of Solomon, king of Judah, and
unto all the house of Judah and Ben-
jamin, and to the remnant of the peo-
ple, saying,
24 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall
not go up, nor fight against your breth-
ren the children of Israel: return every
man to his house; for this thing is from
me. They hearkened therefore to the
word of the LORD, and returned to de-
part, according to the word of the LORD.
25 Then Jer-o-bo'-am built She'-
chem in mount E'-phra-im, and dwelt
therein; and went out from thence, and
built Pe-nu'-el.
26 And Jer-o-bo'-am said in his
heart, Now shall the kingdom return
to the house of David:
27 If this people go up to do sacri-
fice in the house of the LORD at Jeru-
salem, then shall the heart of this peo-
ple turn again unto their lord, *even* un-
to Re-ho-bo'-am king of Judah, and
they shall kill me, and go again to Re-
ho-bo'-am king of Judah.
28 Whereupon the king took coun-
sel, and made two calves *of* gold, and
said unto them, It is too much for you
to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy
gods, O Israel, which brought thee up
out of the land of Egypt.
29 And he set the one in Beth-el,
and the other put he in Dan.
30 And this thing became a sin: for
the people went *to worship* before the
one, *even* unto Dan.
31 And he made an house of high
places, and made priests of the lowest
of the people, which were not of the
sons of Levi.
32 And Jer-o-bo'-am ordained a
feast in the eighth month, on the fif-
teenth day of the month, like unto the
feast that *is* in Judah, and he offered
upon the altar. So did he in Beth-el,
sacrificing unto the calves that he had
made: and he placed in Beth-el the
priests of the high places which he had
made.
33 So he offered upon the altar
which he had made in Beth-el the fif-
teenth day of the eighth month, *even*
in the month which he had devised of
his own heart; and ordained a feast un-
to the children of Israel: and he offered
upon the altar, and burnt incense.

CHAPTER 13

AND, behold, there came a man of
God out of Judah by the word of
the LORD unto Beth-el: and Jer-o-bo'-
am stood by the altar to burn incense.
2 And he cried against the altar in
the word of the LORD, and said, O al-
tar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold,
a child shall be born unto the house of
David, Jo-si'-ah by name; and upon
thee shall he offer the priests of the
high places that burn incense upon
thee, and men's bones shall be burnt
upon thee.
3 And he gave a sign the same day,
saying, This *is* the sign which the
LORD hath spoken; Behold, the altar
shall be rent, and the ashes that *are*
upon it shall be poured out.
4 And it came to pass, when king
Jer-o-bo'-am heard the saying of the
man of God, which had cried against
the altar in Beth-el, that he put forth
his hand from the altar, saying, Lay
hold on him. And his hand, which he
put forth against him, dried up, so
that he could not pull it in again to
him.
5 The altar also was rent, and the
ashes poured out from the altar, ac-
cording to the sign which the man of
God had given by the word of the
LORD.
6 And the king answered and said
unto the man of God, Intreat now the
face of the LORD thy God, and pray for
me, that my hand may be restored me

again. And the man of God besought
the LORD, and the king's hand was re-
stored him again, and became as *it was*
before.
7 And the king said unto the man of
God, Come home with me, and refresh
thyself, and I will give thee a reward.
8 And the man of God said unto the
king, If thou wilt give me half thine
house, I will not go in with thee, nei-
ther will I eat bread nor drink water in
this place:
9 For so was it charged me by the
word of the LORD, saying, Eat no
bread, nor drink water, nor turn again
by the same way that thou camest.
10 So he went another way, and re-
turned not by the way that he came to
Beth–el.
11 Now there dwelt an old prophet
in Beth–el; and his sons came and told
him all the works that the man of God
had done that day in Beth–el: the
words which he had spoken unto the
king, them they told also to their fa-
ther.
12 And their father said unto them,
What way went he? For his sons had
seen what way the man of God went,
which came from Judah.
13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle
me the ass. So they saddled him the
ass: and he rode thereon,
14 And went after the man of God,
and found him *sitting* under an oak:
and he said unto him, *Art* thou the
man of God that camest from Judah?
And he said, I *am*.
15 Then he said unto him, Come
home with me, and eat bread.
16 And he said, I may not return
with thee, nor go in with thee: neither
will I eat bread nor drink water with
thee in this place:
17 For it was said to me by the
word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no
bread nor drink water there, nor turn
again to go by the way that thou cam-
est.
18 He said unto him, I *am* a proph-
et also as thou *art*; and an angel
spake unto me by the word of the
LORD, saying, Bring him back with
thee into thine house, that he may eat
bread and drink water. *But* he lied
unto him.
19 So he went back with him, and
did eat bread in his house, and drank
water.
20 And it came to pass, as they sat
at the table, that the word of the LORD
came unto the prophet that brought
him back:
21 And he cried unto the man of
God that came from Judah, saying,
Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as
thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the
LORD, and hast not kept the com-
mandment which the LORD thy God
commanded thee,
22 But camest back, and hast eaten
bread and drunk water in the place, of
the which *the LORD* did say to thee,
Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy
carcase shall not come unto the sepul-
chre of thy fathers.
23 And it came to pass, after he had
eaten bread, and after he had drunk,
that he saddled for him the ass, *to wit*,
for the prophet whom he had brought
back.
24 And when he was gone, a lion
met him by the way, and slew him:
and his carcase was cast in the way,
and the ass stood by it, the lion also
stood by the carcase.
25 And, behold, men passed by, and
saw the carcase cast in the way, and
the lion standing by the carcase: and
they came and told *it* in the city where
the old prophet dwelt.
26 And when the prophet that
brought him back from the way heard
thereof, he said, It *is* the man of God,
who was disobedient unto the word of
the LORD: therefore the LORD hath de-
livered him unto the lion, which hath
torn him, and slain him, according to
the word of the LORD, which he spake
unto him.
27 And he spake to his sons, saying,
Saddle me the ass. And they saddled
him.
28 And he went and found his car-
case cast in the way, and the ass and
the lion standing by the carcase: the
lion had not eaten the carcase, nor
torn the ass.
29 And the prophet took up the car-
case of the man of God, and laid it
upon the ass, and brought it back: and
the old prophet came to the city, to
mourn and to bury him.
30 And he laid his carcase in his
own grave; and they mourned over
him, *saying*, Alas, my brother!
31 And it came to pass, after he had
buried him, that he spake to his sons,
saying, When I am dead, then bury
me in the sepulchre wherein the man
of God *is* buried; lay my bones beside
his bones:

32 For the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Beth-el, and against all the houses of the high places which *are* in the cities of Sa-ma'-ri-a, shall surely come to pass.

33 After this thing Jer-o-bo'-am returned not from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: whosoever would, he consecrated him, and he became *one* of the priests of the high places.

34 And this thing became sin unto the house of Jer-o-bo'-am, even to cut *it* off, and to destroy *it* from off the face of the earth.

CHAPTER 14

AT that time A-bi'-jah the son of Jer-o-bo'-am fell sick.

2 And Jer-o-bo'-am said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jer-o-bo'-am; and get thee to Shi'-loh: behold, there *is* A-hi'-jah the prophet, which told me that I *should be* king over this people.

3 And take with thee ten loaves, and cracknels, and a cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell thee what shall become of the child.

4 And Jer-o-bo'-am's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shi'-loh, and came to the house of A-hi'-jah. But A-hi'-jah could not see; for his eyes were set by reason of his age.

5 And the LORD said unto A-hi'-jah, Behold, the wife of Jer-o-bo'-am cometh to ask a thing of thee for her son; for he *is* sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her: for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she shall feign herself *to be* another *woman*.

6 And it was *so*, when A-hi'-jah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, thou wife of Jer-o-bo'-am; why feignest thou thyself *to be* another? for I *am* sent to thee *with* heavy *tidings*.

7 Go, tell Jer-o-bo'-am, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince over my people Israel,

8 And rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee: and *yet* thou hast not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do *that* only *which was* right in mine eyes;

9 But hast done evil above all that were before thee: for thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back:

10 Therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jer-o-bo'-am, and will cut off from Jer-o-bo'-am him that pisseth against the wall, *and* him that is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jer-o-bo'-am, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone.

11 Him that dieth of Jer-o-bo'-am in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

12 Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house: *and* when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die.

13 And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him: for he only of Jer-o-bo'-am shall come to the grave, because in him there is found *some* good thing toward the LORD God of Israel in the house of Jer-o-bo'-am.

14 Moreover the LORD shall raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jer-o-bo'-am that day: but what? even now.

15 For the LORD shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up Israel out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their groves, provoking the LORD to anger.

16 And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jer-o-bo'-am, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin.

17 And Jer-o-bo'-am's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tir'-zah: *and* when she came to the threshold of the door, the child died;

18 And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by the hand of his servant A-hi'-jah the prophet.

19 And the rest of the acts of Jer-o-bo'-am, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

20 And the days which Jer-o-bo'-am reigned *were* two and twenty years: and he slept with his fathers, and Na'-dab his son reigned in his stead.

21 And Re-ho-bo'-am the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Re-ho-bo'-am

was forty and one years old when he
began to reign, and he reigned seven-
teen years in Jerusalem, the city which
the LORD did choose out of all the
tribes of Israel, to put his name there.
And his mother's name *was* Na'-a-mah
an Ammonitess.
22 And Judah did evil in the sight
of the LORD, and they provoked him
to jealousy with their sins which they
had committed, above all that their fa-
thers had done.
23 For they also built them high
places, and images, and groves, on
every high hill, and under every green
tree.
24 And there were also sodomites in
the land: *and* they did according to all
the abominations of the nations which
the LORD cast out before the children
of Israel.
25 And it came to pass in the fifth
year of king Re-ho-bo'-am, *that* Shi'-
shak king of Egypt came up against
Jerusalem:
26 And he took away the treasures
of the house of the LORD, and the trea-
sures of the king's house; he even took
away all: and he took away all the
shields of gold which Solomon had
made.
27 And king Re-ho-bo'-am made in
their stead brasen shields, and com-
mitted *them* unto the hands of the
chief of the guard, which kept the door
of the king's house.
28 And it was *so*, when the king
went into the house of the LORD, that
the guard bare them, and brought
them back into the guard chamber.
29 Now the rest of the acts of Re-
ho-bo'-am, and all that he did, *are* they
not written in the book of the chroni-
cles of the kings of Judah?
30 And there was war between Re-
ho-bo'-am and Jer-o-bo'-am all *their*
days.
31 And Re-ho-bo'-am slept with his
fathers, and was buried with his fa-
thers in the city of David. And his
mother's name *was* Na'-a-mah an Am-
monitess. And A-bi'-jam his son
reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 15

NOW in the eighteenth year of king
Jer-o-bo'-am the son of Ne'-bat
reigned A-bi'-jam over Judah.
2 Three years reigned he in Jerusa-
lem. And his mother's name *was* Ma'-a-
chah, the daughter of A-bish'-a-lom.
3 And he walked in all the sins of
his father, which he had done before
him: and his heart was not perfect with
the LORD his God, as the heart of Da-
vid his father.
4 Nevertheless for David's sake did
the LORD his God give him a lamp in
Jerusalem, to set up his son after him,
and to establish Jerusalem.
5 Because David did *that which was*
right in the eyes of the LORD, and
turned not aside from any *thing* that he
commanded him all the days of his life,
save only in the matter of U-ri'-ah the
Hittite.
6 And there was war between Re-ho-
bo'-am and Jer-o-bo'-am all the days of
his life.
7 Now the rest of the acts of A-bi'-
jam, and all that he did, *are* they not
written in the book of the chronicles of
the kings of Judah? And there was war
between A-bi'-jam and Jer-o-bo'-am.
8 And A-bi'-jam slept with his fa-
thers; and they buried him in the city
of David: and Asa his son reigned in
his stead.
9 And in the twentieth year of Jer-o-
bo'-am king of Israel reigned Asa over
Judah.
10 And forty and one years reigned
he in Jerusalem. And his mother's
name *was* Ma'-a-chah, the daughter of
A-bish'-a-lom.
11 And Asa did *that which was* right
in the eyes of the LORD, as *did* David
his father.
12 And he took away the sodomites
out of the land, and removed all the
idols that his fathers had made.
13 And also Ma'-a-chah his mother,
even her he removed from *being* queen,
because she had made an idol in a
grove; and Asa destroyed her idol, and
burnt *it* by the brook Kidron.
14 But the high places were not re-
moved: nevertheless Asa's heart was
perfect with the LORD all his days.
15 And he brought in the things
which his father had dedicated, and
the things which himself had dedi-
cated, into the house of the LORD, sil-
ver, and gold, and vessels.
16 And there was war between Asa
and Ba'-a-sha king of Israel all their
days.
17 And Ba'-a-sha king of Israel went
up against Judah, and built Ra'-mah,
that he might not suffer any to go out
or come in to Asa king of Judah.
18 Then Asa took al

the gold *that were* left in the treasures
of the house of the LORD, and the trea-
sures of the king's house, and delivered
them into the hand of his servants: and
king Asa sent them to Ben–ha'-dad, the
son of Tab-ri'-mon, the son of He'-zi-on,
king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus,
saying,
19 *There is* a league between me
and thee, *and* between my father and
thy father: behold, I have sent unto
thee a present of silver and gold; come
and break thy league with Ba'-a-sha
king of Israel, that he may depart from
me.
20 So Ben–ha'-dad hearkened unto
king Asa, and sent the captains of the
hosts which he had against the cities
of Israel, and smote I'-jon, and Dan,
and A'-bel–beth–ma'-a-chah, and all
Cin'-ne-roth, with all the land of
Naph'-ta-li.
21 And it came to pass, when Ba'-a-
sha heard *thereof, that he left off build-*
ing of Ra'-mah, and dwelt in Tir'-
zah.
22 Then king Asa made a proclama-
tion throughout all Judah; none *was*
exempted: and they took away the
stones of Ra'-mah, and the timber
thereof, wherewith Ba'-a-sha had
builded; and king Asa built with them
Ge'-ba of Benjamin, and Miz'-pah.
23 The rest of all the acts of Asa,
and all his might, and all that he did,
and the cities which he built, *are* they
not written in the book of the chroni-
cles of the kings of Judah? Neverthe-
less in the time of his old age he was
diseased in his feet.
24 And Asa slept with his fathers,
and was buried with his fathers in the
city of David his father: and Je-hosh'-a-
phat his son reigned in his stead.
25 And Na'-dab the son of Jer-o-
bo'-am began to reign over Israel in
the second year of Asa king of Judah,
and reigned over Israel two years.
26 And he did evil in the sight of
the LORD, and walked in the way of
his father, and in his sin wherewith he
made Israel to sin.
27 And Ba'-a-sha the son of A-hi'-
jah, of the house of Is'-sa-char, con-
spired against him; and Ba'-a-sha
smote him at Gib'-be-thon, which *be-*
longed to the Philistines; for Na'-dab
and all Israel laid siege to Gib'-be-thon.
28 Even in the third year of Asa
king of Judah did Ba'-a-sha slay him,
and reigned in his stead.
29 And it came to pass, when he
reigned, *that* he smote all the house of
Jer-o-bo'-am; he left not to Jer-o-bo'-am
any that breathed, until he had de-
stroyed him, according unto the saying
of the LORD, which he spake by his
servant A-hi'-jah the Shi'-lo-nite:
30 Because of the sins of Jer-o-
bo'-am which he sinned, and which he
made Israel sin, by his provocation
wherewith he provoked the LORD God
of Israel to anger.
31 Now the rest of the acts of Na'-
dab, and all that he did, *are* they not
written in the book of the chronicles
of the kings of Israel?
32 And there was war between Asa
and Ba'-a-sha king of Israel all their
days.
33 In the third year of Asa king of
Judah began Ba'-a-sha the son of A-hi'-
jah to reign over all Israel in Tir'-zah,
twenty and four years.
34 And he did evil in the sight of
the LORD, and walked in the way of
Jer-o-bo'-am, and in his sin wherewith
he made Israel to sin.

CHAPTER 16

THEN the word of the LORD came
to Jehu the son of Ha-na'-ni against
Ba'-a-sha, saying,
2 Forasmuch as I exalted thee out
of the dust, and made thee prince over
my people Israel; and thou hast
walked in the way of Jer-o-bo'-am, and
hast made my people Israel to sin, to
provoke me to anger with their sins;
3 Behold, I will take away the pos-
terity of Ba'-a-sha, and the posterity
of his house; and will make thy house
like the house of Jer-o-bo'-am the son
of Ne'-bat.
4 Him that dieth of Ba'-a-sha in the
city shall the dogs eat; and him that
dieth of his in the fields shall the fowls
of the air eat.
5 Now the rest of the acts of Ba'-a-
sha, and what he did, and his might,
are they not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Israel?
6 So Ba'-a-sha slept with his fathers,
and was buried in Tir'-zah: and E'-lah
his son reigned in his stead.
7 And also by the hand of the pro-
phet Jehu the son of Ha-na'-ni came
the word of the LORD against Ba'-a-
sha, and against his house, even for all
the evil that he did in the sight of the
LORD, in provoking him to anger with

the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jer-o-bo'-am; and because he killed him.

8 In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah began E'-lah the son of Ba'-a-sha to reign over Israel in Tir'-zah, two years.

9 And his servant Zimri, captain of half *his* chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tir'-zah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Ar'-za steward of *his* house in Tir'-zah.

10 And Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead.

11 And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, *that* he slew all the house of Ba'-a-sha: he left him not one that pisseth against a wall, neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends.

12 Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Ba'-a-sha, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake against Ba'-a-sha by Jehu the prophet,

13 For all the sins of Ba'-a-sha, and the sins of E'-lah his son, by which they sinned, and by which they made Israel to sin, in provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

14 Now the rest of the acts of E'-lah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

15 In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tir'-zah. And the people *were* encamped against Gib'-be-thon, which *belonged* to the Philistines.

16 And the people *that were* encamped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also slain the king: wherefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp.

17 And Omri went up from Gib'-be-thon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tir'-zah.

18 And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died,

19 For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jer-o-bo'-am, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin.

20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

21 Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tib'-ni the son of Gi'-nath, to make him king; and half followed Omri.

22 But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tib'-ni the son of Gi'-nath: so Tib'-ni died, and Omri reigned.

23 In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, twelve years: six years reigned he in Tir'-zah.

24 And he bought the hill Sa-ma'-ria of She'-mer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of She'-mer, owner of the hill, Sa-ma'-ri-a.

25 But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all that *were* before him.

26 For he walked in all the way of Jer-o-bo'-am the son of Ne'-bat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he shewed, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Sa-ma'-ri-a: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

29 And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Sa-ma'-ri-a twenty and two years.

30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that *were* before him.

31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jer-o-bo'-am the son of Ne'-bat, that he took to wife Jez'-e-bel the daughter of Eth-ba'-al king of the Zi-do'-ni-ans, and went and served Ba'-al, and worshipped him.

32 And he reared up an altar for Ba'-al in the house of Ba'-al, which he had built in Sa-ma'-ri-a.

33 And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that we

34 In his days did

elite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in A-bi'-ram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest *son* Se'-gub, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun.

CHAPTER 17

AND E-li'-jah the Tish'-bite, *who was* of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

2 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Che'-rith, that *is* before Jordan.

4 And it shall be, *that* thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

5 So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Che'-rith, that *is* before Jordan.

6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

8 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

9 Arise, get thee to Zar'-e-phath, which *belongeth* to Zi'-don, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

10 So he arose and went to Zar'-e-phath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman *was* there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

11 And as she was going to fetch *it*, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.

12 And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I *am* gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

13 And E-li'-jah said unto her, Fear not; go *and* do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring *it* unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.

14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day *that* the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.

15 And she went and did according to the saying of E-li'-jah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat *many* days.

16 *And* the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by E-li'-jah.

17 And it came to pass after these things, *that* the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.

18 And she said unto E-li'-jah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?

19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

20 And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?

21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.

22 And the LORD heard the voice of E-li'-jah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

23 And E-li'-jah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and E-li'-jah said, See, thy son liveth.

24 And the woman said to E-li'-jah, Now by this I know that thou *art* a man of God, *and* that the word of the LORD in thy mouth *is* truth.

CHAPTER 18

AND it came to pass *after* many days, that the word of the LORD came to E-li'-jah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.

2 And E-li'-jah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And *there was* a sore famine in Sa-ma'-ri-a.

3 And Ahab called O-ba-di'-ah,

which *was* the governor of *his* house.
(Now O-ba-di'-ah feared the LORD
greatly:
4 For it was *so*, when Jez'-e-bel cut
off the prophets of the LORD, that
O-ba-di'-ah took an hundred prophets,
and hid them by fifty in a cave, and
fed them with bread and water.)
5 And Ahab said unto O-ba-di'-ah,
Go into the land, unto all fountains of
water, and unto all brooks: peradventure
we may find grass to save the
horses and mules alive, that we lose
not all the beasts.
6 So they divided the land between
them to pass throughout it: Ahab went
one way by himself, and O-ba-di'-ah
went another way by himself.
7 And as O-ba-di'-ah was in the
way, behold, E-li'-jah met him: and he
knew him, and fell on his face, and
said, *Art* thou that my lord E-li'-jah?
8 And he answered him, I *am:* go,
tell thy lord, Behold, E-li'-jah *is here*.
9 And he said, What have I sinned,
that thou wouldest deliver thy servant
into the hand of Ahab, to slay me?
10 As the LORD thy God liveth,
there is no nation or kingdom, whither
my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and
when they said, *He is* not *there;* he took
an oath of the kingdom and nation,
that they found thee not.
11 And now thou sayest, Go, tell
thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here*.
12 And it shall come to pass, *as soon
as* I am gone from thee, that the Spirit
of the LORD shall carry thee whither I
know not; and *so* when I come and tell
Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall
slay me: but I thy servant fear the
LORD from my youth.
13 Was it not told my lord what I
did when Jez'-e-bel slew the prophets
of the LORD, how I hid an hundred
men of the LORD's prophets by fifty in
a cave, and fed them with bread and
water?
14 And now thou sayest, Go, tell
thy lord, Behold, E-li'-jah *is here:* and
he shall slay me.
15 And E-li'-jah said, As the LORD
of hosts liveth, before whom I stand,
I will surely shew myself unto him to
day.
16 So O-ba-di'-ah went to meet
Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to
meet E-li'-jah.
17 And it came to pass, when Ahab
saw E-li'-jah, that Ahab said unto him,
Art thou he that troubleth Israel?
18 And he answered, I have not
troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's
house, in that ye have forsaken
the commandments of the LORD, and
thou hast followed Ba'-al-im.
19 Now therefore send, *and* gather
to me all Israel unto mount Carmel,
and the prophets of Ba'-al four hundred
and fifty, and the prophets of
the groves four hundred, which eat at
Jez'-e-bel's table.
20 So Ahab sent unto all the children
of Israel, and gathered the prophets
together unto mount Carmel.
21 And E-li'-jah came unto all the
people, and said, How long halt ye between
two opinions? if the LORD *be*
God, follow him: but if Ba'-al, *then* follow
him. And the people answered
him not a word.
22 Then said E-li'-jah unto the people,
I, *even* I only, remain a prophet of
the LORD; but Ba'-al's prophets *are*
four hundred and fifty men.
23 Let them therefore give us two
bullocks; and let them choose one bullock
for themselves, and cut it in
pieces, and lay *it* on wood, and put no
fire *under:* and I will dress the other
bullock, and lay *it* on wood, and put
no fire *under:*
24 And call ye on the name of your
gods, and I will call on the name of the
LORD: and the God that answereth by
fire, let him be God. And all the people
answered and said, It is well spoken.
25 And E-li'-jah said unto the prophets
of Ba'-al, Choose you one bullock
for yourselves, and dress *it* first; for ye
are many; and call on the name of your
gods, but put no fire *under*.
26 And they took the bullock which
was given them, and they dressed *it*,
and called on the name of Ba'-al from
morning even until noon, saying, O
Ba'-al, hear us. But *there was* no voice,
nor any that answered. And they
leaped upon the altar which was made.
27 And it came to pass at noon,
that E-li'-jah mocked them, and said,
Cry aloud: for he *is* a god; either he is
talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a
journey, *or* peradventure he sleepeth,
and must be awaked.
28 And they cried aloud, and cut
themselves after their manner with
knives and lancets, till the blood
gushed out upon them.
29 And it came to pass, when midday
was past, and they prophesied until
the *time* of the offerin

ning sacrifice, that *there was* neither
voice, nor any to answer, nor any that
regarded.
30 And E-li'-jah said unto all the
people, Come near unto me. And all
the people came near unto him. And
he repaired the altar of the LORD *that*
was broken down.
31 And E-li'-jah took twelve stones,
according to the number of the tribes
of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the
word of the LORD came, saying, Israel
shall be thy name:
32 And with the stones he built an
altar in the name of the LORD: and he
made a trench about the altar, as
great as would contain two measures
of seed.
33 And he put the wood in order,
and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid
him on the wood, and said, Fill four
barrels with water, and pour *it* on the
burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.
34 And he said, Do *it* the second
time. And they did *it* the second time.
And he said, Do *it* the third time. And
they did *it* the third time.
35 And the water ran round about
the altar; and he filled the trench also
with water.
36 And it came to pass at *the time of*
the offering of the *evening* sacrifice,
that E-li'-jah the prophet came near,
and said, LORD God of Abraham,
Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known
this day that thou *art* God in Israel,
and *that* I *am* thy servant, and *that* I
have done all these things at thy word.
37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that
this people may know that thou *art*
the LORD God, and *that* thou hast
turned their heart back again.
38 Then the fire of the LORD fell,
and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and
the wood, and the stones, and the dust,
and licked up the water that *was* in the
trench.
39 And when all the people saw *it*,
they fell on their faces: and they said,
The LORD, he *is* the God; the LORD, he
is the God.
40 And E-li'-jah said unto them,
Take the prophets of Ba'-al; let not one
of them escape. And they took them:
and E-li'-jah brought them down to
the brook Ki'-shon, and slew them
there.
41 And E-li'-jah said unto Ahab,
Get thee up, eat and drink; for *there is*
a sound of abundance of rain.
42 So Ahab went up to eat and to
drink. And E-li'-jah went up to the top
of Carmel; and he cast himself down
upon the earth, and put his face be-
tween his knees,
43 And said to his servant, Go up
now, look toward the sea. And he went
up, and looked, and said, *There is*
nothing. And he said, Go again seven
times.
44 And it came to pass at the sev-
enth time, that he said, Behold, there
ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like
a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say
unto Ahab, Prepare *thy chariot*, and
get thee down, that the rain stop thee
not.
45 And it came to pass in the mean
while, that the heaven was black with
clouds and wind, and there was a great
rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jez'-
re-el.
46 And the hand of the LORD was
on E-li'-jah; and he girded up his loins,
and ran before Ahab to the entrance
of Jez'-re-el.

CHAPTER 19

AND Ahab told Jez'-e-bel all that
E-li'-jah had done, and withal
how he had slain all the prophets with
the sword.
2 Then Jez'-e-bel sent a messenger
unto E-li'-jah, saying, So let the gods
do *to me*, and more also, if I make not
thy life as the life of one of them by to
morrow about this time.
3 And when he saw *that*, he arose,
and went for his life, and came to
Be'-er–she'-ba, which *belongeth* to Ju-
dah, and left his servant there.
4 But he himself went a day's jour-
ney into the wilderness, and came and
sat down under a juniper tree: and he
requested for himself that he might
die; and said, It is enough; now, O
LORD, take away my life; for I *am* not
better than my fathers.
5 And as he lay and slept under a
juniper tree, behold, then an angel
touched him, and said unto him, Arise
and eat.
6 And he looked, and, behold, *there*
was a cake baken on the coals, and a
cruse of water at his head. And he did
eat and drink, and laid him down
again.
7 And the angel of the LORD came
again the second time, and touched
him, and said, Arise *and* eat; because
the journey *is* too great for thee.
8 And he arose, and did eat and

drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Ho'-reb the mount of God.

9 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, and he said *unto him,* What doest thou here, E-li'-jah?

10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; *but* the LORD *was* not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake:

12 And after the earthquake a fire; *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

13 And it was *so,* when E-li'-jah heard *it,* that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, *there came* a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, E-li'-jah?

14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Haz'-a-el *to be* king over Syria:

16 And Jehu the son of Nim'-shi shalt thou anoint *to be* king over Israel: and E-li'-sha the son of Sha'-phat of A'-bel-me-ho'-lah shalt thou anoint *to be* prophet in thy room.

17 And it shall come to pass, *that* him that escapeth the sword of Haz'-a-el shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall E-li'-sha slay.

18 Yet I have left *me* seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Ba'-al, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

19 So he departed thence, and found E-li'-sha the son of Sha'-phat, who *was* plowing *with* twelve yoke *of oxen* before him, and he with the twelfth: and E-li'-jah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

20 And he left the oxen, and ran after E-li'-jah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and *then* I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?

21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after E-li'-jah, and ministered unto him.

CHAPTER 20

AND Ben-ha'-dad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and *there were* thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Sa-ma'-ri-a, and warred against it.

2 And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith Ben-ha'-dad,

3 Thy silver and thy gold *is* mine; thy wives also and thy children, *even* the goodliest, *are* mine.

4 And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O king, according to thy saying, I *am* thine, and all that I have.

5 And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaketh Ben-ha'-dad, saying, Although I have sent unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children;

6 Yet I will send my servants unto thee to morrow about this time, and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, *that* whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put *it* in their hand, and take *it* away.

7 Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this *man* seeketh mischief: for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied him not.

8 And all the elders and all the people said unto him, Hearken not *unto him,* nor consent.

9 Wherefore he said unto the messengers of Ben-ha'-dad, Tell

the king, All that thou didst send for
to thy servant at the first I will do:
but this thing I may not do. And the
messengers departed, and brought him
word again.
10 And Ben–ha'-dad sent unto him,
and said, The gods do so unto me, and
more also, if the dust of Sa-ma'-ri-a
shall suffice for handfuls for all the
people that follow me.
11 And the king of Israel answered
and said, Tell *him*, Let not him that
girdeth on *his harness* boast himself as
he that putteth it off.
12 And it came to pass, when *Ben–ha'-dad* heard this message, as he *was*
drinking, he and the kings in the pavilions, that he said unto his servants,
Set *yourselves in array*. And they set
themselves in array against the city.
13 And, behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, saying,
Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou seen
all this great multitude? behold, I will
deliver it into thine hand this day; and
thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.
14 And Ahab said, By whom? And
he said, Thus saith the LORD, *Even* by
the young men of the princes of the
provinces. Then he said, Who shall
order the battle? And he answered,
Thou.
15 Then he numbered the young
men of the princes of the provinces,
and they were two hundred and thirty
two: and after them he numbered all
the people, *even* all the children of Israel, *being* seven thousand.
16 And they went out at noon. But
Ben–ha'-dad *was* drinking himself
drunk in the pavilions, he and the
kings, the thirty and two kings that
helped him.
17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and
Ben–ha'-dad sent out, and they told
him, saying, There are men come out
of Sa-ma'-ri-a.
18 And he said, Whether they be
come out for peace, take them alive; or
whether they be come out for war,
take them alive.
19 So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the
city, and the army which followed
them.
20 And they slew every one his
man: and the Syrians fled; and Israel
pursued them: and Ben–ha'-dad the
king of Syria escaped on an horse with
the horsemen.
21 And the king of Israel went out,
and smote the horses and chariots, and
slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.
22 And the prophet came to the
king of Israel, and said unto him, Go,
strengthen thyself, and mark, and see
what thou doest: for at the return of
the year the king of Syria will come up
against thee.
23 And the servants of the king of
Syria said unto him, Their gods *are*
gods of the hills; therefore they were
stronger than we; but let us fight
against them in the plain, and surely
we shall be stronger than they.
24 And do this thing, Take the
kings away, every man out of his
place, and put captains in their rooms:
25 And number thee an army, like
the army that thou hast lost, horse for
horse, and chariot for chariot: and we
will fight against them in the plain,
and surely we shall be stronger than
they. And he hearkened unto their
voice, and did so.
26 And it came to pass at the return
of the year, that Ben–ha'-dad numbered the Syrians, and went up to
A'-phek, to fight against Israel.
27 And the children of Israel were
numbered, and were all present, and
went against them: and the children of
Israel pitched before them like two
little flocks of kids; but the Syrians
filled the country.
28 And there came a man of God,
and spake unto the king of Israel, and
said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the
Syrians have said, The LORD *is* God of
the hills, but he *is* not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this
great multitude into thine hand, and
ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
29 And they pitched one over
against the other seven days. And so
it was, that in the seventh day the
battle was joined: and the children of
Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred
thousand footmen in one day.
30 But the rest fled to A'-phek, into
the city; and *there* a wall fell upon
twenty and seven thousand of the men
that were left. And Ben–ha'-dad fled,
and came into the city, into an inner
chamber.
31 And his servants said unto him,
Behold now, we have heard that the
kings of the house of Israel *are* merciful
kings: let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our

heads, and go out to the king of Israel:
peradventure he will save thy life.
32 So they girded sackcloth on their
loins, and *put* ropes on their heads, and
came to the king of Israel, and said,
Thy servant Ben–ha'-dad saith, I pray
thee, let me live. And he said, *Is* he yet
alive? he *is* my brother.
33 Now the men did diligently observe whether *any thing would come*
from him, and did hastily catch *it*: and
they said, Thy brother Ben–ha'-dad.
Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then
Ben–ha'-dad came forth to him; and he
caused him to come up into the chariot.
34 And *Ben–ha'-dad* said unto him,
The cities, which my father took from
thy father, I will restore; and thou
shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Sa-ma'-ri-a.
Then *said Ahab*, I will send thee away
with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.
35 And a certain man of the sons of
the prophets said unto his neighbour
in the word of the LORD, Smite me, I
pray thee. And the man refused to
smite him.
36 Then said he unto him, Because
thou hast not obeyed the voice of the
LORD, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee.
And as soon as he was departed from
him, a lion found him, and slew him.
37 Then he found another man, and
said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the
man smote him, so that in smiting he
wounded *him*.
38 So the prophet departed, and
waited for the king by the way, and
disguised himself with ashes upon his
face.
39 And as the king passed by, he
cried unto the king: and he said, Thy
servant went out into the midst of the
battle; and, behold, a man turned
aside, and brought a man unto me, and
said, Keep this man: if by any means
he be missing, then shall thy life be for
his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent
of silver.
40 And as thy servant was busy
here and there, he was gone. And the
king of Israel said unto him, So *shall*
thy judgment *be;* thyself hast decided
it.
41 And he hasted, and took the
ashes away from his face; and the king
of Israel discerned him that he *was* of
the prophets.
42 And he said unto him, Thus saith
the LORD, Because thou hast let go out
of *thy* hand a man whom I appointed
to utter destruction, therefore thy life
shall go for his life, and thy people for
his people.
43 And the king of Israel went to
his house heavy and displeased, and
came to Sa-ma'-ri-a.

CHAPTER 21

AND it came to pass after these
things, *that* Na'-both the Jez'-re-el-ite had a vineyard, which *was* in
Jez'-re-el, hard by the palace of Ahab
king of Sa-ma'-ri-a.
2 And Ahab spake unto Na'-both,
saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I
may have it for a garden of herbs, because it *is* near unto my house: and I
will give thee for it a better vineyard
than it; *or,* if it seem good to thee, I
will give thee the worth of it in money.
3 And Na'-both said to Ahab, The
LORD forbid it me, that I should give
the inheritance of my fathers unto
thee.
4 And Ahab came into his house
heavy and displeased because of the
word which Na'-both the Jez'-re-el-ite
had spoken to him: for he had said, I
will not give thee the inheritance of
my fathers. And he laid him down
upon his bed, and turned away his
face, and would eat no bread.
5 But Jez'-e-bel his wife came to
him, and said unto him, Why is thy
spirit so sad, that thou eatest no
bread?
6 And he said unto her, Because I
spake unto Na'-both the Jez'-re-el-ite,
and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please
thee, I will give thee *another* vineyard
for it: and he answered, I will not give
thee my vineyard.
7 And Jez'-e-bel his wife said unto
him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, *and* eat bread, and
let thine heart be merry: I will give
thee the vineyard of Na'-both the Jez're-el-ite.
8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's
name, and sealed *them* with his seal,
and sent the letters unto the elders and
to the nobles that *were* in his city,
dwelling with Na'-both.
9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Na'-both
on high among the people:
10 And set two men, sons
al, before him, to bear witnes

him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And *then* carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.
11 And the men of his city, *even* the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jez'-e-bel had sent unto them, *and* as it *was* written in the letters which she had sent unto them.
12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Na'-both on high among the people.
13 And there came in two men, children of Be'-li-al, and sat before him: and the men of Be'-li-al witnessed against him, *even* against Na'-both, in the presence of the people, saying, Na'-both did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.
14 Then they sent to Jez'-e-bel, saying, Na'-both is stoned, and is dead.
15 And it came to pass, when Jez'-e-bel heard that Na'-both was stoned, and was dead, that Jez'-e-bel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Na'-both the Jez'-re-el-ite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Na'-both is not alive, but dead.
16 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Na'-both was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Na'-both the Jez'-re-el-ite, to take possession of it.
17 And the word of the LORD came to E-li'-jah the Tish'-bite, saying,
18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which *is* in Sa-ma'-ri-a: behold, *he is* in the vineyard of Na'-both, whither he is gone down to possess it.
19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Na'-both shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.
20 And Ahab said to E-li'-jah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found *thee:* because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD.
21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel,
22 And will make thine house like the house of Jer-o-bo'-am the son of Ne'-bat, and like the house of Ba'-a-sha the son of A-hi'-jah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked *me* to anger, and made Israel to sin.
23 And of Jez'-e-bel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jez'-e-bel by the wall of Jez'-re-el.
24 Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.
25 But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jez'-e-bel his wife stirred up.
26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all *things* as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.
27 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.
28 And the word of the LORD came to E-li'-jah the Tish'-bite, saying,
29 Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: *but* in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

CHAPTER 22

AND they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel.
2 And it came to pass in the third year, that Je-hosh'-a-phat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.
3 And the king of Israel said unto his servants, Know ye that Ra'-moth in Gilead *is* ours, and we *be* still, *and* take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?
4 And he said unto Je-hosh'-a-phat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ra'-moth-gil'-e-ad? And Je-hosh'-a-phat said to the king of Israel, I *am* as thou *art*, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.
5 And Je-hosh'-a-phat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.
6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ra'-moth-gil'-e-ad to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

7 And Je-hosh'-a-phat said, *Is there*
not here a prophet of the LORD besides,
that we might enquire of him?
8 And the king of Israel said unto
Je-hosh'-a-phat, *There is* yet one man,
Mi-ca'-iah the son of Im'-lah, by whom
we may enquire of the LORD: but I
hate him; for he doth not prophesy
good concerning me, but evil. And Je-
hosh'-a-phat said, Let not the king
say so.
9 Then the king of Israel called an
officer, and said, Hasten *hither* Mi-ca'-
iah the son of Im'-lah.
10 And the king of Israel and Je-
hosh'-a-phat the king of Judah sat each
on his throne, having put on their
robes, in a void place in the entrance
of the gate of Sa-ma'-ri-a; and all the
prophets prophesied before them.
11 And Zed-e-ki'-ah the son of Che-
na'-a-nah made him horns of iron: and
he said, Thus saith the LORD, With
these shalt thou push the Syrians, un-
til thou have consumed them.
12 And all the prophets prophesied
so, saying, Go up to Ra'-moth–gil'-e-ad,
and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver
it into the king's hand.
13 And the messenger that was
gone to call Mi-ca'-iah spake unto him,
saying, Behold now, the words of the
prophets *declare* good unto the king
with one mouth: let thy word, I pray
thee, be like the word of one of them,
and speak *that which is* good.
14 And Mi-ca'-iah said, As the LORD
liveth, what the LORD saith unto me,
that will I speak.
15 So he came to the king. And the
king said unto him, Mi-ca'-iah, shall
we go against Ra'-moth–gil'-e-ad to
battle, or shall we forbear? And he an-
swered him, Go, and prosper: for the
LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of
the king.
16 And the king said unto him,
How many times shall I adjure thee
that thou tell me nothing but *that
which is* true in the name of the LORD?
17 And he said, I saw all Israel scat-
tered upon the hills, as sheep that have
not a shepherd: and the LORD said,
These have no master: let them return
every man to his house in peace.
18 And the king of Israel said unto
Je-hosh'-a-phat, Did I not tell thee
that he would prophesy no good con-
cerning me, but evil?
19 And he said, Hear thou therefore
the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD
sitting on his throne, and all the host
of heaven standing by him on his right
hand and on his left.
20 And the LORD said, Who shall
persuade Ahab, that he may go up and
fall at Ra'-moth–gil'-e-ad? And one
said on this manner, and another said
on that manner.
21 And there came forth a spirit,
and stood before the LORD, and said,
I will persuade him.
22 And the LORD said unto him,
Wherewith? And he said, I will go
forth, and I will be a lying *spirit* in the
mouth of all his prophets. And he said,
Thou shalt persuade *him*, and prevail
also: go forth, and do so.
23 Now therefore, behold, the LORD
hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of
all these thy prophets, and the LORD
hath spoken evil concerning thee.
24 But Zed-e-ki'-ah the son of Che-
na'-a-nah went near, and smote Mi-ca'-
iah on the cheek, and said, Which way
went the Spirit of the LORD from me to
speak unto thee?
25 And Mi-ca'-iah said, Behold,
thou shalt see in that day, when thou
shalt go into an inner chamber to hide
thyself.
26 And the king of Israel said, Take
Mi-ca'-iah, and carry him back unto
A'-mon the governor of the city, and to
Jo'-ash the king's son;
27 And say, Thus saith the king,
Put this *fellow* in the prison, and feed
him with bread of affliction and with
water of affliction, until I come in
peace.
28 And Mi-ca'-iah said, If thou re-
turn at all in peace, the LORD hath not
spoken by me. And he said, Hearken,
O people, every one of you.
29 So the king of Israel and Je-
hosh'-a-phat the king of Judah went up
to Ra'-moth–gil'-e-ad.
30 And the king of Israel said unto
Je-hosh'-a-phat, I will disguise myself,
and enter into the battle; but put thou
on thy robes. And the king of Israel
disguised himself, and went into the
battle.
31 But the king of Syria com-
manded his thirty and two captains
that had rule over his chariots, saying,
Fight neither with small nor great,
save only with the king of Israel.
32 And it came to pass, when the
captains of the chariots saw Je-hosh'-a-
phat, that they said, Surely it is the
king of Israel. And they turned

to fight against him: and Je-hosh'-a-
phat cried out.
33 And it came to pass, when the
captains of the chariots perceived that
it *was* not the king of Israel, that they
turned back from pursuing him.
34 And a *certain* man drew a bow at
a venture, and smote the king of Israel
between the joints of the harness:
wherefore he said unto the driver of
his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry
me out of the host; for I am wounded.
35 And the battle increased that
day: and the king was stayed up in his
chariot against the Syrians, and died
at even: and the blood ran out of the
wound into the midst of the chariot.
36 And there went a proclamation
throughout the host about the going
down of the sun, saying, Every man to
his city, and every man to his own
country.
37 So the king died, and was
brought to Sa-ma'-ri-a; and they bur-
ied the king in Sa-ma'-ri-a.
38 And *one* washed the chariot in
the pool of Sa-ma'-ri-a; and the dogs
licked up his blood; and they washed
his armour; according unto the word
of the LORD which he spake.
39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab,
and all that he did, and the ivory house
which he made, and all the cities that
he built, *are* they not written in the
book of the chronicles of the kings of
Israel?
40 So Ahab slept with his fathers;
and A-ha-zi'-ah his son reigned in his
stead.
41 And Je-hosh'-a-phat the son of
Asa began to reign over Judah in the
fourth year of Ahab king of Israel.
42 Je-hosh'-a-phat *was* thirty and
five years old when he began to reign;
and he reigned twenty and five years
in Jerusalem. And his mother's name
was A-zu'-bah the daughter of Shil'-hi.
43 And he walked in all the ways of
Asa his father; he turned not aside
from it, doing *that which was* right in
the eyes of the LORD: nevertheless the
high places were not taken away; *for*
the people offered and burnt incense
yet in the high places.
44 And Je-hosh'-a-phat made peace
with the king of Israel.
45 Now the rest of the acts of Je-
hosh'-a-phat, and his might that he
shewed, and how he warred, *are* they
not written in the book of the chroni-
cles of the kings of Judah?
46 And the remnant of the sodom-
ites, which remained in the days of his
father Asa, he took out of the land.
47 *There was* then no king in Edom:
a deputy *was* king.
48 Je-hosh'-a-phat made ships of
Thar'-shish to go to O'-phir for gold:
but they went not; for the ships were
broken at E'-zi-on-ge'-ber.
49 Then said A-ha-zi'-ah the son of
Ahab unto Je-hosh'-a-phat, Let my
servants go with thy servants in the
ships. But Je-hosh'-a-phat would not.
50 And Je-hosh'-a-phat slept with
his fathers, and was buried with his
fathers in the city of David his father:
and Je-ho'-ram his son reigned in his
stead.
51 A-ha-zi'-ah the son of Ahab be-
gan to reign over Israel in Sa-ma'-ri-a
the seventeenth year of Je-hosh'-a-
phat king of Judah, and reigned two
years over Israel.
52 And he did evil in the sight of
the LORD, and walked in the way of
his father, and in the way of his moth-
er, and in the way of Jer-o-bo'-am
the son of Ne'-bat, who made Israel to
sin:
53 For he served Ba'-al, and wor-
shipped him, and provoked to anger
the LORD God of Israel, according to
all that his father had done.

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THE FOURTH BOOK OF THE KINGS

CHAPTER 1

THEN Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.
2 And A-ha-zi'-ah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber *that was* in Sa-ma'-ri-a, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, enquire of Ba'-al-ze'-bub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease.
3 But the angel of the LORD said to E-li'-jah the Tish'-bite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Sa-ma'-ri-a, and say unto them, *Is it* not because *there is* not a God in Israel, *that* ye go to enquire of Ba'-al-ze'-bub the god of Ekron?
4 Now therefore thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And E-li'-jah departed.
5 And when the messengers turned back unto him, he said unto them, Why are ye now turned back?
6 And they said unto him, There came a man up to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Is *it* not because *there is* not a God in Israel, *that* thou sendest to enquire of Ba'-al-ze'-bub the god of Ekron? therefore thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.
7 And he said unto them, What manner of man *was he* which came up to meet you, and told you these words?
8 And they answered him, *He was* an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It *is* E-li'-jah the Tish'-bite.
9 Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he sat on the top of an hill. And he spake unto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come down.
10 And E-li'-jah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I *be* a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.
11 Again also he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly.
12 And E-li'-jah answered and said unto them, If I *be* a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.
13 And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before E-li'-jah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight.
14 Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight.
15 And the angel of the LORD said unto E-li'-jah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king.
16 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of Ba'-al-ze'-bub the God of Ekron, *is it* not because *there is* no God in Israel to enquire of his word? therefore thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.
17 So he died according to the word of the LORD which E-li'-jah had spoken. And Je-ho'-ram reigned in his stead in the second year of Je-ho'-ram the son of Je-hosh'-a-phat king of Judah; because he had no son.
18 Now the rest of the acts of A-ha-

zi′-ah which he did, *are* they not writ-
ten in the book of the chronicles of the
kings of Israel?

CHAPTER 2

AND it came to pass, when the LORD
would take up E-li′-jah into heav-
en by a whirlwind, that E-li′-jah
went with E-li′-sha from Gilgal.
2 And E-li′-jah said unto E-li′-sha,
Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD
hath sent me to Beth–el. And E-li′-sha
said *unto him*, As the LORD liveth, and
as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee.
So they went down to Beth–el.
3 And the sons of the prophets that
were at Beth–el came forth to E-li′-sha,
and said unto him, Knowest thou that
the LORD will take away thy master
from thy head to day? And he said,
Yea, I know *it*; hold ye your peace.
4 And E-li′-jah said unto him, E-li′-
sha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the
LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he
said, As the LORD liveth, and *as* thy
soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So
they came to Jericho.
5 And the sons of the prophets that
were at Jericho came to E-li′-sha, and
said unto him, Knowest thou that the
LORD will take away thy master from
thy head to day? And he answered,
Yea, I know *it*: hold ye your peace.
6 And E-li′-jah said unto him, Tar-
ry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath
sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the
LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I
will not leave thee. And they two went
on.
7 And fifty men of the sons of the
prophets went, and stood to view afar
off: and they two stood by Jordan.
8 And E-li′-jah took his mantle, and
wrapped *it* together, and smote the
waters, and they were divided hither
and thither, so that they two went
over on dry ground.
9 And it came to pass, when they
were gone over, that E-li′-jah said unto
E-li′-sha, Ask what I shall do for thee,
before I be taken away from thee. And
E-li′-sha said, I pray thee, let a double
portion of thy spirit be upon me.
10 And he said, Thou hast asked a
hard thing: *nevertheless*, if thou see me
when I am taken from thee, it shall be
so unto thee; but if not, it shall not
be *so*.
11 And it came to pass, as they still
went on, and talked, that, behold,
there appeared a chariot of fire, and
horses of fire, and parted them both
asunder; and E-li′-jah went up by a
whirlwind into heaven.
12 And E-li′-sha saw *it*, and he cried,
My father, my father, the chariot of
Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And
he saw him no more: and he took hold
of his own clothes, and rent them in
two pieces.
13 He took up also the mantle of
E-li′-jah that fell from him, and went
back, and stood by the bank of Jor-
dan;
14 And he took the mantle of E-li′-
jah that fell from him, and smote the
waters, and said, Where *is* the LORD
God of E-li′-jah? and when he also had
smitten the waters, they parted hither
and thither: and E-li′-sha went over.
15 And when the sons of the pro-
phets which *were* to view at Jericho
saw him, they said, The spirit of E-li′-
jah doth rest on E-li′-sha. And they
came to meet him, and bowed them-
selves to the ground before *him*.
16 And they said unto him, Behold
now, there be with thy servants fifty
strong men; let them go, we pray thee,
and seek thy master: lest peradventure
the Spirit of the LORD hath taken him
up, and cast him upon some mountain,
or into some valley. And he said, Ye
shall not send.
17 And when they urged him till he
was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent
therefore fifty men; and they sought
three days, but found him not.
18 And when they came again to
him, (for he tarried at Jericho,) he said
unto them, Did I not say unto you,
Go not?
19 And the men of the city said un-
to E-li′-sha, Behold, I pray thee, the
situation of this city *is* pleasant, as my
lord seeth: but the water *is* naught,
and the ground barren.
20 And he said, Bring me a new
cruse, and put salt therein. And they
brought *it* to him.
21 And he went forth unto the
spring of the waters, and cast the salt
in there, and said, Thus saith the
LORD, I have healed these waters;
there shall not be from thence any
more death or barren *land*.
22 So the waters were healed unto
this day, according to the saying of
E-li′-sha which he spake.
23 And he went up from thence un-
to Beth–el: and as he was going up by
the way, there came forth little chil-

dren out of the city, and mocked him and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head.

24 And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.

25 And he went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Sa-ma'-ri-a.

CHAPTER 3

NOW Je-ho'-ram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Sa-ma'-ri-a the eighteenth year of Je-hosh'-a-phat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.

2 And he wrought evil in the sight of the LORD; but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the image of Ba'-al that his father had made.

3 Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins of Jer-o-bo'-am the son of Ne'-bat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

4 And Me'-sha king of Moab was a sheepmaster, and rendered unto the king of Israel an hundred thousand lambs, and an hundred thousand rams, with the wool.

5 But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

6 And king Je-ho'-ram went out of Sa-ma'-ri-a the same time, and numbered all Israel.

7 And he went and sent to Je-hosh'-a-phat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me against Moab *to* battle? And he said, I will go up: I *am* as thou *art*, my people as thy people, *and* my horses as thy horses.

8 And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom.

9 So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they fetched a compass of seven days' journey: and there was no water for the host, and for the cattle that followed them.

10 And the king of Israel said, Alas! that the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab!

11 But Je-hosh'-a-phat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may enquire of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here *is* E-li'-sha the son of Sha'-phat, which poured water on the hands of E-li'-jah.

12 And Je-hosh'-a-phat said, The word of the LORD is with him. So the king of Israel and Je-hosh'-a-phat and the king of Edom went down to him.

13 And E-li'-sha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

14 And E-li'-sha said, *As* the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Je-hosh'-a-phat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee.

15 But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.

16 And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Make this valley full of ditches.

17 For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts.

18 And this is *but* a light thing in the sight of the LORD: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand.

19 And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones.

20 And it came to pass in the morning, when the meat offering was offered, that, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

21 And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they gathered all that were able to put on armour, and upward, and stood in the border.

22 And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side *as* red as blood:

23 And they said, This *is* blood: the kings are surely slain, and they have smitten one another: now therefore, Moab, to the spoil.

24 And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites

and smote the Moabites, so that they
fled before them: but they went for-
ward smiting the Moabites, even in
their country.
25 And they beat down the cities,
and on every good piece of land cast
every man his stone, and filled it; and
they stopped all the wells of water, and
felled all the good trees: only in Kir-
har'-a-seth left they the stones thereof;
howbeit the slingers went about *it*, and
smote it.
26 And when the king of Moab saw
that the battle was too sore for him, he
took with him seven hundred men that
drew swords, to break through *even*
unto the king of Edom: but they could
not.
27 Then he took his eldest son that
should have reigned in his stead, and
offered him *for* a burnt offering upon
the wall. And there was great indigna-
tion against Israel: and they departed
from him, and returned to *their own*
land.

CHAPTER 4

NOW there cried a certain woman
of the wives of the sons of the
prophets unto E-li'-sha, saying, Thy
servant my husband is dead; and thou
knowest that thy servant did fear the
LORD: and the creditor is come to take
unto him my two sons to be bond-
men.
2 And E-li'-sha said unto her, What
shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast
thou in the house? And she said, Thine
handmaid hath not any thing in the
house, save a pot of oil.
3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee
vessels abroad of all thy neighbours,
even empty vessels; borrow not a few.
4 And when thou art come in, thou
shalt shut the door upon thee and upon
thy sons, and shalt pour out into all
those vessels, and thou shalt set aside
that which is full.
5 So she went from him, and shut
the door upon her and upon her sons,
who brought *the vessels* to her; and she
poured out.
6 And it came to pass, when the
vessels were full, that she said unto
her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he
said unto her, *There is* not a vessel
more. And the oil stayed.
7 Then she came and told the man
of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil,
and pay thy debt, and live thou and
thy children of the rest.
8 And it fell on a day, that E-li'-sha
passed to Shu'-nem, where *was* a great
woman; and she constrained him to
eat bread. And *so* it was, *that* as oft as
he passed by, he turned in thither to
eat bread.
9 And she said unto her husband,
Behold now, I perceive that this *is* an
holy man of God, which passeth by us
continually.
10 Let us make a little chamber, I
pray thee, on the wall; and let us set
for him there a bed, and a table, and a
stool, and a candlestick: and it shall
be, when he cometh to us, that he shall
turn in thither.
11 And it fell on a day, that he
came thither, and he turned into the
chamber, and lay there.
12 And he said to Ge-ha'-zi his ser-
vant, Call this Shu'-nam-mite. And
when he had called her, she stood be-
fore him.
13 And he said unto him, Say now
unto her, Behold, thou hast been care-
ful for us with all this care; what *is* to
be done for thee? wouldest thou be
spoken for to the king, or to the cap-
tain of the host? And she answered, I
dwell among mine own people.
14 And he said, What then *is* to be
done for her? and Ge-ha'-zi answered,
Verily she hath no child, and her hus-
band is old.
15 And he said, Call her. And when
he had called her, she stood in the
door.
16 And he said, About this season,
according to the time of life, thou shalt
embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my
lord, *thou* man of God, do not lie unto
thine handmaid.
17 And the woman conceived, and
bare a son at that season that E-li'-sha
had said unto her, according to the
time of life.
18 And when the child was grown,
it fell on a day, that he went out to his
father to the reapers.
19 And he said unto his father, My
head, my head. And he said to a lad,
Carry him to his mother.
20 And when he had taken him, and
brought him to his mother, he sat on
her knees till noon, and *then* died.
21 And she went up, and laid him
on the bed of the man of God, and shut
the door upon him, and went out.
22 And she called unto her hus-
band, and said, Send me, I pray thee,
one of the young men, and one of the

asses, that I may run to the man of
God, and come again.
23 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou
go to him to day? *it is* neither new
moon, nor sabbath. And she said, *It
shall be* well.
24 Then she saddled an ass, and
said to her servant, Drive, and go for-
ward; slack not *thy* riding for me, ex-
cept I bid thee.
25 So she went and came unto the
man of God to mount Carmel. And it
came to pass, when the man of God
saw her afar off, that he said to Ge-ha'-
zi his servant, Behold, *yonder is* that
Shu'-nam-mite:
26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet
her, and say unto her, *Is it* well with
thee? *is it* well with thy husband? *is it*
well with the child? And she answered,
It is well.
27 And when she came to the man
of God to the hill, she caught him by
the feet: but Ge-ha'-zi came near to
thrust her away. And the man of God
said, Let her alone; for her soul *is*
vexed within her: and the LORD hath
hid *it* from me, and hath not told me.
28 Then she said, Did I desire a son
of my lord? did I not say, Do not de-
ceive me?
29 Then he said to Ge-ha'-zi, Gird
up thy loins, and take my staff in
thine hand, and go thy way: if thou
meet any man, salute him not; and if
any salute thee, answer him not again:
and lay my staff upon the face of the
child.
30 And the mother of the child said,
As the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul
liveth, I will not leave thee. And he
arose, and followed her.
31 And Ge-ha'-zi passed on before
them, and laid the staff upon the face
of the child; but *there was* neither
voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went
again to meet him, and told him, say-
ing, The child is not awaked.
32 And when E-li'-sha was come in-
to the house, behold, the child was
dead, *and* laid upon his bed.
33 He went in therefore, and shut
the door upon them twain, and prayed
unto the LORD.
34 And he went up, and lay upon
the child, and put his mouth upon his
mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and
his hands upon his hands: and he
stretched himself upon the child; and
the flesh of the child waxed warm.
35 Then he returned, and walked in
the house to and fro; and went up, and
stretched himself upon him: and the
child sneezed seven times, and the
child opened his eyes.
36 And he called Ge-ha'-zi, and said,
Call this Shu'-nam-mite. So he called
her. And when she was come in unto
him, he said, Take up thy son.
37 Then she went in, and fell at his
feet, and bowed herself to the ground,
and took up her son, and went out.
38 And E-li'-sha came again to Gil-
gal: and *there was* a dearth in the land;
and the sons of the prophets *were* sit-
ting before him: and he said unto his
servant, Set on the great pot, and
seethe pottage for the sons of the pro-
phets.
39 And one went out into the field
to gather herbs, and found a wild vine,
and gathered thereof wild gourds his
lap full, and came and shred *them* into
the pot of pottage: for they knew *them*
not.
40 So they poured out for the men
to eat. And it came to pass, as they
were eating of the pottage, that they
cried out, and said, O *thou* man of God,
there is death in the pot. And they
could not eat *thereof*.
41 But he said, Then bring meal.
And he cast *it* into the pot; and he
said, Pour out for the people, that they
may eat. And there was no harm in the
pot.
42 And there came a man from
Ba'-al–shal'-i-sha, and brought the man
of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty
loaves of barley, and full ears of corn
in the husk thereof. And he said, Give
unto the people, that they may eat.
43 And his servitor said, What,
should I set this before an hundred
men? He said again, Give the people,
that they may eat: for thus saith the
LORD, They shall eat, and shall leave
thereof.
44 So he set *it* before them, and they
did eat, and left *thereof*, according to
the word of the LORD.

CHAPTER 5

NOW Na'-a-man, captain of the
host of the king of Syria, was a
great man with his master, and hon-
ourable, because by him the LORD had
given deliverance unto Syria: he was
also a mighty man in valour, *but he
was* a leper.
2 And the Syrians had gone out by
companies, and

captive out of the land of Israel a little
maid; and she waited on Na'-a-man's
wife.
3 And she said unto her mistress,
Would God my lord *were* with the pro-
phet that *is* in Sa-ma'-ri-a! for he would
recover him of his leprosy.
4 And *one* went in, and told his lord,
saying, Thus and thus said the maid
that *is* of the land of Israel.
5 And the king of Syria said, Go to,
go, and I will send a letter unto the
king of Israel. And he departed, and
took with him ten talents of silver, and
six thousand *pieces* of gold, and ten
changes of raiment.
6 And he brought the letter to the
king of Israel, saying, Now when this
letter is come unto thee, behold, I have
therewith sent Na'-a-man my servant to
thee, that thou mayest recover him of
his leprosy.
7 And it came to pass, when the
king of Israel had read the letter, that
he rent his clothes, and said, *Am* I
God, to kill and to make alive, that
this man doth send unto me to recover
a man of his leprosy? wherefore con-
sider, I pray you, and see how he seek-
eth a quarrel against me.
8 And it was *so*, when E-li'-sha the
man of God had heard that the king of
Israel had rent his clothes, that he
sent to the king, saying, Wherefore
hast thou rent thy clothes? let him
come now to me, and he shall know
that there is a prophet in Israel.
9 So Na'-a-man came with his
horses and with his chariot, and stood
at the door of the house of E-li'-sha.
10 And E-li'-sha sent a messenger
unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jor-
dan seven times, and thy flesh shall
come again to thee, and thou shalt be
clean.
11 But Na'-a-man was wroth, and
went away, and said, Behold, I
thought, He will surely come out to
me, and stand, and call on the name
of the LORD his God, and strike his
hand over the place, and recover the
leper.
12 *Are* not Ab'-a-na and Phar'-par,
rivers of Damascus, better than all the
waters of Israel? may I not wash in
them, and be clean? So he turned and
went away in a rage.
13 And his servants came near, and
spake unto him, and said, My father,
if the prophet had bid thee *do some*
great thing, wouldest thou not have
done *it*? how much rather then, when
he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?
14 Then went he down, and dipped
himself seven times in Jordan, accord-
ing to the saying of the man of God:
and his flesh came again like unto the
flesh of a little child, and he was clean.
15 And he returned to the man of
God, he and all his company, and
came, and stood before him: and he
said, Behold, now I know that *there is*
no God in all the earth, but in Israel:
now therefore, I pray thee, take a
blessing of thy servant.
16 But he said, As the LORD liveth,
before whom I stand, I will receive
none. And he urged him to take *it*; but
he refused.
17 And Na'-a-man said, Shall there
not then, I pray thee, be given to thy
servant two mules' burden of earth?
for thy servant will henceforth offer
neither burnt offering nor sacrifice un-
to other gods, but unto the LORD.
18 In this thing the LORD pardon
thy servant, *that* when my master go-
eth into the house of Rimmon to wor-
ship there, and he leaneth on my hand,
and I bow myself in the house of Rim-
mon: when I bow down myself in the
house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon
thy servant in this thing.
19 And he said unto him, Go in
peace. So he departed from him a little
way.
20 But Ge-ha'-zi, the servant of E-
li'-sha the man of God, said, Behold,
my master hath spared Na'-a-man this
Syrian, in not receiving at his hands
that which he brought: but, *as* the
LORD liveth, I will run after him, and
take somewhat of him.
21 So Ge-ha'-zi followed after Na'-a-
man. And when Na'-a-man saw *him*
running after him, he lighted down
from the chariot to meet him, and said,
Is all well?
22 And he said, All *is* well. My mas-
ter hath sent me, saying, Behold, even
now there be come to me from mount
E'-phra-im two young men of the sons
of the prophets: give them, I pray thee,
a talent of silver, and two changes of
garments.
23 And Na'-a-man said, Be content,
take two talents. And he urged him,
and bound two talents of silver in two
bags, with two changes of garments,
and laid *them* upon two of his servants;
and they bare *them* before him.
24 And when he came to the tower,

he took *them* from their hand, and be-
stowed *them* in the house: and he let
the men go, and they departed.
25 But he went in, and stood before
his master. And E-li'-sha said unto
him, Whence *comest thou*, Ge-ha'-zi?
And he said, Thy servant went no
whither.
26 And he said unto him, Went not
mine heart *with thee*, when the man
turned again from his chariot to meet
thee? *Is it* a time to receive money, and
to receive garments, and oliveyards,
and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen,
and menservants, and maidservants?
27 The leprosy therefore of Na'-a-
man shall cleave unto thee, and unto
thy seed for ever. And he went out
from his presence a leper *as white* as
snow.

CHAPTER 6

AND the sons of the prophets said
unto E-li'-sha, Behold now, the
place where we dwell with thee is too
strait for us.
2 Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jor-
dan, and take thence every man a
beam, and let us make us a place there,
where we may dwell. And he answered,
Go ye.
3 And one said, Be content, I pray
thee, and go with thy servants. And he
answered, I will go.
4 So he went with them. And when
they came to Jordan, they cut down
wood.
5 But as one was felling a beam, the
axe head fell into the water: and he
cried, and said, Alas, master! for it
was borrowed.
6 And the man of God said, Where
fell it? And he shewed him the place.
And he cut down a stick, and cast *it* in
thither; and the iron did swim.
7 Therefore said he, Take *it* up to
thee. And he put out his hand, and
took it.
8 Then the king of Syria warred
against Israel, and took counsel with
his servants, saying, In such and such
a place *shall be* my camp.
9 And the man of God sent unto the
king of Israel, saying, Beware that
thou pass not such a place; for thither
the Syrians are come down.
10 And the king of Israel sent to the
place which the man of God told him
and warned him of, and saved himself
there, not once nor twice.
11 Therefore the heart of the king
of Syria was sore troubled for this
thing; and he called his servants, and
said unto them, Will ye not shew
me which of us *is* for the king of Is-
rael?
12 And one of his servants said,
None, my lord, O king: but E-li'-sha,
the prophet that *is* in Israel, telleth the
king of Israel the words that thou
speakest in thy bedchamber.
13 And he said, Go and spy where
he *is*, that I may send and fetch him.
And it was *told* him, saying, Behold,
he is in Do'-than.
14 Therefore sent he thither horses,
and chariots, and a great host: and
they came by night, and compassed
the city about.
15 And when the servant of the
man of God was risen early, and gone
forth, behold, an host compassed the
city both with horses and chariots.
And his servant said unto him, Alas,
my master! how shall we do?
16 And he answered, Fear not: for
they that *be* with us *are* more than
they that *be* with them.
17 And E-li'-sha prayed, and said;
LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that
he may see. And the LORD opened the
eyes of the young man; and he saw:
and, behold, the mountain *was* full of
horses and chariots of fire round about
E-li'-sha.
18 And when they came down to
him, E-li'-sha prayed unto the LORD,
and said, Smite this people, I pray
thee, with blindness. And he smote
them with blindness according to the
word of E-li'-sha.
19 And E-li'-sha said unto them,
This *is* not the way, neither *is* this the
city: follow me, and I will bring you to
the man whom ye seek. But he led
them to Sa-ma'-ri-a.
20 And it came to pass, when they
were come into Sa-ma'-ri-a, that E-li'-
sha said, LORD, open the eyes of these
men, that they may see. And the LORD
opened their eyes, and they saw; and,
behold, *they were* in the midst of Sa-
ma'-ri-a.
21 And the king of Israel said unto
E-li'-sha, when he saw them, My fa-
ther, shall I smite *them*? shall I smite
them?
22 And he answered, Thou shalt not
smite *them*: wouldest thou smite those
whom thou hast taken captive with
thy sword and with thy bow? set

bread and water before them, that
they may eat and drink, and go to
their master.
23 And he prepared great provision
for them: and when they had eaten
and drunk, he sent them away, and
they went to their master. So the
bands of Syria came no more into the
land of Israel.
24 And it came to pass after this,
that Ben-ha'-dad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Sa-ma'-ri-a.
25 And there was a great famine in
Sa-ma'-ri-a: and, behold, they besieged
it, until an ass's head was *sold* for fourscore *pieces* of silver, and the fourth
part of a cab of dove's dung for five
pieces of silver.
26 And as the king of Israel was
passing by upon the wall, there cried a
woman unto him, saying, Help, my
lord, O king.
27 And he said, If the LORD do not
help thee, whence shall I help thee?
out of the barnfloor, or out of the winepress?
28 And the king said unto her,
What aileth thee? And she answered,
This woman said unto me, Give thy
son, that we may eat him to day, and
we will eat my son to morrow.
29 So we boiled my son, and did eat
him: and I said unto her on the next
day, Give thy son, that we may eat
him: and she hath hid her son.
30 And it came to pass, when the
king heard the words of the woman,
that he rent his clothes; and he passed
by upon the wall, and the people
looked, and, behold, *he had* sackcloth
within upon his flesh.
31 Then he said, God do so and
more also to me, if the head of E-li'-sha
the son of Sha'-phat shall stand on him
this day.
32 But E-li'-sha sat in his house, and
the elders sat with him; and *the king*
sent a man from before him: but ere
the messenger came to him, he said to
the elders, See ye how this son of a
murderer hath sent to take away mine
head? look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold him fast
at the door: *is* not the sound of his
master's feet behind him?
33 And while he yet talked with
them, behold, the messenger came
down unto him: and he said, Behold,
this evil *is* of the LORD; what should I
wait for the LORD any longer?

CHAPTER 7

THEN E-li'-sha said, Hear ye the
word of the LORD; Thus saith the
LORD, To morrow about this time *shall*
a measure of fine flour *be sold* for a
shekel, and two measures of barley for
a shekel, in the gate of Sa-ma'-ri-a.
2 Then a lord on whose hand the
king leaned answered the man of God,
and said, Behold, *if* the LORD would
make windows in heaven, might this
thing be? And he said, Behold, thou
shalt see *it* with thine eyes, but shalt
not eat thereof.
3 And there were four leprous men
at the entering in of the gate: and they
said one to another, Why sit we here
until we die?
4 If we say, We will enter into the
city, then the famine *is* in the city, and
we shall die there: and if we sit still
here, we die also. Now therefore come,
and let us fall unto the host of the
Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall
live; and if they kill us, we shall but
die.
5 And they rose up in the twilight,
to go unto the camp of the Syrians:
and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, *there was* no man there.
6 For the Lord had made the host
of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, *even* the
noise of a great host: and they said one
to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath
hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians,
to come upon us.
7 Wherefore they arose and fled in
the twilight, and left their tents, and
their horses, and their asses, even the
camp as it *was*, and fled for their life.
8 And when these lepers came to
the uttermost part of the camp, they
went into one tent, and did eat and
drink, and carried thence silver, and
gold, and raiment, and went and hid
it; and came again, and entered into
another tent, and carried thence *also*,
and went and hid *it*.
9 Then they said one to another,
We do not well: this day *is* a day of
good tidings, and we hold our peace:
if we tarry till the morning light, some
mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the
king's household.
10 So they came and called unto the
porter of the city: and they told them,

saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, *there was* no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they *were*.

11 And he called the porters; and they told *it* to the king's house within.

12 And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, I will now shew you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we *be* hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.

13 And one of his servants answered and said, Let *some* take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city, (behold, they *are* as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it: behold, *I say*, they *are* even as all the multitude of the Israelites that are consumed:) and let us send and see.

14 They took therefore two chariot horses; and the king sent after the host of the Syrians, saying, Go and see.

15 And they went after them unto Jordan: and, lo, all the way *was* full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king.

16 And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was *sold* for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.

17 And the king appointed the lord on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came down to him.

18 And it came to pass as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be to morrow about this time in the gate of Sa-ma'-ri-a:

19 And that lord answered the man of God, and said, Now, behold, *if* the LORD should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

20 And so it fell out unto him: for the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died.

CHAPTER 8

THEN spake E-li'-sha unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the LORD hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years.

2 And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

3 And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land.

4 And the king talked with Ge-ha'-zi the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that E-li'-sha hath done.

5 And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Ge-ha'-zi said, My lord, O king, this *is* the woman, and this *is* her son, whom E-li'-sha restored to life.

6 And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that *was* hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.

7 And E-li'-sha came to Damascus; and Ben-ha'-dad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come hither.

8 And the king said unto Haz'-a-el, Take a present in thine hand, and go, meet the man of God, and enquire of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

9 So Haz'-a-el went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Ben-ha'-dad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

10 And E-li'-sha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayest certainly recover: howbeit the LORD hath shewed me that he shall sur

11 And he settled his cou

stedfastly, until he was ashamed: and
the man of God wept.
12 And Haz'-a-el said, Why weep-
eth my lord? And he answered, Be-
cause I know the evil that thou wilt
do unto the children of Israel: their
strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and
their young men wilt thou slay with
the sword, and wilt dash their chil-
dren, and rip up their women with
child.
13 And Haz'-a-el said, But what, *is*
thy servant a dog, that he should do
this great thing? And E-li'-sha an-
swered, The LORD hath shewed me
that thou *shalt be* king over Syria.
14 So he departed from E-li'-sha,
and came to his master; who said to
him, What said E-li'-sha to thee? And
he answered, He told me *that* thou
shouldest surely recover.
15 And it came to pass on the mor-
row, that he took a thick cloth, and
dipped *it* in water, and spread *it* on his
face, so that he died: and Haz'-a-el
reigned in his stead.
16 And in the fifth year of Joram
the son of Ahab king of Israel, Je-
hosh'-a-phat *being* then king of Judah,
Je-ho'-ram the son of Je-hosh'-a-phat
king of Judah began to reign.
17 Thirty and two years old was he
when he began to reign; and he reigned
eight years in Jerusalem.
18 And he walked in the way of the
kings of Israel, as did the house of
Ahab: for the daughter of Ahab was
his wife: and he did evil in the sight of
the LORD.
19 Yet the LORD would not destroy
Judah for David his servant's sake, as
he promised him to give him alway a
light, *and* to his children.
20 In his days Edom revolted from
under the hand of Judah, and made a
king over themselves.
21 So Joram went over to Za'-ir,
and all the chariots with him: and he
rose by night, and smote the Edomites
which compassed him about, and the
captains of the chariots: and the peo-
ple fled into their tents.
22 Yet Edom revolted from under
the hand of Judah unto this day. Then
Lib'-nah revolted at the same time.
23 And the rest of the acts of Jo-
ram, and all that he did, *are* they not
written in the book of the chronicles of
the kings of Judah?
24 And Joram slept with his fa-
thers, and was buried with his fathers
in the city of David: and A-ha-zi'-ah
his son reigned in his stead.
25 In the twelfth year of Joram the
son of Ahab king of Israel did A-ha-
zi'-ah the son of Je-ho'-ram king of Ju-
dah begin to reign.
26 Two and twenty years old *was*
A-ha-zi'-ah when he began to reign;
and he reigned one year in Jerusalem.
And his mother's name *was* Ath-a-li'-
ah, the daughter of Omri king of Israel.
27 And he walked in the way of the
house of Ahab, and did evil in the
sight of the LORD, as *did* the house of
Ahab: for he *was* the son in law of the
house of Ahab.
28 And he went with Joram the son
of Ahab to the war against Haz'-a-el
king of Syria in Ra'-moth-gil'-e-ad; and
the Syrians wounded Joram.
29 And king Joram went back to be
healed in Jez'-re-el of the wounds
which the Syrians had given him at
Ra'-mah, when he fought against
Haz'-a-el king of Syria. And A-ha-zi'-ah
the son of Je-ho'-ram king of Judah
went down to see Joram the son of
Ahab in Jez'-re-el, because he was sick.

CHAPTER 9

AND E-li'-sha the prophet called one
of the children of the prophets,
and said unto him, Gird up thy loins,
and take this box of oil in thine hand,
and go to Ra'-moth-gil'-e-ad:
2 And when thou comest thither,
look out there Jehu the son of Je-
hosh'-a-phat the son of Nim'-shi, and
go in, and make him arise up from
among his brethren, and carry him to
an inner chamber;
3 Then take the box of oil, and pour
it on his head, and say, Thus saith the
LORD, I have anointed thee king over
Israel. Then open the door, and flee,
and tarry not.
4 So the young man, *even* the young
man the prophet, went to Ra'-moth-
gil'-e-ad.
5 And when he came, behold, the
captains of the host *were* sitting; and
he said, I have an errand to thee, O
captain. And Jehu said, Unto which of
all us? And he said, To thee, O cap-
tain.
6 And he arose, and went into the
house; and he poured the oil on his
head, and said unto him, Thus saith
the LORD God of Israel, I have anointed
thee king over the people of the LORD,
even over Israel.

7 And thou shalt smite the house of
Ahab thy master, that I may avenge
the blood of my servants the prophets,
and the blood of all the servants of the
LORD, at the hand of Jez'-e-bel.
8 For the whole house of Ahab shall
perish: and I will cut off from Ahab
him that pisseth against the wall,
and him that is shut up and left in
Israel:
9 And I will make the house of
Ahab like the house of Jer-o-bo'-am
the son of Ne'-bat, and like the house
of Ba'-a-sha the son of A-hi'-jah:
10 And the dogs shall eat Jez'-e-bel
in the portion of Jez'-re-el, and *there
shall be* none to bury *her*. And he
opened the door, and fled.
11 Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord: and *one* said unto
him, *Is* all well? wherefore came this
mad *fellow* to thee? And he said unto
them, Ye know the man, and his communication.
12 And they said, *It is* false; tell us
now. And he said, Thus and thus spake
he to me, saying, Thus saith the LORD,
I have anointed thee king over Israel.
13 Then they hasted, and took
every man his garment, and put *it* under him on the top of the stairs, and
blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu is
king.
14 So Jehu the son of Je-hosh'-a-phat the son of Nim'-shi conspired
against Joram. (Now Joram had kept
Ra'-moth-gil'-e-ad, he and all Israel,
because of Haz'-a-el king of Syria.
15 But king Joram was returned to
be healed in Jez'-re-el of the wounds
which the Syrians had given him,
when he fought with Haz'-a-el king of
Syria.) And Jehu said, If it be your
minds, *then* let none go forth *nor* escape out of the city to go to tell *it* in
Jez'-re-el.
16 So Jehu rode in a chariot, and
went to Jez'-re-el; for Joram lay there.
And A-ha-zi'-ah king of Judah was
come down to see Joram.
17 And there stood a watchman on
the tower in Jez'-re-el, and he spied the
company of Jehu as he came, and said,
I see a company. And Joram said,
Take an horseman, and send to meet
them, and let him say, *Is it* peace?
18 So there went one on horseback
to meet him, and said, Thus saith the
king, *Is it* peace? And Jehu said, What
hast thou to do with peace? turn thee
behind me. And the watchman told,
saying, The messenger came to them,
but he cometh not again.
19 Then he sent out a second on
horseback, which came to them, and
said, Thus saith the king, *Is it* peace?
And Jehu answered, What hast thou
to do with peace? turn thee behind
me.
20 And the watchman told, saying,
He came even unto them, and cometh
not again: and the driving *is* like the
driving of Jehu the son of Nim'-shi; for
he driveth furiously.
21 And Joram said, Make ready.
And his chariot was made ready. And
Joram king of Israel and A-ha-zi'-ah
king of Judah went out, each in his
chariot, and they went out against
Jehu, and met him in the portion of
Na'-both the Jez'-re-el-ite.
22 And it came to pass, when Joram
saw Jehu, that he said, *Is it* peace,
Jehu? And he answered, What peace,
so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jez'-e-bel and her witchcrafts *are
so* many?
23 And Joram turned his hands,
and fled, and said to A-ha-zi'-ah, *There
is* treachery, O A-ha-zi'-ah.
24 And Jehu drew a bow with his
full strength, and smote Je-ho'-ram between his arms, and the arrow went
out at his heart, and he sunk down in
his chariot.
25 Then said *Jehu* to Bid'-kar his
captain, Take up, *and* cast him in the
portion of the field of Na'-both the Jez'-re-el-ite: for remember how that, when
I and thou rode together after Ahab
his father, the LORD laid this burden
upon him;
26 Surely I have seen yesterday the
blood of Na'-both, and the blood of his
sons, saith the LORD; and I will requite
thee in this plat, saith the LORD. Now
therefore take *and* cast him into the
plat *of ground*, according to the word
of the LORD.
27 But when A-ha-zi'-ah the king of
Judah saw *this*, he fled by the way of
the garden house. And Jehu followed
after him, and said, Smite him also in
the chariot. *And they did so* at the
going up to Gur, which *is* by Ib'-le-am.
And he fled to Me-gid'-do, and died
there.
28 And his servants carried him in
a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him
in his sepulchre with his fathers in the
city of David.
29 And in the eleventh year of Jo-

ram the son of Ahab began A-ha-zi′-ah to reign over Judah.

30 And when Jehu was come to Jez′-re-el, Jez′-e-bel heard *of it;* and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.

31 And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, *Had* Zimri peace, who slew his master?

32 And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who *is* on my side? who? And there looked out to him two *or* three eunuchs.

33 And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and *some* of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot.

34 And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed *woman,* and bury her: for she *is* a king's daughter.

35 And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of *her* hands.

36 Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This *is* the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servant E-li′-jah the Tish′-bite, saying, In the portion of Jez′-re-el shall dogs eat the flesh of Jez′-e-bel:

37 And the carcase of Jez′-e-bel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jez′-re-el; *so* that they shall not say, This *is* Jez′-e-bel.

CHAPTER 10

AND Ahab had seventy sons in Sa-ma′-ri-a. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Sa-ma′-ri-a, unto the rulers of Jez′-re-el, to the elders, and to them that brought up Ahab's *children,* saying,

2 Now as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing your master's sons *are* with you, and *there are* with you chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and armour;

3 Look even out the best and meetest of your master's sons, and set *him* on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house.

4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, two kings stood not before him: how then shall we stand?

5 And he that *was* over the house, and he that *was* over the city, the elders also, and the bringers up *of the children,* sent to Jehu, saying, We *are* thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any king: do thou *that which is* good in thine eyes.

6 Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If ye *be* mine, and *if* ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jez′-re-el by to morrow this time. Now the king's sons, *being* seventy persons, *were* with the great men of the city, which brought them up.

7 And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him *them* to Jez′-re-el.

8 And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning.

9 And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, Ye *be* righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and slew him: but who slew all these?

10 Know now that there shall fall unto the earth nothing of the word of the LORD, which the LORD spake concerning the house of Ahab: for the LORD hath done *that* which he spake by his servant E-li′-jah.

11 So Jehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jez′-re-el, and all his great men, and his kinsfolks, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.

12 And he arose and departed, and came to Sa-ma′-ri-a. *And* as he *was* at the shearing house in the way,

13 Jehu met with the brethren of A-ha-zi′-ah king of Judah, and said, Who *are* ye? And they answered, We *are* the brethren of A-ha-zi′-ah; and we go down to salute the children of the king and the children of the queen.

14 And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and slew them at the pit of the shearing house, *even* two and forty men; neither left he any of them.

15 And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Je-hon′-a-dab the son of Re′-chab *coming* to meet him: and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart *is* with thy heart? And Je-hon′-a-dab answered, It is. If it be, give *me* thine hand. And he gave *him* his hand: and

he took him up to him into the chariot.
16 And he said, Come with me, and
see my zeal for the LORD. So they
made him ride in his chariot.
17 And when he came to Sa-ma'-
ri-a, he slew all that remained unto
Ahab in Sa-ma'-ri-a, till he had de-
stroyed him, according to the saying
of the LORD, which he spake to E-li'-
jah.
18 And Jehu gathered all the people
together, and said unto them, Ahab
served Ba'-al a little; *but* Jehu shall
serve him much.
19 Now therefore call unto me all
the prophets of Ba'-al, all his servants,
and all his priests; let none be wanting:
for I have a great sacrifice *to do* to
Ba'-al; whosoever shall be wanting, he
shall not live. But Jehu did *it* in sub-
tility, to the intent that he might de-
stroy the worshippers of Ba'-al.
20 And Jehu said, Proclaim a sol-
emn assembly for Ba'-al. And they
proclaimed *it*.
21 And Jehu sent through all Israel:
and all the worshippers of Ba'-al came,
so that there was not a man left that
came not. And they came into the
house of Ba'-al; and the house of Ba'-al
was full from one end to another.
22 And he said unto him that *was*
over the vestry, Bring forth vestments
for all the worshippers of Ba'-al. And
he brought them forth vestments.
23 And Jehu went, and Je-hon'-a-
dab the son of Re'-chab, into the house
of Ba'-al, and said unto the worship-
pers of Ba'-al, Search, and look that
there be here with you none of the ser-
vants of the LORD, but the worshippers
of Ba'-al only.
24 And when they went in to offer
sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu ap-
pointed fourscore men without, and
said, *If* any of the men whom I have
brought into your hands escape, *he
that letteth him go*, his life *shall be* for
the life of him.
25 And it came to pass, as soon as
he had made an end of offering the
burnt offering, that Jehu said to the
guard and to the captains, Go in, *and*
slay them; let none come forth. And
they smote them with the edge of the
sword; and the guard and the captains
cast *them* out, and went to the city of
the house of Ba'-al.
26 And they brought forth the
images out of the house of Ba'-al, and
burned them.
27 And they brake down the image
of Ba'-al, and brake down the house of
Ba'-al, and made it a draught house
unto this day.
28 Thus Jehu destroyed Ba'-al out
of Israel.
29 Howbeit *from* the sins of Jer-o-
bo'-am the son of Ne'-bat, who made
Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from
after them, *to wit*, the golden calves
that *were* in Beth-el, and that *were* in
Dan.
30 And the LORD said unto Jehu,
Because thou hast done well in execut-
ing *that which is* right in mine eyes, *and*
hast done unto the house of Ahab ac-
cording to all that *was* in mine heart,
thy children of the fourth *generation*
shall sit on the throne of Israel.
31 But Jehu took no heed to walk
in the law of the LORD God of Israel
with all his heart: for he departed not
from the sins of Jer-o-bo'-am, which
made Israel to sin.
32 In those days the LORD began to
cut Israel short: and Haz'-a-el smote
them in all the coasts of Israel;
33 From Jordan eastward, all the
land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the
Reubenites, and the Ma-nas'-sites,
from Ar-o'-er, which *is* by the river
Arnon, even Gilead and Ba'-shan.
34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu,
and all that he did, and all his might,
are they not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Israel?
35 And Jehu slept with his fathers:
and they buried him in Sa-ma'-ri-a.
And Je-ho'-a-haz his son reigned in his
stead.
36 And the time that Jehu reigned
over Israel in Sa-ma'-ri-a *was* twenty
and eight years.

CHAPTER 11

AND when Ath-a-li'-ah the mother of
A-ha-zi'-ah saw that her son was
dead, she arose and destroyed all the
seed royal.
2 But Je-hosh'-e-ba, the daughter of
king Joram, sister of A-ha-zi'-ah, took
Jo'-ash the son of A-ha-zi'-ah, and stole
him from among the king's sons *which
were* slain; and they hid him, *even* him
and his nurse, in the bedchamber from
Ath-a-li'-ah, so that he was not slain.
3 And he was with her hid in
the house of the LORD six years. And
Ath-a-li'-ah did reign over the land.
4 And the seventh year Je-hoi'-a-da

sent and fetched the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought *them* to him into the house of the LORD, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the LORD, and shewed them the king's son.

5 And he commanded them, saying, This *is* the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you that enter in on the sabbath shall even be keepers of the watch of the king's house;

6 And a third part *shall be* at the gate of Sur; and a third part at the gate behind the guard: so shall ye keep the watch of the house, that it be not broken down.

7 And two parts of all you that go forth on the sabbath, even they shall keep the watch of the house of the LORD about the king.

8 And ye shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand: and he that cometh within the ranges, let him be slain: and be ye with the king as he goeth out and as he cometh in.

9 And the captains over the hundreds did according to all *things* that Je-hoi'-a-da the priest commanded: and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Je-hoi'-a-da the priest.

10 And to the captains over hundreds did the priest give king David's spears and shields, that *were* in the temple of the LORD.

11 And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, *along* by the altar and the temple.

12 And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and *gave him* the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, God save the king.

13 And when Ath-a-li'-ah heard the noise of the guard *and* of the people, she came to the people into the temple of the LORD.

14 And when she looked, behold, the king stood by a pillar, as the manner *was*, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets: and Ath-a-li'-ah rent her clothes, and cried, Treason, Treason.

15 But Je-hoi'-a-da the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the host, and said unto them, Have her forth without the ranges: and him that followeth her kill with the sword. For the priest had said, Let her not be slain in the house of the LORD.

16 And they laid hands on her; and she went by the way by *the* which the horses came into the king's house: and there was she slain.

17 And Je-hoi'-a-da made a covenant between the LORD and the king and the people, that they should be the LORD's people; between the king also and the people.

18 And all the people of the land went into the house of Ba'-al, and brake it down; his altars and his images brake they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Mat'-tan the priest of Ba'-al before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of the LORD.

19 And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.

20 And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was in quiet: and they slew Ath-a-li'-ah with the sword *beside* the king's house.

21 Seven years old *was* Je-ho'-ash when he began to reign.

CHAPTER 12

IN the seventh year of Jehu Je-ho'-ash began to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Zib'-i-ah of Be'-er-she'-ba.

2 And Je-ho'-ash did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD all his days wherein Je-hoi'-a-da the priest instructed him.

3 But the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

4 And Je-ho'-ash said to the priests, All the money of the dedicated things that is brought into the house of the LORD, *even* the money of every one that passeth *the account*, the money that every man is set at, *and* all the

money *that* cometh into any man's
heart to bring into the house of the
LORD,
5 Let the priests take *it* to them,
every man of his acquaintance: and
let them repair the breaches of the
house, wheresoever any breach shall
be found.
6 But it was *so, that* in the three and
twentieth year of king Je-ho'-ash the
priests had not repaired the breaches
of the house.
7 Then king Je-ho'-ash called for
Je-hoi'-a-da the priest, and the *other*
priests, and said unto them, Why re-
pair ye not the breaches of the house?
now therefore receive no *more* money
of your acquaintance, but deliver it
for the breaches of the house.
8 And the priests consented to re-
ceive no *more* money of the people,
neither to repair the breaches of the
house.
9 But Je-hoi'-a-da the priest took a
chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it,
and set it beside the altar, on the right
side as one cometh into the house of
the LORD: and the priests that kept
the door put therein all the money *that*
was brought into the house of the
LORD.
10 And it was *so*, when they saw
that *there was* much money in the
chest, that the king's scribe and the
high priest came up, and they put up
in bags, and told the money that was
found in the house of the LORD.
11 And they gave the money, being
told, into the hands of them that did
the work, that had the oversight of the
house of the LORD: and they laid it out
to the carpenters and builders, that
wrought upon the house of the LORD,
12 And to masons, and hewers of
stone, and to buy timber and hewed
stone to repair the breaches of the
house of the LORD, and for all that
was laid out for the house to repair *it*.
13 Howbeit there were not made
for the house of the LORD bowls of sil-
ver, snuffers, basons, trumpets, any
vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of
the money *that was* brought into the
house of the LORD:
14 But they gave that to the work-
men, and repaired therewith the house
of the LORD.
15 Moreover they reckoned not
with the men, into whose hand they
delivered the money to be bestowed on
workmen: for they dealt faithfully.
16 The trespass money and sin
money was not brought into the house
of the LORD: it was the priests'.
17 Then Haz'-a-el king of Syria
went up, and fought against Gath, and
took it: and Haz'-a-el set his face to go
up to Jerusalem.
18 And Je-ho'-ash king of Judah
took all the hallowed things that
Je-hosh'-a-phat, and Je-ho'-ram, and
A-ha-zi'-ah, his fathers, kings of Judah,
had dedicated, and his own hallowed
things, and all the gold *that was* found
in the treasures of the house of the
LORD, and in the king's house, and
sent *it* to Haz'-a-el king of Syria: and
he went away from Jerusalem.
19 And the rest of the acts of Jo'-
ash, and all that he did, *are* they not
written in the book of the chronicles of
the kings of Judah?
20 And his servants arose, and
made a conspiracy, and slew Jo'-ash
in the house of Mil'-lo, which goeth
down to Sil'-la.
21 For Joz'-a-char the son of Shim'-e-
ath, and Je-hoz'-a-bad the son of Sho'-
mer, his servants, smote him, and he
died; and they buried him with his fa-
thers in the city of David: and Am-a-
zi'-ah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 13

IN the three and twentieth year of
Jo'-ash the son of A-ha-zi'-ah king
of Judah Je-ho'-a-haz the son of Jehu
began to reign over Israel in Sa-ma'-
ri-a, *and reigned* seventeen years.
2 And he did *that which was* evil in
the sight of the LORD, and followed the
sins of Jer-o-bo'-am the son of Ne'-bat,
which made Israel to sin; he departed
not therefrom.
3 And the anger of the LORD was
kindled against Israel, and he deliv-
ered them into the hand of Haz'-a-el
king of Syria, and into the hand of
Ben-ha'-dad the son of Haz'-a-el, all
their days.
4 And Je-ho'-a-haz besought the
LORD, and the LORD hearkened unto
him: for he saw the oppression of Is-
rael, because the king of Syria op-
pressed them.
5 (And the LORD gave Israel a sav-
iour, so that they went out from under
the hand of the Syrians: and the chil-
dren of Israel dwelt in their tents, as
beforetime.
6 Nevertheless they departed not

from the sins of the house of Jer-o-bo'-am, who made Israel sin, *but* walked therein: and there remained the grove also in Sa-ma'-ri-a.)

7 Neither did he leave of the people to Je-ho'-a-haz but fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Syria had destroyed them, and had made them like the dust by threshing.

8 Now the rest of the acts of Je-ho'-a-haz, and all that he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

9 And Je-ho'-a-haz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Sa-ma'-ri-a: and Jo'-ash his son reigned in his stead.

10 In the thirty and seventh year of Jo'-ash king of Judah began Je-ho'-ash the son of Je-ho'-a-haz to reign over Israel in Sa-ma'-ri-a, *and reigned* sixteen years.

11 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD; he departed not from all the sins of Jer-o-bo'-am the son of Ne'-bat, who made Israel sin: *but* he walked therein.

12 And the rest of the acts of Jo'-ash, and all that he did, and his might wherewith he fought against Am-a-zi'-ah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

13 And Jo'-ash slept with his fa-[illegible]s, and Jer-o-bo'-am sat upon his [illegible] and Jo'-ash was buried in Sa-[illegible]-ri-a with the kings of Israel.

14 Now E-li'-sha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Jo'-ash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.

15 And E-li'-sha said unto him, Take bow and arrows. And he took unto him bow and arrows.

16 And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand upon the bow. And he put his hand *upon it:* and E-li'-sha put his hands upon the king's hands.

17 And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened *it*. Then E-li'-sha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the LORD'S deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in A'-phek, till thou have consumed *them*.

18 And he said, Take the arrows. And he took *them*. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed.

19 And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed *it:* whereas now thou shalt smite Syria *but* thrice.

20 And E-li'-sha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year.

21 And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band *of men;* and they cast the man into the sepulchre of E-li'-sha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of E-li'-sha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

22 But Haz'-a-el king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Je-ho'-a-haz.

23 And the LORD was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence as yet.

24 So Haz'-a-el king of Syria died; and Ben-ha'-dad his son reigned in his stead.

25 And Je-ho'-ash the son of Je-ho'-a-haz took again out of the hand of Ben-ha'-dad the son of Haz'-a-el the cities, which he had taken out of the hand of Je-ho'-a-haz his father by war. Three times did Jo'-ash beat him, and recovered the cities of Israel.

CHAPTER 14

In the second year of Jo'-ash son of Je-ho'-a-haz king of Israel reigned Am-a-zi'-ah the son of Jo'-ash king of Judah.

2 He was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Je-ho-ad'-dan of Jerusalem.

3 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like David his father: he did according to all things as Jo'-ash his father did.

4 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: as yet the people did sacrifice and burnt incense on the high places.

5 And it came to pass, as soon as

the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he slew his servants which had slain the king his father.

6 But the children of the murderers he slew not: according unto that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, wherein the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

7 He slew of Edom in the valley of salt ten thousand, and took Se'-lah by war, and called the name of it Jok'-the-el unto this day.

8 Then Am-a-zi'-ah sent messengers to Je-ho'-ash, the son of Je-ho'-a-haz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face.

9 And Je-ho'-ash the king of Israel sent to Am-a-zi'-ah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that *was* in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle.

10 Thou hast indeed smitten Edom, and thine heart hath lifted thee up: glory *of this*, and tarry at home: for why shouldest thou meddle to *thy* hurt, that thou shouldest fall, *even* thou, and Judah with thee?

11 But Am-a-zi'-ah would not hear. Therefore Je-ho'-ash king of Israel went up; and he and Am-a-zi'-ah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth-she'-mesh, which *belongeth* to Judah.

12 And Judah was put to the worse before Israel; and they fled every man to their tents.

13 And Je-ho'-ash king of Israel took Am-a-zi'-ah king of Judah, the son of Je-ho'-ash the son of A-ha-zi'-ah, at Beth-she'-mesh, and came to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of E'-phra-im unto the corner gate, four hundred cubits.

14 And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Sa-ma'-ri-a.

15 Now the rest of the acts of Je-ho'-ash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Am-a-zi'-ah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the *chronicles* of the kings of Israel?

16 And Je-ho'-ash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Sa-ma'-ri-a with the kings of Israel; and Jer-o-bo'-am his son reigned in his stead.

17 And Am-a-zi'-ah the son of Jo'-ash king of Judah lived after the death of Je-ho'-ash son of Je-ho'-a-haz king of Israel fifteen years.

18 And the rest of the acts of Am-a-zi'-ah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

19 Now they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem: and he fled to La'-chish; but they sent after him to La'-chish, and slew him there.

20 And they brought him on horses: and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

21 And all the people of Judah took Az-a-ri'-ah, which *was* sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Am-a-zi'-ah.

22 He built E'-lath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

23 In the fifteenth year of Am-a-zi'-ah the son of Jo'-ash king of Judah Jer-o-bo'-am the son of Jo'-ash king of Israel began to reign in Sa-ma'-ri-a, *and reigned* forty and one years.

24 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from all the sins of Jer-o-bo'-am the son of Ne'-bat, who made Israel to sin.

25 He restored the coast of Israel from the entering of Ha'-math unto the sea of the plain, according to the word of the LORD God of Israel, which he spake by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of A-mit'-ta-i, the prophet, which *was* of Gath-he'-pher.

26 For the LORD saw the affliction of Israel, *that it was* very bitter: for *there was* not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel.

27 And the LORD said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jer-o-bo'-am the son of Jo'-ash.

28 Now the rest of the acts of Jer-o-bo'-am, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Ha'-math, *which belonged* to Judah, for Israel, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

29 And Jer-o-bo'-am slept with his
fathers, *even* with the kings of Israel;
and Zach-a-ri'-ah his son reigned in his
stead.

CHAPTER 15

IN the twenty and seventh year of
Jer-o-bo'-am king of Israel began
Az-a-ri'-ah son of Am-a-zi'-ah king of
Judah to reign.
2 Sixteen years old was he when he
began to reign, and he reigned two and
fifty years in Jerusalem. And his moth-
er's name *was* Jech-o-li'-ah of Jeru-
salem.
3 And he did *that which was* right in
the sight of the LORD, according to all
that his father Am-a-zi'-ah had done;
4 Save that the high places were not
removed: the people sacrificed and
burnt incense still on the high places.
5 And the LORD smote the king, so
that he was a leper unto the day of his
death, and dwelt in a several house.
And Jo'-tham the king's son *was* over
the house, judging the people of the
land.
6 And the rest of the acts of Az-a-
ri'-ah, and all that he did, *are* they not
written in the book of the chronicles of
the kings of Judah?
7 So Az-a-ri'-ah slept with his fa-
thers; and they buried him with his
fathers in the city of David: and Jo'-
tham his son reigned in his stead.
8 In the thirty and eighth year of
Az-a-ri'-ah king of Judah did Zach-a-
ri'-ah the son of Jer-o-bo'-am reign over
Israel in Sa-ma'-ri-a six months.
9 And he did *that which was* evil in
the sight of the LORD, as his fathers
had done: he departed not from the
sins of Jer-o-bo'-am the son of Ne'-bat,
who made Israel to sin.
10 And Shal'-lum the son of Ja'-besh
conspired against him, and smote him
before the people, and slew *him*, and
reigned in his stead.
11 And the rest of the acts of Zach-a-
ri'-ah, behold, they *are* written in the
book of the chronicles of the kings of
Israel.
12 This *was* the word of the LORD
which he spake unto Jehu, saying, Thy
sons shall sit on the throne of Israel
unto the fourth *generation*. And so it
came to pass.
13 Shal'-lum the son of Ja'-besh be-
gan to reign in the nine and thirtieth
year of Uz-zi'-ah king of Judah; and he
reigned a full month in Sa-ma'-ri-a.
14 For Men'-a-hem the son of Ga'-di
went up from Tir'-zah, and came to Sa-
ma'-ri-a, and smote Shal'-lum the son of
Ja'-besh in Sa-ma'-ri-a, and slew him,
and reigned in his stead.
15 And the rest of the acts of Shal'-
lum, and his conspiracy which he
made, behold, they *are* written in the
book of the chronicles of the kings of
Israel.
16 Then Men'-a-hem smote Tiph'-
sah, and all that *were* therein, and the
coasts thereof from Tir'-zah: because
they opened not *to him*, therefore he
smote *it*; *and* all the women therein
that were with child he ripped up.
17 In the nine and thirtieth year
of Az-a-ri'-ah king of Judah began
Men'-a-hem the son of Ga'-di to reign
over Israel, *and reigned* ten years in
Sa-ma'-ri-a.
18 And he did *that which was* evil in
the sight of the LORD: he departed not
all his days from the sins of Jer-o-bo'-
am the son of Ne'-bat, who made Israel
to sin.
19 *And* Pul the king of Assyria
came against the land: and Men'-a-hem
gave Pul a thousand talents of silver,
that his hand might be with him to
confirm the kingdom in his hand.
20 And Men'-a-hem exacted the
money of Israel, *even* of all the mighty
men of wealth, of each man fifty shek-
els of silver, to give to the king of As-
syria. So the king of Assyria turned
back, and stayed not there in the
land.
21 And the rest of the acts of
Men'-a-hem, and all that he did, *are*
they not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Israel?
22 And Men'-a-hem slept with his
fathers; and Pek-a-hi'-ah his son
reigned in his stead.
23 In the fiftieth year of Az-a-ri'-ah
king of Judah Pek-a-hi'-ah the son of
Men'-a-hem began to reign over Israel
in Sa-ma'-ri-a, *and reigned* two years.
24 And he did *that which was* evil
in the sight of the LORD: he departed
not from the sins of Jer-o-bo'-am the
son of Ne'-bat, who made Israel to
sin.
25 But Pe'-kah the son of Rem-a-li'-
ah, a captain of his, conspired against
him, and smote him in Sa-ma'-ri-a, in
the palace of the king's house, with Ar'-
gob and A-ri'-eh, and with him fifty
men of the Gileadites: and he killed
him, and reigned in his room.

26 And the rest of the acts of Pek-a-hi'-ah, and all that he did, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

27 In the two and fiftieth year of Az-a-ri'-ah king of Judah Pe'-kah the son of Rem-a-li'-ah began to reign over Israel in Sa-ma'-ri-a, *and reigned* twenty years.

28 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from the sins of Jer-o-bo'-am the son of Ne'-bat, who made Israel to sin.

29 In the days of Pe'-kah king of Israel came Tig'-lath-pi-le'-ser king of Assyria, and took I'-jon, and A'-bel-beth-ma'-a-chah, and Ja-no'-ah, and Ke'-desh, and Ha'-zor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naph'-ta-li, and carried them captive to Assyria.

30 And Ho-she'-a the son of E'-lah made a conspiracy against Pe'-kah the son of Rem-a-li'-ah, and smote him, and slew him, and reigned in his stead, in the twentieth year of Jo'-tham the son of Uz-zi'-ah.

31 And the rest of the acts of Pe'-kah, and all that he did, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

32 In the second year of Pe'-kah the son of Rem-a-li'-ah king of Israel began Jo'-tham the son of Uz-zi'-ah king of Judah to reign.

33 Five and twenty years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jerusha, the daughter of Za'-dok.

34 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD: he did according to all that his father Uz-zi'-ah had done.

35 Howbeit the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burned incense still in the high places. He built the higher gate of the house of the LORD.

36 Now the rest of the acts of Jo'-tham, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

37 In those days the LORD began to send against Judah Re'-zin the king of Syria, and Pe'-kah the son of Rem-a-li'-ah.

38 And Jo'-tham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 16

IN the seventeenth year of Pe'-kah the son of Rem-a-li'-ah Ahaz the son of Jo'-tham king of Judah began to reign.

2 Twenty years old *was* Ahaz when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did not *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD his God, like David his father.

3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel.

4 And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

5 Then Re'-zin king of Syria and Pe'-kah son of Rem-a-li'-ah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome *him*.

6 At that time Re'-zin king of Syria recovered E'-lath to Syria, and drave the Jews from E'-lath: and the Syrians came to E'-lath, and dwelt there unto this day.

7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tig'-lath-pi-le'-ser king of Assyria, saying, I *am* thy servant and thy son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me.

8 And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent *it for* a present to the king of Assyria.

9 And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried *the people of* it captive to Kir, and slew Re'-zin.

10 And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tig'-lath-pi-le'-ser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that *was* at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to U-ri'-jah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof.

11 And U-ri'-jah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus: so U-ri'-jah the priest made *it* against king Ahaz came from Damascus.

12 And when the king
from Damascus, the king

tar: and the king approached to the altar, and offered thereon.

13 And he burnt his burnt offering and his meat offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings, upon the altar.

14 And he brought also the brasen altar, which *was* before the LORD, from the forefront of the house, from between the altar and the house of the LORD, and put it on the north side of the altar.

15 And king Ahaz commanded U-ri'-jah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the evening meat offering, and the king's burnt sacrifice, and his meat offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: and the brasen altar shall be for me to enquire *by*.

16 Thus did U-ri'-jah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded.

17 And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed the laver from off them; and took down the sea from off the brasen oxen that *were* under it, and put it upon a pavement of stones.

18 And the covert for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry without, turned he from the house of the LORD for the king of Assyria.

19 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

20 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hez-e-ki'-ah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 17

IN the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Ho-she'-a the son of E'-lah to reign in Sa-ma'-ri-a over Israel nine years.

2 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him.

3 Against him came up Shal-man-e'-ser king of Assyria; and Ho-she'-a became his servant, and gave him presents.

4 And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Ho-she'-a: for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as *he had done* year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

5 Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Sa-ma'-ri-a, and besieged it three years.

6 In the ninth year of Ho-she'-a the king of Assyria took Sa-ma'-ri-a, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Ha'-lah and in Ha'-bor *by* the river of Go'-zan, and in the cities of the Medes.

7 For *so* it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods,

8 And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.

9 And the children of Israel did secretly *those* things that *were* not right against the LORD their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

10 And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree:

11 And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as *did* the heathen whom the LORD carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger:

12 For they served idols, whereof the LORD had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing.

13 Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, *and by* all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments *and* my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.

14 Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God.

15 And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that

were round about them, *concerning* whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them.

16 And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, *even* two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Ba'-al.

17 And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

19 Also Judah kept not the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.

20 And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight.

21 For he rent Israel from the house of David; and they made Jer-o-bo'-am the son of Ne'-bat king: and Jer-o-bo'-am drave Israel from following the LORD, and made them sin a great sin.

22 For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jer-o-bo'-am which he did; they departed not from them;

23 Until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.

24 And the king of Assyria brought *men* from Babylon, and from Cu'-thah, and from A'-va, and from Ha'-math, and from Se-phar-va'-im, and placed *them* in the cities of Sa-ma'-ri-a instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Sa-ma'-ri-a, and dwelt in the cities thereof.

25 And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, *that* they feared not the LORD: therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which slew *some* of them.

26 Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Sa-ma'-ri-a, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land.

27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land.

28 Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Sa-ma'-ri-a came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they should fear the LORD.

29 Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put *them* in the houses of the high places which the Sa-mar'-i-tans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt.

30 And the men of Babylon made Suc'-coth-be'-noth, and the men of Cuth made Ner'-gal, and the men of Ha'-math made A-shi'-ma,

31 And the A'-vites made Nib'-haz and Tartak, and the Se'-phar-vites burnt their children in fire to A-dram'-me-lech and A-nam'-me-lech, the gods of Se-phar-va'-im.

32 So they feared the LORD, and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

33 They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence.

34 Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the LORD, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel;

35 With whom the LORD had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them:

36 But the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice.

37 And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods.

38 And the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods.

39 But the LORD your God ye shall fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.
40 Howbeit they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner.
41 So these nations feared the LORD, and served their graven images, both their children, and their children's children: as did their fathers, so do they unto this day.

CHAPTER 18

NOW it came to pass in the third year of Ho-she'-a son of E'-lah king of Israel, *that* Hez-e-ki'-ah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.
2 Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* A'-bi, the daughter of Zach-a-ri'-ah.
3 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did.
4 He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Ne-hush'-tan.
5 He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor *any* that were before him.
6 For he clave to the LORD, *and* departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses.
7 And the LORD was with him; *and* he prospered whithersoever he went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not.
8 He smote the Philistines, *even* unto Gaza, and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.
9 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hez-e-ki'-ah, which *was* the seventh year of Ho-she'-a son of E'-lah king of Israel, *that* Shal-man-e'-ser king of Assyria came up against Sa-ma'-ri-a, and besieged it.
10 And at the end of three years they took it: *even* in the sixth year of Hez-e-ki'-ah, that *is* the ninth year of Ho-she'-a king of Israel, Sa-ma'-ri-a was taken.
11 And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in Ha'-lah and in Ha'-bor *by* the river of Go'-zan, and in the cities of the Medes:
12 Because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed his covenant, *and* all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and would not hear *them*, nor do *them*.
13 Now in the fourteenth year of king Hez-e-ki'-ah did Sen-nach'-er-ib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.
14 And Hez-e-ki'-ah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to La'-chish, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which thou puttest on me will I bear. And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hez-e-ki'-ah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.
15 And Hez-e-ki'-ah gave *him* all the silver that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house.
16 At that time did Hez-e-ki'-ah cut off *the gold from* the doors of the temple of the LORD, and *from* the pillars which Hez-e-ki'-ah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.
17 And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rab'-sa-ris and Rab'-sha-keh from La'-chish to king Hez-e-ki'-ah with a great host against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which *is* in the highway of the fuller's field.
18 And when they had called to the king, there came out to them E-li'-a-kim the son of Hil-ki'-ah, which *was* over the household, and Sheb'-na the scribe, and Jo'-ah the son of A'-saph the recorder.
19 And Rab'-sha-keh said unto them, Speak ye now to Hez-e-ki'-ah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence *is* this wherein thou trustest?
20 Thou sayest, (but *they are but* vain words,) I *have* counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?
21 Now, behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, *even* upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will

go into his hand, and pierce it: so *is* Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him.

22 But if ye say unto me, We trust in the LORD our God: *is* not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hez-e-ki'-ah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?

23 Now therefore, I pray thee, give pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them.

24 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

25 Am I now come up without the LORD against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

26 Then said E-li'-a-kim the son of Hil-ki'-ah, and Sheb'-na, and Jo'-ah, unto Rab'-sha-keh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand *it*: and talk not with us in the Jews' language in the ears of the people that *are* on the wall.

27 But Rab'-sha-keh said unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? *hath he* not *sent me* to the men which *sit* on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?

28 Then Rab'-sha-keh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spake, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria:

29 Thus saith the king, Let not Hez-e-ki'-ah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand:

30 Neither let Hez-e-ki'-ah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

31 Hearken not to Hez-e-ki'-ah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make *an agreement* with me by a present, and come out to me, and *then* eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his cistern:

32 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil olive and of honey, that ye may live, and not die: and hearken not unto Hez-e-ki'-ah, when he persuadeth you, saying, The LORD will deliver us.

33 Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

34 Where *are* the gods of Ha'-math, and of Ar'-pad? where *are* the gods of Se-phar-va'-im, He'-na, and I'-vah? have they delivered Sa-ma'-ri-a out of mine hand?

35 Who *are* they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand?

36 But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.

37 Then came E-li'-a-kim the son of Hil-ki'-ah, which *was* over the household, and Sheb'-na the scribe, and Jo'-ah the son of A'-saph the recorder, to Hez-e-ki'-ah with *their* clothes rent, and told him the words of Rab'-sha-keh.

CHAPTER 19

AND it came to pass, when king Hez-e-ki'-ah heard *it*, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.

2 And he sent E-li'-a-kim, which *was* over the household, and Sheb'-na the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hez-e-ki'-ah, This day *is* a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and *there is* not strength to bring forth.

4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rab'-sha-keh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up *thy* prayer for the remnant that are left.

5 So the servants of king Hez-e-ki'-ah came to Isaiah.

6 And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the

servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.
7 Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.
8 So Rab'-sha-keh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Lib'-nah: for he had heard that he was departed from La'-chish.
9 And when he heard say of Tir-ha'-kah king of E-thi-o'-pi-a, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee: he sent messengers again unto Hez-e-ki'-ah, saying,
10 Thus shall ye speak to Hez-e-ki'-ah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.
11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered?
12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; *as* Go'-zan, and Ha'-ran, and Re'-zeph, and the children of Eden which *were* in The-la'-sar?
13 Where *is* the king of Ha'-math, and the king of Ar'-pad, and the king of the city of Se-phar-va'-im, of He'-na, and I'-vah?
14 And Hez-e-ki'-ah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read *it*: and Hez-e-ki'-ah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.
15 And Hez-e-ki'-ah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest *between* the cherubims, thou art the God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.
16 LORD, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sen-nach'-er-ib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God.
17 Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands,
18 And have cast their gods into the fire: for they *were* no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.
19 Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou *art* the LORD God, *even* thou only.
20 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hez-e-ki'-ah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *That* which thou hast prayed to me against Sen-nach'-er-ib king of Assyria I have heard.
21 This *is* the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, *and* laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.
22 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted *thy* voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? *even* against the Holy One of Israel.
23 By thy messengers thou hast reproached the Lord, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down the tall cedar trees thereof, *and* the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, *and into* the forest of his Carmel.
24 I have digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of besieged places.
25 Hast thou not heard long ago *how* I have done it, *and* of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities *into* ruinous heaps.
26 Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were *as* the grass of the field, and *as* the green herb, *as* the grass on the house tops, and *as corn* blasted before it be grown up.
27 But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me.
28 Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.
29 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.

30 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

31 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD *of hosts* shall do this.

32 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.

33 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.

34 For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

35 And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they *were* all dead corpses.

36 So Sen-nach'-er-ib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nin'-e-veh.

37 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nis'-roch his god, that A-dram'-me-lech and Sha-re'-zer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Ar-me'-ni-a. And E'-sar-had'-don his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 20

IN those days was Hez-e-ki'-ah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.

2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying,

3 I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is* good in thy sight. And Hez-e-ki'-ah wept sore.

4 And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

5 Turn again, and tell Hez-e-ki'-ah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.

6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

7 And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid *it* on the boil, and he recovered.

8 And Hez-e-ki'-ah said unto Isaiah, What *shall be* the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the LORD the third day?

9 And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?

10 And Hez-e-ki'-ah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.

11 And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.

12 At that time Be-ro'-dach–bal'-a-dan, the son of Bal'-a-dan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present unto Hez-e-ki'-ah: for he had heard that Hez-e-ki'-ah had been sick.

13 And Hez-e-ki'-ah hearkened unto them, and shewed them all the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and *all* the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hez-e-ki'-ah shewed them not.

14 Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hez-e-ki'-ah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hez-e-ki'-ah said, They are come from a far country, *even* from Babylon.

15 And he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hez-e-ki'-ah answered, All *the things* that *are* in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

16 And Isaiah said unto Hez-e-ki'-ah, Hear the word of the LORD.

17 Behold, the days come, that all that *is* in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon:

nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.
18 And of thy sons that shall issue
from thee, which thou shalt beget,
shall they take away; and they shall be
eunuchs in the palace of the king of
Babylon.
19 Then said Hez-e-ki'-ah unto Isa-
iah, Good *is* the word of the LORD
which thou hast spoken. And he said,
Is it not *good*, if peace and truth be in
my days?
20 And the rest of the acts of Hez-e-
ki'-ah, and all his might, and how he
made a pool, and a conduit, and
brought water into the city, *are* they
not written in the book of the chron-
icles of the kings of Judah?
21 And Hez-e-ki'-ah slept with his
fathers: and Ma-nas'-seh his son
reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 21

MA-NAS'-SEH *was* twelve years
old when he began to reign, and
reigned fifty and five years in Jerusa-
lem. And his mother's name *was* Heph'-
zi-bah.
2 And he did *that which was* evil in
the sight of the LORD, after the abomi-
nations of the heathen, whom the
LORD cast out before the children of
Israel.
3 For he built up again the high
places which Hez-e-ki'-ah his father
had destroyed; and he reared up altars
for Ba'-al, and made a grove, as did
Ahab king of Israel; and worshipped
all *the* host of heaven, and served
them.
4 And he built altars in the house of
the LORD, of which the LORD said, In
Jerusalem will I put my name.
5 And he built altars for all the host
of heaven in the two courts of the
house of the LORD.
6 And he made his son pass through
the fire, and observed times, and used
enchantments, and dealt with familiar
spirits and wizards: he wrought much
wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to
provoke *him* to anger.
7 And he set a graven image of the
grove that he had made in the house,
of which the LORD said to David, and
to Solomon his son, In this house, and
in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out
of all tribes of Israel, will I put my
name for ever:
8 Neither will I make the feet of Is-
rael move any more out of the land
which I gave their fathers; only if they
will observe to do according to all that
I have commanded them, and accord-
ing to all the law that my servant Mo-
ses commanded them.
9 But they hearkened not: and Ma-
nas'-seh seduced them to do more evil
than did the nations whom the LORD
destroyed before the children of Israel.
10 And the LORD spake by his ser-
vants the prophets, saying,
11 Because Ma-nas'-seh king of Ju-
dah hath done these abominations,
and hath done wickedly above all that
the Amorites did, which *were* before
him, and hath made Judah also to sin
with his idols:
12 Therefore thus saith the LORD
God of Israel, Behold, I *am* bringing
such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah,
that whosoever heareth of it, both his
ears shall tingle.
13 And I will stretch over Jerusa-
lem the line of Sa-ma'-ri-a, and the
plummet of the house of Ahab: and I
will wipe Jerusalem as *a man* wipeth a
dish, wiping *it*, and turning *it* upside
down.
14 And I will forsake the remnant
of mine inheritance, and deliver them
into the hand of their enemies; and
they shall become a prey and a spoil to
all their enemies;
15 Because they have done *that*
which was evil in my sight, and have
provoked me to anger, since the day
their fathers came forth out of Egypt,
even unto this day.
16 Moreover Ma-nas'-seh shed inno-
cent blood very much, till he had filled
Jerusalem from one end to another;
beside his sin wherewith he made Ju-
dah to sin, in doing *that which was* evil
in the sight of the LORD.
17 Now the rest of the acts of Ma-
nas'-seh, and all that he did, and his
sin that he sinned, *are* they not written
in the book of the chronicles of the
kings of Judah?
18 And Ma-nas'-seh slept with his
fathers, and was buried in the garden
of his own house, in the garden of Uz-
za: and Amon his son reigned in his
stead.
19 Amon *was* twenty and two years
old when he began to reign, and he
reigned two years in Jerusalem. And
his mother's name *was* Me-shul'-le-
meth, the daughter of Ha'-ruz of Jot'-
bah.
20 And he did *that which was* evil in

the sight of the LORD, as his father
Ma-nas'-seh did.
21 And he walked in all the way
that his father walked in, and served
the idols that his father served, and
worshipped them:
22 And he forsook the LORD God of
his fathers, and walked not in the way
of the LORD.
23 And the servants of Amon con-
spired against him, and slew the king
in his own house.
24 And the people of the land slew
all them that had conspired against
king Amon; and the people of the land
made Jo-si'-ah his son king in his stead.
25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon
which he did, *are* they not written in
the book of the chronicles of the kings
of Judah?
26 And he was buried in his sepul-
chre in the garden of Uz'-za: and Jo-
si'-ah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 22

JO-SI'-AH *was* eight years old when
he began to reign, and he reigned
thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And
his mother's name *was* Je-di'-dah, the
daughter of Ad-ai'-ah of Bos'-cath.
2 And he did *that which was right* in
the sight of the LORD, and walked in
all the way of David his father, and
turned not aside to the right hand or
to the left.
3 And it came to pass in the eight-
eenth year of king Jo-si'-ah, *that* the
king sent Sha'-phan the son of Az-a-
li'-ah, the son of Me-shul'-lam, the
scribe, to the house of the LORD, say-
ing,
4 Go up to Hil-ki'-ah the high priest,
that he may sum the silver which is
brought into the house of the LORD,
which the keepers of the door have
gathered of the people:
5 And let them deliver it into the
hand of the doers of the work, that
have the oversight of the house of the
LORD: and let them give it to the doers
of the work which *is* in the house of the
LORD, to repair the breaches of the
house,
6 *Unto carpenters, and builders,*
and masons, and to buy timber and
hewn stone to repair the house.
7 Howbeit there was no reckoning
made with them of the money that
was delivered into their hand, because
they dealt faithfully.
8 And Hil-ki'-ah the high priest said
unto Sha'-phan the scribe, I have found
the book of the law in the house of the
LORD. And Hil-ki'-ah gave the book to
Sha'-phan, and he read it.
9 And Sha'-phan the scribe came to
the king, and brought the king word
again, and said, Thy servants have
gathered the money that was found in
the house, and have delivered it into
the hand of them that do the work,
that have the oversight of the house
of the LORD.
10 And Sha'-phan the scribe shewed
the king, saying, Hil-ki'-ah the priest
hath delivered me a book. And Sha'-
phan read it before the king.
11 And it came to pass, when the
king had heard the words of the book
of the law, that he rent his clothes.
12 And the king commanded Hil-
ki'-ah the priest, and A-hi'-kam the son
of Sha'-phan, and Ach'-bor the son of
Mi-cha'-iah, and Sha'-phan the scribe,
and A-sa-hi'-ah a servant of the king's,
saying,
13 Go ye, enquire of the LORD for
me, and for the people, and for all Ju-
dah, concerning the words of this book
that is found: for great *is* the wrath of
the LORD that is kindled against us,
because our fathers have not heark-
ened unto the words of this book, to do
according unto all that which is writ-
ten concerning us.
14 So Hil-ki'-ah the priest, and A-hi'-
kam, and Ach'-bor, and Sha'-phan, and
A-sa-hi'-ah, went unto Hul'-dah the
prophetess, the wife of Shal'-lum the
son of Tik'-vah, the son of Har'-has,
keeper of the wardrobe; (now she
dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and
they communed with her.
15 And she said unto them, Thus
saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell the
man that sent you to me,
16 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I
will bring evil upon this place, and
upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* all
the words of the book which the king
of Judah hath read:
17 Because they have forsaken me,
and have burned incense unto other
gods, that they might provoke me to
anger with all the works of their
hands; therefore my wrath shall be
kindled against this place, and shall
not be quenched.
18 But to the king of Judah which
sent you to enquire of the LORD, thus
shall ye say to him,

LORD God of Israel, As *touching* the words which thou hast heard;

19 Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard *thee, saith the* LORD.

20 Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

CHAPTER 23

AND the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.

2 And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD.

3 And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all *their* heart and all *their* soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

4 And the king commanded Hil-ki′ah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Ba′al, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Beth–el.

5 And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Ba′al, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.

6 And he brought out the grove from the house of the LORD, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped *it* small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people.

7 And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that *were* by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove.

8 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Ge′-ba to Be′-er–she′-ba, and brake down the high places of the gates that *were* in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which *were* on a man's left hand at the gate of the city.

9 Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren.

10 And he defiled To′-pheth, which *is* in the valley of the children of Hin′-nom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Mo′-lech.

11 And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Na′-than–me′-lech the chamberlain, which *was* in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire.

12 And the altars that *were* on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Ma-nas′-seh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat down, and brake *them* down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron.

13 And the high places that *were* before Jerusalem, which *were* on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ash′-to-reth the abomination of the Zi-do′-ni-ans, and for Che′-mosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Mil′-com the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile.

14 And he brake in pieces the images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.

15 Moreover the altar that *was* at Beth–el, *and* the high place which Jer-o-bo′-am the son of Ne′-bat, who made

Israel to sin, had made, both that altar
and the high place he brake down, and
burned the high place, *and* stamped *it*
small to powder, and burned the grove.
16 And as Jo-si'-ah turned himself,
he spied the sepulchres that *were* there
in the mount, and sent, and took the
bones out of the sepulchres, and
burned *them* upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the
LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.
17 Then he said, What title *is* that
that I see? And the men of the city
told him, *It is* the sepulchre of the man
of God, which came from Judah, and
proclaimed these things that thou hast
done against the altar of Beth-el.
18 And he said, Let him alone; let
no man move his bones. So they let his
bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Sa-ma'-ri-a.
19 And all the houses also of the
high places that *were* in the cities of
Sa-ma'-ri-a, which the kings of Israel
had made to provoke *the LORD* to anger, Jo-si'-ah took away, and did to
them according to all the acts that he
had done in Beth-el.
20 And he slew all the priests of the
high places that *were* there upon the
altars, and burned men's bones upon
them, and returned to Jerusalem.
21 And the king commanded all the
people, saying, Keep the passover unto
the LORD your God, as *it is* written in
the book of this covenant.
22 Surely there was not holden such
a passover from the days of the judges
that judged Israel, nor in all the days
of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings
of Judah;
23 But in the eighteenth year of
king Jo-si'-ah, *wherein* this passover
was holden to the LORD in Jerusalem.
24 Moreover the *workers with* familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the
images, and the idols, and all the
abominations that were spied in the
land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did
Jo-si'-ah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were
written in the book that Hil-ki'-ah the
priest found in the house of the LORD.
25 And like unto him was there no
king before him, that turned to the
LORD with all his heart, and with all
his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither
after him arose there *any* like him.
26 Notwithstanding the LORD
turned not from the fierceness of his
great wrath, wherewith his anger was
kindled against Judah, because of all
the provocations that Ma-nas'-seh had
provoked him withal.
27 And the LORD said, I will remove
Judah also out of my sight, as I have
removed Israel, and will cast off this
city Jerusalem which I have chosen,
and the house of which I said, My
name shall be there.
28 Now the rest of the acts of Jo-
si'-ah, and all that he did, *are* they not
written in the book of the chronicles of
the kings of Judah?
29 In his days Pharaoh-nechoh
king of Egypt went up against the king
of Assyria to the river Eu-phra'-tes:
and king Jo-si'-ah went against him;
and he slew him at Me-gid'-do, when he
had seen him.
30 And his servants carried him in
a chariot dead from Me-gid'-do, and
brought him to Jerusalem, and buried
him in his own sepulchre. And the people of the land took Je-ho'-a-haz the
son of Jo-si'-ah, and anointed him, and
made him king in his father's stead.
31 Je-ho'-a-haz *was* twenty and
three years old when he began to
reign; and he reigned three months in
Jerusalem. And his mother's name
was Ha-mu'-tal, the daughter of Jer-e-
mi'-ah of Lib'-nah.
32 And he did *that which was* evil in
the sight of the LORD, according to all
that his fathers had done.
33 And Pharaoh-nechoh put him in
bands at Rib'-lah in the land of Ha'-
math, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and put the land to a tribute of
an hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.
34 And Pharaoh-nechoh made E-li'-a-
kim the son of Jo-si'-ah king in the
room of Jo-si'-ah his father, and turned
his name to Je-hoi'-a-kim, and took Je-
ho'-a-haz away: and he came to Egypt,
and died there.
35 And Je-hoi'-a-kim gave the silver
and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed
the land to give the money according
to the commandment of Pharaoh: he
exacted the silver and the gold of the
people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give *it* unto
Pharaoh-nechoh.
36 Je-hoi'-a-kim *was* twenty and
five years old when he began to reign;
and he reigned eleven years in *Jerusa-*
lem. And his mother's name *was* Ze-

bu'-dah, the daughter of Pe-da'-iah of Ru'-mah.

37 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

CHAPTER 24

IN his days Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar king of Babylon came up, and Je-hoi'-a-kim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him.

2 And the LORD sent against him bands of the Chal'-dees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moab-ites, and bands of the children of Am-mon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servants the prophets.

3 Surely at the commandment of the LORD came *this* upon Judah, to remove *them* out of his sight, for the sins of Ma-nas'-seh, according to all that he did;

4 And also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the LORD would not pardon.

5 Now the rest of the acts of Je-hoi'-a-kim, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

6 So Je-hoi'-a-kim slept with his fathers: and Je-hoi'-a-chin his son reigned in his stead.

7 And the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land: for the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt unto the river Eu-phra'-tes all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

8 Je-hoi'-a-chin *was* eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name *was* Ne-hush'-ta, the daughter of El-na'-than of Jerusalem.

9 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.

10 At that time the servants of Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.

11 And Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants did besiege it.

12 And Je-hoi'-a-chin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign.

13 And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said.

14 And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, *even* ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land.

15 And he carried away Je-hoi'-a-chin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, *those* carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.

16 And all the men of might, *even* seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, all *that were* strong *and* apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

17 And the king of Babylon made Mat-ta-ni'-ah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zed-e-ki'-ah.

18 Zed-e-ki'-ah *was* twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Ha-mu'-tal, the daughter of Jer-e-mi'-ah of Lib'-nah.

19 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Je-hoi'-a-kim had done.

20 For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence, that Zed-e-ki'-ah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

CHAPTER 25

AND it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about.

2 And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zed-e-ki'-ah.

3 And on the ninth *day* of the *fourth* month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

4 And the city was broken up, and

all the men of war *fled* by night by the
way of the gate between two walls,
which *is* by the king's garden: (now the
Chal'-dees *were* against the city round
about:) and *the king* went the way to-
ward the plain.
5 And the army of the Chal'-dees
pursued after the king, and overtook
him in the plains of Jericho: and all his
army were scattered from him.
6 So they took the king, and
brought him up to the king of Babylon
to Rib'-lah; and they gave judgment
upon him.
7 And they slew the sons of Zed-e-
ki'-ah before his eyes, and put out the
eyes of Zed-e-ki'-ah, and bound him
with fetters of brass, and carried him
to Babylon.
8 And in the fifth month, on the
seventh *day* of the month, which *is* the
nineteenth year of king Neb-u-chad-
nez'-zar king of Babylon, came Neb'-u-
zar--a'-dan, captain of the guard, a
servant of the king of Babylon, unto
Jerusalem:
9 And he burnt the house of the
LORD, and the king's house, and all the
houses of Jerusalem, and every great
man's house burnt he with fire.
10 And all the army of the Chal'-
dees, that *were with* the captain of the
guard, brake down the walls of Jeru-
salem round about.
11 Now the rest of the people *that*
were left in the city, and the fugitives
that fell away to the king of Babylon,
with the remnant of the multitude, did
Neb'-u-zar--a'-dan the captain of the
guard carry away.
12 But the captain of the guard left
of the poor of the land *to be* vinedress-
ers and husbandmen.
13 And the pillars of brass that
were in the house of the LORD, and the
bases, and the brasen sea that *was* in
the house of the LORD, did the Chal'-
dees break in pieces, and carried the
brass of them to Babylon.
14 And the pots, and the shovels,
and the snuffers, and the spoons, and
all the vessels of brass wherewith they
ministered, took they away.
15 And the firepans, and the bowls,
and such things as *were* of gold, *in* gold,
and of silver, *in* silver, the captain of
the guard took away.
16 The two pillars, one sea, and the
bases which Solomon had made for the
house of the LORD; the brass of all
these vessels was without weight.
17 The height of the one pillar *was*
eighteen cubits, and the chapiter upon
it *was* brass: and the height of the
chapiter three cubits; and the wreath-
en work, and pomegranates upon the
chapiter round about, all of brass: and
like unto these had the second pillar
with wreathen work.
18 And the captain of the guard
took Ser-ai'-ah the chief priest, and
Zeph-a-ni'-ah the second priest, and
the three keepers of the door:
19 And out of the city he took an
officer that was set over the men of
war, and five men of them that were in
the king's presence, which were found
in the city, and the principal scribe of
the host, which mustered the people of
the land, and threescore men of the
people of the land *that were* found in
the city:
20 And Neb'-u-zar--a'-dan captain of
the guard took these, and brought
them to the king of Babylon to Rib'-
lah:
21 And the king of Babylon smote
them, and slew them at Rib'-lah in the
land of Ha'-math. So Judah was car-
ried away out of their land.
22 And *as for* the people that re-
mained in the land of Judah, whom
Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar king of Babylon
had left, even over them he made
Ged-a-li'-ah the son of A-hi'-kam, the
son of Sha'-phan, ruler.
23 And when all the captains of the
armies, they and their men, heard that
the king of Babylon had made Ged-a-
li'-ah governor, there came to Ged-a-
li'-ah to Miz'-pah, even Ish'-ma-el the
son of Neth-a-ni'-ah, and Jo-ha'-nan
the son of Ca-re'-ah, and Ser-ai'-ah the
son of Tan-hu'-meth the Ne-toph'-a-
thite, and Ja-az-a-ni'-ah the son of a
Ma-ach'-a-thite, they and their men.
24 And Ged-a-li'-ah sware to them,
and to their men, and said unto them,
Fear not to be the servants of the
Chal'-dees: dwell in the land, and serve
the king of Babylon; and it shall be
well with you.
25 But it came to pass in the sev-
enth month, that Ish'-ma-el the son of
Neth-a-ni'-ah, the son of E-lish'-a-ma,
of the seed royal, came, and ten
men with him, and smote Ged-a-li'-ah,
that he died, and the Jews and the
Chal'-dees, that were with him at
Miz'-pah.
26 And all the people, both small
and great, and the captains of the ar-

mies, arose, and came to Egypt: for
they were afraid of the Chal'-dees.
27 And it came to pass in the seven
and thirtieth year of the captivity of
Je-hoi'-a-chin king of Judah, in the
twelfth month, on the seven and twen-
tieth *day* of the month, *that* E'-vil-me-
ro'-dach king of Babylon in the year
that he began to reign did lift up the
head of Je-hoi'-a-chin king of Judah
out of prison;
28 And he spake kindly to him, and
set his throne above the throne of
the kings that *were* with him in Baby-
lon;
29 And changed his prison gar-
ments: and he did eat bread continual-
ly before him all the days of his life.
30 And his allowance *was* a con-
tinual allowance given him of the
king, a daily rate for every day, all
the days of his life.

The First Book of the Chronicles

CHAPTER 1

ADAM, Sheth, E'-nosh,
2 Ke'-nan, Ma-ha-la'-le-el, Je'-
red,
3 He'-noch, Me-thu'-se-lah, La'-
mech,
4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Ja'-
pheth.
5 The sons of Ja'-pheth; Go'-mer,
and Ma'-gog, and Mad'-a-i, and Ja'-van,
and Tu'-bal, and Me'-shech, and Ti'-ras.
6 And the sons of Go'-mer; Ash'-che-
naz, and Ri'-phath, and To-gar'-mah.
7 And the sons of Ja'-van; E-li'-shah,
and Tar'-shish, Kit'-tim, and Do'-da-
nim.
8 The sons of Ham; Cush, and Miz'-
ra-im, Put, and Canaan.
9 And the sons of Cush; Se'-ba, and
Hav'-i-lah, and Sab'-ta, and Ra'-a-mah,
and Sab'-te-cha. And the sons of Ra'-a-
mah; She'-ba, and De'-dan.
10 And Cush begat Nimrod: he be-
gan to be mighty upon the earth.
11 And Miz'-ra-im begat Lu'-dim,
and An'-a-mim, and Le'-ha-bim, and
Naph'-tu-him,
12 And Path'-ru-sim, and Cas'-lu-
him, (of whom came the Philistines,)
and Caph'-tho-rim.
13 And Canaan begat Zi'-don his
firstborn, and Heth,
14 The Jeb'-u-site also, and the Am-
orite, and the Gir'-ga-shite,
15 And the Hi'-vite, and the Ark'-
ite, and the Sin'-ite,
16 And the Ar'-vad-ite, and the
Zem'-a-rite, and the Ha'-math-ite.
17 The sons of Shem; E'-lam, and
Asshur, and Ar-phax'-ad, and Lud and
A'-ram, and Uz, and Hul, and Ge'-ther,
and Me'-shech.
18 And Ar-phax'-ad begat She'-lah,
and She'-lah begat E'-ber.
19 And unto E'-ber were born two
sons: the name of the one *was* Pe'-leg;
because in his days the earth was di-
vided: and his brother's name *was* Jok'-
tan.
20 And Jok'-tan begat Al-mo'-dad,
and She'-leph, and Ha'-zar-ma'-veth,
and Je'-rah,
21 Ha-do'-ram also, and U'-zal, and
Dik'-lah,
22 And Ebal, and A-bim'-a-el, and
She'-ba,
23 And O'-phir, and Hav'-i-lah, and
Jo'-bab. All these *were* the sons of Jok'-
tan.
24 Shem, Ar-phax'-ad, She'-lah,
25 E'-ber, Pe'-leg, Re'-u,
26 Se'-rug, Nahor, Te'-rah,
27 Abram; the same *is* Abraham.
28 The sons of Abraham; Isaac, and
Ish'-ma-el.
29 These *are* their generations: The
firstborn of Ish'-ma-el, Ne-bai'-oth;
then Ke'-dar, and Ad'-be-el, and Mib'-
sam,
30 Mish'-ma, and Du'-mah, Mas'-sa,
Ha'-dad, and Te'-ma,
31 Je'-tur, Na'-phish, and Ked'-e-
mah. These are the sons of Ish'-ma-el.
32 Now the sons of Ke-tu'-rah,
Abraham's concubine: she bare Zim'-
ran, and Jok'-shan, and Me'-dan, and
Mid'-i-an, and Ish'-bak, and Shu'-ah.
And the sons of Jok'-shan; She'-ba, and
De'-dan.
33 And the sons of Mid'-i-an; E'-
phah, and E'-pher, and He'-noch, and
A-bi'-da, and El'-da-ah. All these *are*
the sons of Ke-tu'-rah.
34 And Abraham begat Isaac. The
sons of Isaac; Esau and Israel.

35 The sons of Esau; El′-i-phaz,
Reu′-el, and Je′-ush, and Ja-a′-lam, and
Korah.
36 The sons of El′-i-phaz; Te′-man,
and Omar, Ze′-phi, and Ga′-tam, Ke′-
naz, and Tim′-na, and Am′-a-lek.
37 The sons of Reu′-el; Nahath, Ze′-
rah, Sham′-mah, and Miz′-zah.
38 And the sons of Se′-ir; Lo′-tan,
and Sho′-bal, and Zib′-e-on, and A′-nah,
and Di′-shon, and E′-zar, and Di′-shan.
39 And the sons of Lo′-tan; Ho′-ri,
and Ho′-mam: and Tim′-na *was* Lo′-
tan's sister.
40 The sons of Sho′-bal; A′-li-an, and
Man′-a-hath, and Ebal, She′-phi, and
O′-nam. And the sons of Zib′-e-on;
A′-iah, and A′-nah.
41 The sons of A′-nah; Di′-shon. And
the sons of Di′-shon; Amram, and Esh′-
ban, and Ith′-ran, and Che′-ran.
42 The sons of E′-zer; Bil′-han, and
Za′-van, *and* Ja′-kan. The sons of Di′-
shan; Uz, and A′-ran.
43 Now these *are* the kings that
reigned in the land of Edom before
any king reigned over the children
of Israel; Be′-la the son of Be′-or:
and the name of his city *was* Din′-ha-
bah.
44 And when Be′-la was dead, Jo′-
bab the son of Ze′-rah of Boz′-rah
reigned in his stead.
45 And when Jo′-bab was dead, Hu′-
sham of the land of the Te′-man-ites
reigned in his stead.
46 And when Hu′-sham was dead,
Ha′-dad the son of Be′-dad, which
smote Mid′-i-an in the field of Moab,
reigned in his stead: and the name of
his city *was* A′-vith.
47 And when Ha′-dad was dead,
Sam′-lah of Mas-re′-kah reigned in his
stead.
48 And when Sam′-lah was dead,
Sha′-ul of Re-ho′-both by the river
reigned in his stead.
49 And when Sha′-ul was dead, Ba′-
al–ha′-nan the son of Ach′-bor reigned
in his stead.
50 And when Ba′-al–ha′-nan was
dead, Ha′-dad reigned in his stead: and
the name of his city *was* Pa′-i; and his
wife's name *was* Me-het′-a-bel, the
daughter of Ma′-tred, the daughter of
Mez′-a-hab.
51 Ha′-dad died also. And the dukes
of Edom were; duke Tim′-nah, duke
A-li′-ah, duke Je′-theth,
52 Duke A-hol-i-ba′-man, duke E′-
lah, duke Pi′-non,
53 Duke Ke′-naz, duke Te′-man,
duke Mib′-zar,
54 Duke Mag′-di-el, duke I′-ram.
These *are* the dukes of Edom.

CHAPTER 2

THESE *are* the sons of Israel; Reu-
ben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Is′-
sa-char, and Zeb′-u-lun,
2 Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin,
Naph′-ta-li, Gad, and Asher.
3 The sons of Judah; Er, and O′-nan,
and She′-lah: *which* three were born un-
to him of the daughter of Shu′-a the
Canaanitess. And Er, the firstborn of
Judah, was evil in the sight of the
LORD; and he slew him.
4 And Ta′-mar his daughter in law
bare him Pha′-rez and Ze′-rah. All the
sons of Judah *were* five.
5 The sons of Pha′-rez; Hez′-ron, and
Ha′-mul.
6 And the sons of Ze′-rah; Zimri,
and E′-than, and He′-man, and Cal′-col,
and Da′-ra: five of them in all.
7 And the sons of Car′-mi; A′-char,
the troubler of Israel, who trans-
gressed in the thing accursed.
8 And the sons of E′-than; Az-a-ri′-
ah.
9 The sons also of Hez′-ron, that
were born unto him; Je-rah′-me-el, and
Ram, and Che-lu′-bai.
10 And Ram begat Am-min′-a-dab;
and Am-min′-a-dab begat Nah′-shon,
prince of the children of Judah;
11 And Nah′-shon begat Sal′-ma,
and Sal′-ma begat Bo′-az,
12 And Bo′-az begat O′-bed, and
O′-bed begat Jesse,
13 And Jesse begat his firstborn
E-li′-ab, and A-bin′-a-dab the second,
and Shim′-ma the third,
14 Ne-than′-e-el the fourth, Rad′-
da-i the fifth,
15 O′-zem the sixth, David the sev-
enth:
16 Whose sisters *were* Zer-u-i′-ah,
and Ab′-i-gail. And the sons of Zer-u-
i′-ah; A-bish′-a-i, and Jo′-ab, and A′-sa-
hel, three.
17 And Ab′-i-gail bare Am-a′-sa: and
the father of Am-a′-sa *was* Je′-ther the
Ish′-me-el-ite.
18 And Caleb the son of Hez′-ron
begat *children* of A-zu′-bah *his* wife,
and of Je′-ri-oth: her sons *are* these;
Jesher, and Sho′-bab, and Ardon.
19 And when A-zu′-bah was dead,
Caleb took unto him Eph′-rath, which
bare him Hur.

20 And Hur begat U´-ri, and U´-ri begat Be-zal´-e-el.

21 And afterward Hez´-ron went in to the daughter of Ma´-chir the father of Gilead, whom he married when he *was* threescore years old; and she bare him Se´-gub.

22 And Se´-gub begat Ja´-ir, who had three and twenty cities in the land of Gilead.

23 And he took Ge´-shur, and A´-ram, with the towns of Ja´-ir, from them, with Ke´-nath, and the towns thereof, *even* threescore cities. All these *belonged to* the sons of Ma´-chir the father of Gilead.

24 And after that Hez´-ron was dead in Ca´-leb–eph´-ra-tah, then A-bi´-ah Hez´-ron's wife bare him Ashur the father of Te-ko´-a.

25 And the sons of Je-rah´-me-el the firstborn of Hez´-ron were, Ram the firstborn, and Bu´-nah, and O´-ren, and O´-zem, *and* A-hi´-jah.

26 Je-rah´-me-el had also another wife, whose name *was* At´-a-rah; she *was* the mother of O´-nam.

27 And the sons of Ram the firstborn of Je-rah´-me-el were, Ma´-az, and Ja´-min, and E´-ker.

28 And the sons of O´-nam were, Sham´-ma-i, and Ja´-da. And the sons of Sham´-ma-i; Nadab, and Abi´-shur.

29 And the name of the wife of Abi´-shur *was* Ab-i-ha´-il, and she bare him Ah´-ban, and Mo´-lid.

30 And the sons of Nadab; Se´-led, and Ap´-pa-im: but Se´-led died without children.

31 And the sons of Ap´-pa-im; I´-shi. And the sons of I´-shi; She´-shan. And the children of She´-shan; Ah´-lai.

32 And the sons of Ja´-da the brother of Sham´-ma-i; Je´-ther, and Jonathan: and Je´-ther died without children.

33 And the sons of Jonathan; Pe´-leth, and Za´-za. These were the sons of Je-rah´-me-el.

34 Now She´-shan had no sons, but daughters. And She´-shan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Jar´-ha.

35 And She´-shan gave his daughter to Jar´-ha his servant to wife; and she bare him At´-tai.

36 And At´-tai begat Nathan, and Nathan begat Za´-bad,

37 And Za´-bad begat Eph´-lal, and Eph´-lal begat O´-bed,

38 And O´-bed begat Jehu, and Jehu begat Az-a-ri´-ah,

39 And Az-a-ri´-ah begat He´-lez, and He´-lez begat E-le-a´-sah,

40 And E-le-a´-sah begat Si´-sam-a-i, and Si´-sam-a-i begat Shal´-lum,

41 And Shal´-lum begat Jek-a-mi´-ah, and Jek-a-mi´-ah begat E-lish´-a-ma.

42 Now the sons of Caleb the brother of Je-rah´-me-el *were*, Me´-sha his firstborn, which *was* the father of Ziph; and the sons of Ma-re´-shah the father of Hebron.

43 And the sons of Hebron; Korah, and Tap´-pu-ah, and Re´-kem, and She´-ma.

44 And She´-ma begat Raham, the father of Jor´-ko-am: and Re´-kem begat Sham´-ma-i.

45 And the son of Sham´-ma-i *was* Ma´-on: and Ma´-on *was* the father of Beth´–zur.

46 And E´-phah, Caleb's concubine, bare Ha´-ran, and Mo´-za, and Ga´-zez: and Ha´-ran begat Ga´-zez.

47 And the sons of Jah´-da-i; Re´-gem, and Jo´-tham, and Ge´-sham, and Pe´-let, and E´-phah, and Sha´-aph.

48 Ma´-a-chah, Caleb's concubine, bare She´-ber, and Tir-ha´-nah.

49 She bare also Sha´-aph the father of Mad-man´-nah, She´-va the father of Mach-be´-nah, and the father of Gib´-e-a: and the daughter of Caleb *was* Ach´-sa.

50 These were the sons of Caleb the son of Hur, the firstborn of Eph´-ra-tah; Sho´-bal the father of Kir´-jath–je´-a-rim,

51 Sal´-ma the father of Beth–lehem, Ha´-reph the father of Beth–ga´-der.

52 And Sho´-bal the father of Kir´-jath–je´-a-rim had sons; Har-o´-eh, *and* half of the Ma-na´-heth-ites.

53 And the families of Kir´-jath–je´-a-rim; the Ith´-rites, and the Pu´-hites, and the Shu´-math-ites, and the Mish´-ra-ites; of them came the Za´-re-ath-ites, and the Esh´-ta-ul-ites.

54 The sons of Sal´-ma; Beth–lehem, and the Ne-toph´-a-thites, At´-a-roth, the house of Jo´-ab, and half of the Ma-na´-heth-ites, the Zo´-rites.

55 And the families of the scribes which dwelt at Ja´-bez; the Ti´-rath-ites, the Shim´-e-ath-ites, *and* Su´-chath-ites. These *are* the Ken´-ites that came of He´-math, the father of the house of Re´-chab.

CHAPTER 3

NOW these were the sons of David,
which were born unto him in
Hebron; the firstborn Amnon, of A-
hin´-o-am the Jez´-re-el-i-tess; the sec-
ond Daniel, of Ab´-i-gail the Carmel-
itess:
2 The third, Ab´-sa-lom the son of
Ma´-a-chah the daughter of Tal´-mai
king of Ge´-shur: the fourth, Ad-o-ni´-
jah the son of Hag´-gith:
3 The fifth, Sheph-a-ti´-ah of Ab-i´-
tal: the sixth, Ith´-re-am by Eg´-lah his
wife.
4 *These* six were born unto him in
Hebron; and there he reigned seven
years and six months: and in Jerusa-
lem he reigned thirty and three years.
5 And these were born unto him in
Jerusalem; Shim´-e-a, and Sho´-bab,
and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of
Bath´–shu-a the daughter of Am´-mi-
el:
6 Ib´-har also, and E-lish´-a-ma, and
E-liph´-e-let,
7 And No´-gah, and Ne´-pheg, and
Ja-phi´-a,
8 And E-lish´-a-ma, and E-li´-a-da,
and E-liph´-e-let, nine.
9 *These were* all the sons of David,
beside the sons of the concubines, and
Ta´-mar their sister.
10 And Solomon's son *was* Re-ho-
bo´-am, A-bi´-a his son, A´-sa his son,
Je-hosh´-a-phat his son,
11 Joram his son, A-ha-zi´-ah his
son, Jo´-ash his son,
12 Am-a-zi´-ah his son, Az-a-ri´-ah
his son, Jo´-tham his son,
13 Ahaz his son, Hez-e-ki´-ah his
son, Ma-nas´-seh his son,
14 Amon his son, Jo-si´-ah his son.
15 And the sons of Jo-si´-ah *were*,
the firstborn Jo-ha´-nan, the second
Je-hoi´-a-kim, the third Zed-e-ki´-ah,
the fourth Shal´-lum.
16 And the sons of Je-hoi´-a-kim:
Jec-o-ni´-ah his son, Zed-e-ki´-ah his
son.
17 And the sons of Jec-o-ni´-ah; As´-
sir, Sa-la´-thi-el his son,
18 Mal-chi´-ram also, and Pe-da´-iah,
and She-na´-zar, Jec-a-mi´-ah, Hosh´-a-
ma, and Ned-a-bi´-ah.
19 And the sons of Pe-da´-iah *were*,
Ze-rub´-ba-bel, and Shim´-e-i: and the
sons of Ze-rub´-ba-bel; Me-shul´-lam,
and Han-a-ni´-ah, and Shel-o´-mith
their sister:
20 And Ha-shu´-bah, and O´-hel, and
Ber-e-chi´-ah, and Has-a-di´-ah, Ju´-
shab–he´-sed, five.
21 And the sons of Han-a-ni´-ah;
Pel-a-ti´-ah, and Je-sai´-ah: the sons of
Reph-ai´-ah, the sons of Arnan, the
sons of O-ba-di´-ah, the sons of
Shech-a-ni´-ah.
22 And the sons of Shech-a-ni´-ah;
Shem-ai´-ah: and the sons of Shem-ai´-
ah; Hat´-tush, and Ig´-e-al, and Ba-ri´-
ah, and Ne-a-ri´-ah, and Sha´-phat,
six.
23 And the sons of Ne-a-ri´-ah; E-li-
o-e´-na-i, and Hez-e-ki´-ah, and Az-ri´-
kam, three.
24 And the sons of E-li-o-e´-na-i
were, Hod-ai´-ah, and E-li-a´-shib, and
Pel-ai´-ah, and Ak´-kub, and Jo-ha´-
nan, and Dal-ai´-ah, and An-a´-ni,
seven.

CHAPTER 4

THE sons of Judah; Pha´-rez, Hez´-
ron, and Car´-mi, and Hur, and
Sho´-bal.
2 And Re-ai´-ah the son of Sho´-bal
begat Ja´-hath; and Ja´-hath begat A-
hu´-ma-i, and La´-had. These *are* the
families of the Zo´-rath-ites.
3 And these *were of* the father of
E´-tam; Jez´-re-el, and Ish´-ma, and Id´-
bash: and the name of their sister *was*
Haz-el-el-po´-ni:
4 And Pe-nu´-el the father of Ge´-
dor, and E´-zer the father of Hu´-shah.
These *are* the sons of Hur, the firstborn
of Eph´-ra-tah, the father of Beth–le-
hem.
5 And Ashur the father of Te-ko´-a
had two wives, He´-lah and Na´-a-rah.
6 And Na´-a-rah bare him A-hu´-
zam, and He´-pher, and Te´-me-ni, and
Ha-a-hash´-ta-ri. These *were* the sons
of Na´-a-rah.
7 And the sons of He´-lah *were*, Ze´-
reth, and Je-zo´-ar, and Eth´-nan.
8 And Coz begat A´-nub, and Zo-be´-
bah, and the families of A-har´-hel the
son of Ha´-rum.
9 And Ja´-bez was more honourable
than his brethren: and his mother
called his name Ja´-bez, saying, Be-
cause I bare him with sorrow.
10 And Ja´-bez called on the God of
Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest
bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast,
and that thine hand might be with me,
and that thou wouldest keep me from
evil, that it may not grieve [illegible] And
God granted him that wh[illegible]
quested.

11 And Che'-lub the brother of Shu'-ah begat Me'-hir, which *was* the father of Esh'-ton.

12 And Esh'-ton begat Beth–ra'-pha, and Pa-se'-ah, and Te-hin'-nah the father of Ir–na'-hash. These *are* the men of Re'-chah.

13 And the sons of Ke'-naz; Oth'-ni-el, and Ser-ai'-ah: and the sons of Oth'-ni-el; Ha'-thath.

14 And Meo-no'-thai begat Oph'-rah: and Ser-ai'-ah begat Jo'-ab, the father of the valley of Char'-a-shim; for they were craftsmen.

15 And the sons of Caleb the son of Je-phun'-neh; I'-ru, E'-lah, and Na'-am: and the sons of E'-lah, even Ke'-naz.

16 And the sons of Je-hal'-el-eel; Ziph, and Zi'-phah, Tir'-i-a, and A-sar'-eel.

17 And the sons of Ezra *were*, Je'-ther, and Me'-red, and E'-pher, and Ja-lon: and she bare Miriam, and Sham'-ma-i, and Ish'-bah the father of Esh-te-mo'-a.

18 And his wife Je-hu-di'-jah bare Je'-red the father of Ge'-dor, and He'-ber the father of So'-cho, and Je-ku'-thi-el the father of Za-no'-ah. And these *are* the sons of Bith'-i-ah the daughter of Pharaoh, which Me'-red took.

19 And the sons of *his* wife Ho-di'-ah the sister of Naham, the father of Kei'-lah the Gar'-mite, and Esh-te-mo'-a the Ma-ach'-a-thite.

20 And the sons of Shi'-mon *were*, Amnon, and Rin'-nah, Ben–ha'-nan, and Ti'-lon. And the sons of I'-shi *were*, Zo'-heth, and Ben–zo'-heth.

21 The sons of She'-lah the son of Judah *were*, Er the father of Le'-cah, and La'-a-dah the father of Ma-re'-shah, and the families of the house of them that wrought fine linen, of the house of Ash-be'-a,

22 And Jo'-kim, and the men of Cho-ze'-ba, and Jo'-ash, and Sa'-raph, who had the dominion in Moab, and Jash-u'-bi–le'-hem. And *these are* ancient things.

23 These *were* the potters, and those that dwelt among plants and hedges: there they dwelt with the king for his work.

24 The sons of Simeon *were*, Ne'-mu-el, and Ja'-min, Ja'-rib, Ze'-rah, *and* Sha'-ul:

25 Shal'-lum his son, Mib'-sam his son, Mish'-ma his son.

26 And the sons of Mish'-ma; Ha'-mu-el his son, Zac'-chur his son, Shim'-e-i his son.

27 And Shim'-e-i had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brethren had not many children, neither did all their family multiply, like to the children of Ju'-dah.

28 And they dwelt at Be'-er–she'-ba, and Mol-a'-dah, and Ha'-zar–shu'-al,

29 And at Bil'-hah, and at E'-zem, and at To'-lad,

30 And at Beth-u'-el, and at Hor'-mah, and at Ziklag,

31 And at Beth–mar'-ca-both, and Ha'-zar–su'-sim, and at Beth–bir'-e-i, and at Sha-a-ra'-im. These *were* their cities unto the reign of David.

32 And their villages *were*, E'-tam, and A'-in, Rimmon, and To'-chen, and A'-shan, five cities:

33 And all their villages that *were* round about the same cities, unto Ba'-al. These *were* their habitations, and their genealogy.

34 And Me-sho'-bab, and Jam'-lech, and Jo'-shah the son of Am-a-zi'-ah,

35 And Jo'-el, and Jehu the son of Jos-i-bi'-ah, the son of Ser-ai'-ah, the son of A'-si-el,

36 And E-li-o-e'-na-i, and Ja-a-ko'-bah, and Jesh-o-hai'-ah, and A-sai'-ah, and A'-di-el, and Je-sim'-i-el, and Be-nai'-ah,

37 And Zi'-za the son of Shi'-phi, the son of Al'-lon, the son of Je-dai'-ah, the son of Shim'-ri, the son of Shem-ai'-ah;

38 These mentioned by *their* names *were* princes in their families: and the house of their fathers increased greatly.

39 And they went to the entrance of Ge'-dor, *even* unto the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.

40 And they found fat pasture and good, and the land *was* wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for *they* of Ham had dwelt there of old.

41 And these written by name came in the days of Hez-e-ki'-ah king of Judah, and smote their tents, and the habitations that were found there, and destroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt in their rooms: because *there was* pasture there for their flocks.

42 And *some* of them, *even* of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to mount Se'-ir, having for their captains Pel-a-ti'-ah, and Ne-a-ri'-ah, and Reph-ai'-ah, and Uz'-zi-el, the sons of I'-shi.

43 And they smote the rest of the

Am'-a-lek-ites that were escaped, and
dwelt there unto this day.

CHAPTER 5

NOW the sons of Reuben the first-
born of Israel, (for he *was* the
firstborn; but, forasmuch as he defiled
his father's bed, his birthright was
given unto the sons of Joseph the son
of Israel: and the genealogy is not to
be reckoned after the birthright.
2 For Judah prevailed above his
brethren, and of him *came* the chief
ruler; but the birthright *was* Joseph's:)
3 The sons, *I say*, of Reuben the
firstborn of Israel *were*, Ha'-noch, and
Pal'-lu, Hez'-ron, and Car'-mi.
4 The sons of Jo'-el; Shem-ai'-ah his
son, Gog his son, Shim'-e-i his son,
5 Mi'-cah his son, Re-ai'-a his son,
Ba'-al his son,
6 Be-e'-rah his son, whom Til'-gath-
pil-ne'-ser king of Assyria carried away
captive: he *was* prince of the Reuben-
ites.
7 And his brethren by their fami-
lies, when the genealogy of their gen-
erations was reckoned, *were* the chief,
Je-i'-el, and Zech-a-ri'-ah,
8 And Be'-la the son of A'-zaz, the
son of She'-ma, the son of Jo'-el, who
dwelt in Ar-o'-er, even unto Nebo and
Ba'-al-me'-on:
9 And eastward he inhabited unto
the entering in of the wilderness from
the river Eu-phra'-tes: because their
cattle were multiplied in the land of
Gilead.
10 And in the days of Saul they
made war with the Hag'-ar-ites, who
fell by their hand: and they dwelt in
their tents throughout all the east *land*
of Gilead.
11 And the children of Gad dwelt
over against them, in the land of Ba'-
shan unto Sal'-cah:
12 Jo'-el the chief, and Sha'-pham
the next, and Ja'-a-nai, and Sha'-phat
in Ba'-shan.
13 And their brethren of the house
of their fathers *were*, Michael, and Me-
shul'-lam, and She'-ba, and Jo'-rai, and
Ja'-chan, and Zi'-a, and He'-ber, seven.
14 These *are* the children of Ab'-i-
ha-il the son of Hu'-ri, the son of Ja-
ro'-ah, the son of Gilead, the son of
Michael, the son of Je-shish'-a-i, the
son of Jah'-do, the son of Buz;
15 A'-hi the son of Ab'-di-el, the son
of Gu'-ni, chief of the house of their
fathers.
16 And they dwelt in Gilead in Ba'-
shan, and in her towns, and in all the
suburbs of Shar'-on, upon their bor-
ders.
17 All these were reckoned by gene-
alogies in the days of Jo'-tham king of
Judah, and in the days of Jer-o-bo'-am
king of Israel.
18 The sons of Reuben, and the
Gad'-ites, and half the tribe of Ma-nas'-
seh, of valiant men, men able to bear
buckler and sword, and to shoot with
bow, and skilful in war, *were* four
and forty thousand seven hundred
and threescore, that went out to the
war.
19 And they made war with the
Hag'-ar-ites, with Je'-tur, and Ne'-
phish, and No'-dab.
20 And they were helped against
them, and the Hag'-ar-ites were de-
livered into their hand, and all that
were with them: for they cried to God
in the battle, and he was intreated of
them; because they put their trust in
him.
21 And they took away their cattle;
of their camels fifty thousand, and of
sheep two hundred and fifty thousand,
and of asses two thousand, and of men
an hundred thousand.
22 For there fell down many slain,
because the war *was* of God. And they
dwelt in their steads until the captiv-
ity.
23 And the children of the half
tribe of Ma-nas'-seh dwelt in the land:
they increased from Ba'-shan unto Ba'-
al-her'-mon and Se'-nir, and unto
mount Hermon.
24 And these *were* the heads of the
house of their fathers, even E'-pher,
and I'-shi, and E'-li-el, and Az'-ri-el,
and Jeremiah, and Hod-a-vi'-ah, and
Jah'-di-el, mighty men of valour, fa-
mous men, *and* heads of the house of
their fathers.
25 And they transgressed against
the God of their fathers, and went a
whoring after the gods of the people of
the land, whom God destroyed before
them.
26 And the God of Israel stirred up
the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and
the spirit of Til'-gath-pil-ne'-ser king of
Assyria, and he carried them away,
even the Reubenites, and the Gadites,
and the half tribe of Ma-nas'-seh, and
brought them unto Ha'-lah, and Ha'-
bor, and Ha'-ra, and to the river Go'-
zan, unto this day.

CHAPTER 6

THE sons of Levi; Ger'-shon, Ko'-
hath, and Me-ra'-ri.
2 And the sons of Ko'-hath; Amram,
Iz'-har, and Hebron, and Uz'-zi-el.
3 And the children of Amram; Aa-
ron, and Moses, and Miriam. The sons
also of Aaron; Na-dab, and A-bi'-hu,
E-le-a'-zar, and Ith'-a-mar.
4 E-le-a'-zar begat Phin'-e-has,
Phin'-e-has begat A-bish'-u-a,
5 And A-bish'-u-a begat Buk'-ki,
and Buk'-ki begat Uz'-zi,
6 And Uz'-zi begat Zer-a-hi'-ah, and
Zer-a-hi'-ah begat Me-rai'-oth,
7 Me-rai'-oth begat Am-a-ri'-ah, and
Am-a-ri'-ah begat A-hi'-tub,
8 And A-hi'-tub begat Za'-dok, and
Za'-dok begat A-him'-a-az,
9 And A-him'-a-az begat Az-a-ri'-ah,
and Az-a-ri'-ah begat Jo-ha'-nan,
10 And Jo-ha'-nan begat Az-a-ri'-ah,
(he *it is* that executed the priest's of-
fice in the temple that Solomon built
in Jerusalem:)
11 And Az-a-ri'-ah begat Am-a-ri'-
ah, and Am-a-ri'-ah begat A-hi'-tub,
12 And A-hi'-tub begat Za'-dok, and
Za'-dok begat Shal'-lum,
13 And Shal'-lum begat Hil-ki'-ah,
and Hil-ki'-ah begat Az-a-ri'-ah,
14 And Az-a-ri'-ah begat Ser-ai'-ah,
and Ser-ai'-ah begat Je-hoz'-a-dak,
15 And Je-hoz'-a-dak went *into cap-
tivity*, when the LORD carried away Ju-
dah and Jerusalem by the hand of
Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar.
16 The sons of Levi; Ger'-shom, Ko'-
hath, and Me-ra'-ri.
17 And these be the names of the
sons of Ger'-shom; Lib'-ni, and Shim'-ei.
18 And the sons of Ko'-hath *were*,
Amram, and Iz'-har, and Hebron, and
Uz'-zi-el.
19 The sons of Me-ra'-ri; Mah'-li, and
Mu'-shi. And these *are* the families
of the Levites according to their fa-
thers.
20 Of Ger'-shom; Lib'-ni his son, Ja'-
hath his son, Zimmah his son,
21 Jo'-ah his son, Id'-do his son, Ze'-
rah his son, Je-at'-e-rai his son.
22 The sons of Ko'-hath; Am-min'-a-
dab his son, Korah his son, As'-sir his
son,
23 El-ka'-nah his son, and E-bi-a'-
saph his son, and As'-sir his son,
24 Ta'-hath his son, U'-ri-el his
son, Uz-zi'-ah his son, and Sha'-ul his
son.
25 And the sons of El-ka'-nah; A-
mas'-ai, and A-hi'-moth.
26 *As for* El-ka'-nah: the sons of El-
ka'-nah; Zo'-phai his son, and Nahath
his son,
27 E-li'-ab his son, Jer-o'-ham his
son, El-ka'-nah his son.
28 And the sons of Samuel; the
firstborn Vash'-ni, and A-bi'-ah.
29 The sons of Me-ra'-ri; Mah'-li,
Lib'-ni his son, Shim'-e-i his son, Uz'-za
his son,
30 Shim'-e-a his son, Hag-gi'-ah his
son, A-sai'-ah his son.
31 And these *are they* whom David
set over the service of song in the
house of the LORD, after that the ark
had rest.
32 And they ministered before the
dwelling place of the tabernacle of the
congregation with singing, until Solo-
mon had built the house of the LORD
in Jerusalem: and *then* they waited on
their office according to their order.
33 And these *are* they that waited
with their children. Of the sons of the
Ko'-hath-ites: He'-man a singer, the
son of Jo'-el, the son of She'-mu-el,
34 The son of El-ka'-nah, the son of
Jer-o'-ham, the son of E'-li-el, the son
of To'-ah,
35 The son of Zuph, the son of El-
ka'-nah, the son of Ma'-hath, the son of
A-mas'-ai,
36 The son of El-ka'-nah, the son of
Jo'-el, the son of Az-a-ri'-ah, the son of
Zeph-a-ni'-ah,
37 The son of Ta'-hath, the son of
As'-sir, the son of E-bi'-a-saph, the son
of Korah,
38 The son of Iz'-har, the son of
Ko'-hath, the son of Levi, the son of
Israel.
39 And his brother A'-saph, who
stood on his right hand, *even* A'-saph
the son of Ber-a-chi'-ah, the son of
Shim'-e-a,
40 The son of Michael, the son of
Ba'-a-se'-iah, the son of Mal-chi'-ah,
41 The son of Eth'-ni, the son of Ze'-
rah, the son of Ad-ai'-ah,
42 The son of E'-than, the son of
Zimmah, the son of Shim'-e-i,
43 The son of Ja'-hath, the son of
Ger'-shom, the son of Levi.
44 And their brethren the sons of
Me-ra'-ri *stood* on the left hand: E'-than
the son of Kish'-i, the son of Ab'-di, the
son of Mal'-luch,
45 The son of Hash-a-bi'-ah, the son
of Am-a-zi'-ah, the son of Hil-ki'-ah,

46 The son of Amzi, the son of Ba'-
ni, the son of Sha'-mer,
47 The son of Mah'-li, the son of Mu'-
shi, the son of Me-ra'-ri, the son of Levi.
48 Their brethren also the Levites
were appointed unto all manner of ser-
vice of the tabernacle of the house of
God.
49 But Aaron and his sons offered
upon the altar of the burnt offering,
and on the altar of incense, *and were*
appointed for all the work of the *place*
most holy, and to make an atonement
for Israel, according to all that Moses
the servant of God had commanded.
50 And these *are* the sons of Aaron;
E-le-a'-zar his son, Phin'-e-has his son,
A-bish'-u-a his son,
51 Buk'-ki his son, Uz'-zi his son,
Zer-a-hi'-ah his son,
52 Me-rai'-oth his son, Am-a-ri'-ah
his son, A-hi'-tub his son,
53 Za'-dok his son, A-him'-a-az his
son.
54 Now these *are* their dwelling
places throughout their castles in their
coasts, of the sons of Aaron, of the
families of the Ko'-hath-ites: for theirs
was the lot.
55 And they gave them Hebron in
the land of Judah, and the suburbs
thereof round about it.
56 But the fields of the city, and the
villages thereof, they gave to Caleb the
son of Je-phun'-neh.
57 And to the sons of Aaron they
gave the cities of Judah, *namely*, He-
bron, *the city* of refuge, and Lib'-nah
with her suburbs, and Jat'-tir, and
Esh-te-mo'-a, with their suburbs,
58 And Hi'-len with her suburbs,
De'-bir with her suburbs,
59 And A'-shan with her suburbs,
and Beth–she'-mesh with her suburbs:
60 And out of the tribe of Benja-
min; Ge'-ba with her suburbs, and Al'-
e-meth with her suburbs, and An'-a-
thoth with her suburbs. All their cities
throughout their families *were* thirteen
cities.
61 And unto the sons of Ko'-hath,
which were left of the family of that
tribe, *were cities given* out of the half
tribe, *namely*, *out of* the half *tribe* of
Ma-nas'-seh, by lot, ten cities.
62 And to the sons of Ger'-shom
throughout their families out of the
tribe of Is'-sa-char, and out of the
tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of
Naph'-ta-li, and out of the tribe of Ma-
nas'-seh in Ba'-shan, thirteen cities.
63 Unto the sons of Me-ra'-ri *were*
given by lot, throughout their families,
out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of
the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe
of Zeb'-u-lun, twelve cities.
64 And the children of Israel gave
to the Levites *these* cities with their
suburbs.
65 And they gave by lot out of the
tribe of the children of Judah, and out
of the tribe of the children of Simeon,
and out of the tribe of the children of
Benjamin, these cities, which are called
by *their* names.
66 And *the residue* of the families of
the sons of Ko'-hath had cities of their
coasts out of the tribe of E'-phra-im.
67 And they gave unto them, *of* the
cities of refuge, She'-chem in mount
E'-phra-im with her suburbs; *they gave*
also Ge'-zer with her suburbs,
68 And Jok'-me-am with her sub-
urbs, and Beth–ho'-ron with her sub-
urbs,
69 And Aij'-a-lon with her suburbs,
and Gath–rim'-mon with her suburbs:
70 And out of the half tribe of Ma-
nas'-seh; Aner with her suburbs, and
Bil'-e-am with her suburbs, for the
family of the remnant of the sons of
Ko'-hath.
71 Unto the sons of Ger'-shom *were*
given out of the family of the half tribe
of Ma-nas'-seh, Go'-lan in Ba'-shan with
her suburbs, and Ash'-ta-roth with her
suburbs:
72 And out of the tribe of Is'-sa-
char; Ke'-desh with her suburbs, Dab'-e-
rath with her suburbs,
73 And Ra'-moth with her suburbs,
and A'-nem with her suburbs:
74 And out of the tribe of Asher;
Ma'-shal with her suburbs, and Abdon
with her suburbs,
75 And Hu'-kok with her suburbs,
and Re'-hob with her suburbs:
76 *And out of the tribe of* Naph'-ta-
li; Ke'-desh in Galilee with her suburbs,
and Ham'-mon with her suburbs, and
Kir-jath-a'-im with her suburbs.
77 Unto the rest of the children of
Me-ra'-ri *were given* out of the tribe of
Zeb'-u-lun, Rimmon with her suburbs,
Ta'-bor with her suburbs:
78 And on the other side Jordan by
Jericho, on the east side of Jordan,
were given them out of the tribe of Reu-
ben, Be'-zer in the wilderness with her
suburbs, and Jah'-zah with her sub-
urbs,
79 Ked'-e-moth also wit[illegible] sub-

urbs, and Meph'-a-ath with her sub-
urbs:
80 And out of the tribe of Gad; Ra'-
moth in Gilead with her suburbs, and
Ma-ha-na'-im with her suburbs,
81 And Hesh'-bon with her suburbs,
and Ja'-zer with her suburbs.

CHAPTER 7

NOW the sons of Is'-sa-char *were*,
To'-la, and Pu'-ah, Jash'-ub, and
Shim'-rom, four.
2 And the sons of To'-la; Uz'-zi, and
Reph-ai'-ah, and Je'-ri-el, and Jah'-
ma-i, and Jib'-sam, and She'-mu-el,
heads of their father's house, *to wit*, of
To'-la: *they were* valiant men of might
in their generations; whose number
was in the days of David two and
twenty thousand and six hundred.
3 And the sons of Uz'-zi; Iz-ra-hi'-
ah: and the sons of Iz-ra-hi'-ah; Mi-
chael, and O-ba-di'-ah, and Jo'-el,
I-shi'-ah, five: all of them chief men.
4 And with them, by their genera-
tions, after the house of their fathers,
were bands of soldiers for war, six and
thirty thousand *men*: for they had
many wives and sons.
5 And their brethren among all the
families of Is'-sa-char *were* valiant men
of might, reckoned in all by their gene-
alogies fourscore and seven thousand.
6 The sons of Benjamin; Be'-la, and
Be'-cher, and Je-di'-a-el, three.
7 And the sons of Be'-la; Ez'-bon,
and Uz'-zi, Uz'-zi-el, and Jer'-i-moth,
and I'-ri, five; heads of the house of
their fathers, mighty men of valour;
and were reckoned by their genealogies
twenty and two thousand and thirty
and four.
8 And the sons of Be'-cher; Ze-mi'-
ra, and Jo'-ash, and E-li-e'-zer, and
E-li-o-e'-na-i, and Omri, and Jer'-i-
moth, and A-bi'-ah, and An'-a-thoth,
and Al'-a-meth. All these *are* the sons
of Be'-cher.
9 And the number of them, after
their genealogy by their generations,
heads of the house of their fathers,
mighty men of valour, *was* twenty
thousand and two hundred.
10 The sons also of Je-di'-a-el; Bil'-
han: and the sons of Bil'-han; Je'-ush,
and Benjamin, and E'-hud, and Che-
na'-a-nah, and Ze'-than, and Thar'-
shish, and A'-hish-a'-har.
11 All these the sons of Je-di'-a-el,
by the heads of their fathers, mighty
men of valour, *were* seventeen thou-
sand and two hundred *soldiers*, fit to go
out for war *and* battle.
12 Shup'-pim also, and Hup'-pim,
the children of Ir, *and* Hu'-shim, the
sons of A'-her.
13 The sons of Naph'-ta-li; Jah'-zi-
el, and Gu'-ni, and Je'-zer, and Shal'-
lum, the sons of Bil'-hah.
14 The sons of Ma-nas'-seh; Ash'-ri-
el, whom she bare: (*but* his concubine
the A'-ram-it-ess bare Ma'-chir the fa-
ther of Gilead:
15 And Ma'-chir took to wife *the sis-
ter* of Hup'-pim and Shup'-pim, whose
sister's name *was* Ma'-a-chah;) and the
name of the second *was* Ze-lo'-phe-had:
and Ze-lo'-phe-had had daughters.
16 And Ma'-a-chah the wife of Ma'-
chir bare a son, and she called his name
Pe'-resh; and the name of his brother
was She'-resh; and his sons *were* U'-lam
and Ra'-kem.
17 And the sons of U'-lam; Be'-dan.
These *were* the sons of Gilead, the son
of Ma'-chir, the son of Ma-nas'-seh.
18 And his sister Ham-mol'-e-keth
bare I'-shod, and A-bi-e'-zer, and Ma-
ha'-lah.
19 And the sons of She-mi'-dah
were, A-hi'-an, and She'-chem, and Lik'-
hi, and A-ni'-am.
20 And the sons of E'-phra-im; Shu-
the'-lah, and Be'-red his son, and Ta'-
hath his son, and Ela'-dah his son, and
Ta'-hath his son,
21 And Za'-bad his son, and Shu-
the'-lah his son, and E'-zer, and E'-le-
ad, whom the men of Gath *that were*
born in *that* land slew, because they
came down to take away their cattle.
22 And E'-phra-im their father
mourned many days, and his brethren
came to comfort him.
23 And when he went in to his wife,
she conceived, and bare a son, and he
called his name Be-ri'-ah, because it
went evil with his house.
24 (And his daughter *was* She'-rah,
who built Beth-ho'-ron the nether, and
the upper, and Uz'-zen-she'-rah.)
25 And Re'-phah *was* his son, also
Re'-sheph, and Te'-lah his son, and Ta'-
han his son,
26 La'-a-dan his son, Am-mi'-hud
his son, E'-lish-a'-ma his son,
27 Non his son, Je-hosh'-u-ah his
son.
28 And their possessions and habi-
tations *were*, Beth-el and the towns
thereof, and eastward Na'-a-ran, and
westward Ge'-zer, with the towns

thereof; She'-chem also and the towns thereof, unto Ga'-za and the towns thereof:

29 And by the borders of the children of Ma-nas'-seh, Beth-she'-an and her towns, Ta'-a-nach and her towns, Me-gid'-do and her towns, Dor and her towns. In these dwelt the children of Joseph the son of Israel.

30 The sons of Asher; Im'-nah, and Is'-u-ah, and Ish'-u-ai, and Be-ri'-ah, and Se'-rah their sister.

31 And the sons of Be-ri'-ah; He'-ber, and Mal'-chi-el, who *is* the father of Bir-za'-vith.

32 And He'-ber begat Japh'-let, and Sho'-mer, and Ho'-tham, and Shu'-a their sister.

33 And the sons of Japh'-let; Pa'-sach, and Bimhal, and Ash'-vath. These *are* the children of Japh'-let.

34 And the sons of Sha'-mer; A'-hi, and Roh'-gah, Je-hub'-bah, and A'-ram.

35 And the sons of his brother He'-lem; Zo'-phah, and Im'-na, and She'-lesh, and A'-mal.

36 The sons of Zo'-phah; Su'-ah, and Har'-ne-pher, and Shu'-al, and Be'-ri, and Im'-rah,

37 Be'-zer, and Hod, and Sham'-ma, and Shil'-shah, and Ith'-ran, and Be-e'-ra.

38 And the sons of Je'-ther; Je-phun'-neh, and Pis'-pah, and A'-ra.

39 And the sons of Ul'-la; A'-rah, and Han'-i-el, and Re-zi'-a.

40 All these *were* the children of Asher, heads of *their* father's house, choice *and* mighty men of valour, chief of the princes. And the number throughout the genealogy of them that were apt to the war *and* to battle *was* twenty and six thousand men.

CHAPTER 8

NOW Benjamin begat Be'-la his firstborn, Ash'-bel the second, and A-har'-ah the third,

2 No'-hah the fourth, and Ra'-pha the fifth.

3 And the sons of Be'-la were, Ad'-dar, and Ge'-ra, and A-bi'-hud,

4 And A-bish'-u-a, and Na'-a-man, and A-ho'-ah,

5 And Ge'-ra, and She-phu'-phan, and Hu'-ram.

6 And these *are* the sons of E'-hud: these are the heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Ge'-ba, and they removed them to Man'-a-hath:

7 And Na'-a-man, and A-hi'-ah, and Ge'-ra, he removed them, and begat Uz'-za, and A-hi'-hud.

8 And Sha-ha-ra'-im begat *children* in the country of Moab, after he had sent them away; Hu'-shim and Ba'-a-ra *were* his wives.

9 And he begat of Ho'-desh his wife, Jo'-bab, and Zib'-i-a, and Me'-sha, and Mal'-cham,

10 And Je'-uz, and Sha-chi'-a, and Mir'-ma. These *were* his sons, heads of the fathers.

11 And of Hu'-shim he begat Ab'-i-tub, and El-pa'-al.

12 The sons of El-pa'-al; E'-ber, and Mi'-sham, and Sha'-med, who built O'-no, and Lod, with the towns thereof:

13 Be-ri'-ah also, and She'-ma, who *were* heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Aij'-a-lon, who drove away the inhabitants of Gath:

14 And A-hi'-o, Sha'-shak, and Jer-e'-moth,

15 And Zeb-a-di'-ah, and A'-rad and A'-der,

16 And Michael, and Is'-pah, and Jo'-ha, the sons of Be-ri'-ah;

17 And Zeb-a-di'-ah, and Me-shul'-lam, and Hez'-e-ki, and He'-ber,

18 Ish'-me-rai also, and Jez-li'-ah, and Jo'-bab, the sons of El-pa'-al;

19 And Jakim, and Zich'-ri, and Zab'-di,

20 And E-li-e'-na-i, and Zil'-thai, and E'-li-el,

21 And Ad-ai'-ah, and Ber-ai'-ah, and Shim'-rath, the sons of Shim'-hi;

22 And Ish'-pan, and He'-ber, and E'-li-el,

23 And Abdon, and Zich'-ri, and Ha'-nan,

24 And Han-a-ni'-ah, and E'-lam, and An-to-thi'-jah,

25 And Iph-e-dei'-ah, and Pe-nu'-el, the sons of Sha'-shak;

26 And Sham'-she-rai, and She-ha-ri'-ah, and Ath-a-li'-ah,

27 And Jar-e-si'-ah, and E-li'-ah, and Zich'-ri, the sons of Jer-o'-ham.

28 These *were* heads of the fathers, by their generations, chief *men*. These dwelt in Jerusalem.

29 And at Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon; whose wife's name *was* Ma'-a-chah:

30 And his firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Ba'-al, and Nadab,

31 And Ge'-dor, and A-hi'-o, and Za'-cher.

32 And Mik'-loth begat Shim'-e-ah. And these also dwelt with their breth-

ren in Jerusalem, over against them.
33 And Ner begat Kish, and Kish
begat Saul, and Saul begat Jonathan,
and Mal'-chi-shu'-a, and A-bin'-a-dab,
and Esh-ba'-al.
34 And the son of Jonathan *was*
Mer'-ib-ba'-al; and Mer'-ib-ba'-al begat
Mi'-cah.
35 And the sons of Mi'-cah *were*, Pi'-
thon, and Me'-lech, and Ta'-re-a, and
Ahaz.
36 And Ahaz begat Je-ho'-a-dah;
and Je-ho'-a-dah begat Al'-e-meth, and
Az-ma'-veth, and Zimri; and Zimri be-
gat Mo'-za,
37 And Mo'-za begat Bin'-e-a: Ra'-
pha *was* his son, E-le-a'-sah his son,
A'-zel his son:
38 And A'-zel had six sons, whose
names *are* these, Az-ri'-kam, Boch'-e-
ru, and Ish'-ma-el, and She-a-ri'-ah,
and O-ba-di'-ah, and Ha'-nan. All these
were the sons of A'-zel.
39 And the sons of E'-shek his broth-
er *were*, U'-lam his firstborn, Je'-hush
the second, and E'-liph-e'-let the third.
40 And the sons of U'-lam were
mighty men of valour, archers, and
had many sons, and sons' sons, an hun-
dred and fifty. All these *are* of the sons
of Benjamin.

CHAPTER 9

So all Israel were reckoned by gene-
alogies; and, behold, they *were*
written in the book of the kings of Is-
rael and Judah, *who* were carried away
to Babylon for their transgression.
2 Now the first inhabitants that
dwelt in their possessions in their cities
were, the Israelites, the priests, Le-
vites, and the Neth'-i-nims.
3 And in Jerusalem dwelt of the
children of Judah, and of the children
of Benjamin, and of the children of
E'-phra-im, and Ma-nas'-seh;
4 U'-tha-i the son of Am-mi'-hud,
the son of Omri, the son of Im'-ri, the
son of Ba'-ni, of the children of Pha'-
rez the son of Judah.
5 And of the Shi'-lo-nites; A-sai'-ah
the firstborn, and his sons.
6 And of the sons of Ze'-rah; Je-u'-el,
and their brethren, six hundred and
ninety.
7 And of the sons of Benjamin; Sal'-
lu the son of Me-shul'-lam, the son of
Hod-a-vi'-ah, the son of Has-e-nu'-ah,
8 And Ib-nei'-ah the son of Jer-o'-
ham, and E'-lah the son of Uz'-zi, the
son of Mich'-ri, and Me-shul'-lam the
son of Sheph-a-thi'-ah, the son of Re-
u'-el, the son of Ib-ni'-jah;
9 And their brethren, according to
their generations, nine hundred and
fifty and six. All these men *were* chief
of the fathers in the house of their fa-
thers.
10 And of the priests; Je-da'-iah,
and Je-hoi'-a-rib, and Ja'-chin,
11 And Az-a-ri'-ah the son of Hil-ki'-
ah, the son of Me-shul'-lam, the son of
Za'-dok, the son of Me-rai'-oth, the son
of A-hi'-tub, the ruler of the house of
God;
12 And Ad-ai'-ah the son of Jer-o'-
ham, the son of Pash'-ur, the son of
Mal-chi'-jah, and Ma-as-i'-ai the son of
A'-di-el, the son of Jah-ze'-rah, the son
of Me-shul'-lam, the son of Me-shil'-le-
mith, the son of Im'-mer;
13 And their brethren, heads of the
house of their fathers, a thousand and
seven hundred and threescore; very
able men for the work of the service of
the house of God.
14 And of the Levites; Shem-ai'-ah
the son of Has'-shub, the son of Az-ri'-
kam, the son of Hash-a-bi'-ah, of the
sons of Me-ra'-ri;
15 And Bak-bak'-kar, He'-resh, and
Ga'-lal, and Mat-ta-ni'-ah the son of
Mi'-cah, the son of Zich'-ri, the son of
A'-saph;
16 And O-ba-di'-ah the son of Shem-
ai'-ah, the son of Ga'-lal, the son of
Jed'-u-thun, and Ber-e-chi'-ah the son
of A'-sa, the son of El-ka'-nah, that
dwelt in the villages of the Ne-to'-pha-
thites.
17 And the porters *were*, Shal'-lum,
and Ak'-kub, and Tal'-mon, and A-hi'-
man, and their brethren: Shal'-lum *was*
the *chief*;
18 Who hitherto *waited* in the king's
gate eastward: they *were* porters in the
companies of the children of Levi.
19 And Shal'-lum the son of Ko'-re,
the son of E'-bi-a'-saph, the son of Ko-
rah, and his brethren, of the house of
his father, the Ko'-ra-hites, *were* over
the work of the service, keepers of the
gates of the tabernacle: and their fa-
thers, *being* over the host of the LORD,
were keepers of the entry.
20 And Phin'-e-has the son of E-le-
a'-zar was the ruler over them in time
past, *and* the LORD *was* with him.
21 *And* Zech-a-ri'-ah the son of Me-
shel-e-mi'-ah *was* porter of the door of
the tabernacle of the congregation.
22 All these *which were* chosen to be

porters in the gates *were* two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by their genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer did ordain in their set office.

23 So they and their children *had* the oversight of the gates of the house of the LORD, *namely*, the house of the tabernacle, by wards.

24 *In four quarters* were the porters, toward the east, west, north, and south.

25 And their brethren, *which were* in their villages, *were* to come after seven days from time to time with them.

26 For these Le'-vites, the four chief porters, were in *their* set office, and were over the chambers and treasuries of the house of God.

27 And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge *was* upon them, and the opening thereof every morning *pertained* to them.

28 And *certain* of them had the charge of the ministering vessels, that they should bring them in and out by tale.

29 *Some* of them also *were* appointed to oversee the vessels, and all the instruments of the sanctuary, and the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices.

30 And *some* of the sons of the priests made the ointment of the spices.

31 And Mat-ti-thi'-ah, *one* of the Levites, who *was* the firstborn of Shal'-lum the Ko'-ra-hite, had the set office over the things that were made in the pans.

32 And *other* of their brethren, of the sons of the Ko'-hath-ites, *were* over the shewbread, to prepare *it* every sabbath.

33 And these *are* the singers, chief of the fathers of the Levites, *who remaining* in the chambers *were* free: for they were employed in *that* work day and night.

34 These chief fathers of the Levites *were* chief throughout their generations; these dwelt at Jerusalem.

35 And in Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jeh'-iel, whose wife's name *was* Ma'-a-chah:

36 And his firstborn son Abdon, then Zur, and Kish, and Ba'-al, and Ner, and Nadab,

37 And Ge'-dor, and A-hi'-o, and Zech-a-ri'-ah, and Mik'-loth.

38 And Mik'-loth begat Shim'-e-am. And they also dwelt with their brethren at Jerusalem, over against their brethren.

39 And Ner begat Kish; and Kish begat Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan, and Mal'-chi-shu'-a, and A-bin'-a-dab, and Esh-ba'-al.

40 And the son of Jonathan *was* Mer'-ib-ba'-al: and Mer'-ib-ba'-al begat Mi'-cah.

41 And the sons of Mi'-cah *were*, Pi'-thon, and Me'-lech, and Tah'-re-a, *and Ahaz*.

42 And Ahaz begat Ja'-rah; and Ja'-rah begat Al'-e-meth, and Az-ma'-veth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Mo'-za;

43 And Mo'-za begat Bin'-e-a; and Reph-ai'-ah his son, E-le-a'-sah his son, A'-zel his son.

44 And A'-zel had six sons, whose names *are* these, Az-ri'-kam, Boch'-e-ru, and Ish'-ma-el, and She-a-ri'-ah, and O-ba-di'-ah, and Ha'-nan: these *were* the sons of A'-zel.

CHAPTER 10

NOW the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gil-bo'-a.

2 And the Philistines followed hard after Saul, and after his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and A'-bin-a'-dab, and Mal'-chi-shu'-a, the sons of Saul.

3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him, and he was wounded of the archers.

4 Then said Saul to his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. So Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise on the sword, and died.

6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and all his house died together.

7 And when all the men of Israel that *were* in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, then they forsook their cities, and fled: and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul a[illegible] sons fallen in mount Gil-bo'-a

9 And when they had stripped him,
they took his head, and his armour,
and sent into the land of the Philis-
tines round about, to carry tidings un-
to their idols, and to the people.
10 And they put his armour in the
house of their gods, and fastened his
head in the temple of Da'-gon.
11 And when all Ja'-besh-gil'-e-ad
heard all that the Philistines had done
to Saul,
12 They arose, all the valiant men,
and took away the body of Saul, and
the bodies of his sons, and brought
them to Ja'-besh, and buried their
bones under the oak in Ja'-besh, and
fasted seven days.
13 So Saul died for his transgression
which he committed against the LORD,
even against the word of the LORD,
which he kept not, and also for asking
counsel of *one that had* a familiar spirit,
to enquire *of it*;
14 And enquired not of the LORD:
therefore he slew him, and turned the
kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.

CHAPTER 11

THEN all Israel gathered them-
selves to David unto Hebron, say-
ing, Behold, we *are* thy bone and thy
flesh.
2 And moreover in time past, even
when Saul was king, thou *wast* he that
leddest out and broughtest in Israel:
and the LORD thy God said unto thee,
Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and
thou shalt be ruler over my people Is-
rael.
3 Therefore came all the elders of
Israel to the king to Hebron; and Da-
vid made a covenant with them in He-
bron before the LORD; and they anoint-
ed David king over Israel, according
to the word of the LORD by Samuel.
4 And David and all Israel went to
Jerusalem, which *is* Je'-bus; where the
Jeb'-u-sites *were*, the inhabitants of the
land.
5 And the inhabitants of Je'-bus
said to David, Thou shalt not come
hither. Nevertheless David took the
castle of Zion, which *is* the city of Da-
vid.
6 And David said, Whosoever smit-
eth the Jeb'-u-sites first shall be chief
and captain. So Jo'-ab the son of Zer-
ui'-ah went first up, and was chief.
7 And David dwelt in the castle;
therefore they called it the city of Da-
vid.
8 And he built the city round about,
even from Mil'-lo round about: and Jo'-
ab repaired the rest of the city.
9 So David waxed greater and
greater: for the LORD of hosts *was* with
him.
10 These also *are* the chief of the
mighty men whom David had, who
strengthened themselves with him in
his kingdom, *and* with all Israel, to
make him king, according to the word
of the LORD concerning Israel.
11 And this *is* the number of the
mighty men whom David had; Ja-sho'-
be-am, an Hach'-mo-nite, the chief of
the captains: he lifted up his spear
against three hundred slain *by him* at
one time.
12 And after him *was* E-le-a'-zar the
son of Dodo, the A-ho'-hite, who *was*
one of the three mighties.
13 He was with David at Pas-dam'-
mim, and there the Philistines were
gathered together to battle, where was
a parcel of ground full of barley; and
the people fled from before the Philis-
tines.
14 And they set themselves in the
midst of *that* parcel, and delivered it,
and slew the Philistines; and the LORD
saved *them* by a great deliverance.
15 Now three of the thirty captains
went down to the rock to David, into
the cave of Adullam; and the host of
the Philistines encamped in the valley
of Reph'-a-im.
16 And David *was* then in the hold,
and the Philistines' garrison *was* then
at Beth-lehem.
17 And David longed, and said, Oh
that one would give me drink of the
water of the well of Beth-lehem, that
is at the gate!
18 And the three brake through the
host of the Philistines, and drew water
out of the well of Beth-lehem, that
was by the gate, and took *it*, and
brought *it* to David: but David would
not drink *of* it, but poured it out to the
LORD,
19 And said, My God forbid it me,
that I should do this thing: shall I
drink the blood of these men that have
put their lives in jeopardy? for with
the jeopardy of their lives they brought
it. Therefore he would not drink it.
These things did these three mighti-
est.
20 And A-bish'-ai the brother of
Jo'-ab, he was chief of the three: for
lifting up his spear against three hun-

dred, he slew *them*, and had a name among the three.

21 Of the three, he was more honourable than the two; for he was their captain: howbeit he attained not to the *first* three.

22 Be-nai'-ah the son of Je-hoi'-a-da, the son of a valiant man of Kab'-ze-el, who had done many acts; he slew two lionlike men of Moab: also he went down and slew a lion in a pit in a snowy day.

23 And he slew an Egyptian, a man of *great* stature, five cubits high; and in the Egyptian's hand *was* a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear.

24 These *things* did Be-nai'-ah the son of Je-hoi'-a-da, and had the name among the three mighties.

25 Behold, he was honourable among the thirty, but attained not to the *first* three: and David set him over his guard.

26 Also the valiant men of the armies *were*, A'-sa-hel the brother of Jo'-ab, El-ha'-nan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem,

27 Sham'-moth the Ha'-ro-rite, He'-lez the Pel'-o-nite,

28 I'-ra the son of Ik'-kesh the Te-ko'-ite, A'-bi-e'-zer the An'-toth-ite,

29 Sib'-be-cai the Hu'-shath-ite, I'-lai the A-ho'-hite,

30 Mah'-ar-ai the Ne-toph'-a-thite, He'-led the son of Ba'-a-nah the Ne-toph'-a-thite,

31 Ith'-ai the son of Ri'-bai of Gib'-e-ah, *that pertained* to the children of Benjamin, Be-nai'-ah the Pira'-thon-ite,

32 Hu'-rai of the brooks of Ga'-ash, A'-bi-el the Ar'-bath-ite,

33 Az-ma'-veth the Bah'-aru-mite, El-iah'-ba the Sha-al'-bo-nite,

34 The sons of Ha'-shem the Gi'-zo-nite, Jonathan the son of Sha'-ge the Ha'-ra-rite,

35 A-hi'-am the son of Sa'-car the Ha'-ra-rite, Eli'-phal the son of Ur,

36 He'-pher the Me-che'-ra-thite, A-hi'-jah the Pel'-o-nite,

37 Hez'-ro the Carmelite, Na'-a-rai the son of Ez'-ba-i,

38 Jo'-el the brother of Nathan, Mib'-har the son of Hag'-ge-ri,

39 Ze'-lek the Ammonite, Nah'-ar-ai the Be'-ro-thite, the armourbearer of Jo'-ab the son of Zer-ui'-ah,

40 I'-ra the Ith'-rite, Ga'-reb the Ith'-rite,

41 U-ri'-ah the Hittite, Za'-bad the son of Ah'-lai,

42 Adi'-na the son of Shi'-za the Reubenite, a captain of the Reubenites, and thirty with him,

43 Ha'-nan the son of Ma'-a-chah, and Josh'-a-phat the Mith'-nite,

44 Uz-zi'-a the Ashte'-ra-thite, Sha'-ma and Je-hi'-el the sons of Ho'-than the Ar-o'-er-ite,

45 Je-di'-a-el the son of Shim'-ri, and Jo'-ha his brother, the Ti'-zite,

46 E'-li-el the Mah'-avite, and Jeri'-bai, and Josh-a-vi'-ah, the sons of El-na'-am, and Ith'-mah the Moabite,

47 E'-li-el, and O'-bed, and Ja'-si-el the Me-so'-ba-ite.

CHAPTER 12

NOW these *are* they that came to David to Ziklag, while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish: and they *were* among the mighty men, helpers of the war.

2 *They were* armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left *in hurling* stones and *shooting* arrows out of a bow, *even* of Saul's brethren of Benjamin.

3 The chief *was* A-hi-e'-zer, then Jo'-ash, the sons of She-ma'-ah the Gib'-ea-thite; and Je'-zi-el, and Pe'-let, the sons of Az-ma'-veth; and Bera'-chah, and Jehu the An'-toth-ite,

4 And Is-mai'-ah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Ja-ha'-zi-el, and Jo-ha'-nan, and Jos'-a-bad the Gede'-ra-thite,

5 E-lu'-za-i, and Jer'-i-moth, and Be-a-li'-ah, and Shem-a-ri'-ah, and Sheph-a-ti'-ah the Har'-u-phite,

6 El-ka'-nah, and Je-si'-ah, and A-zar'-e-el, and Jo-e'-zer, and Ja-sho'-be-am, the Kor-hites,

7 And Jo-e'-lah, and Zeb-a-di'-ah, the sons of Jer-o'-ham of Ge'-dor.

8 And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David into the hold to the wilderness men of might, *and* men of war *fit* for the battle, that could handle shield and buckler, whose *faces were like* the faces of lions, and *were* as swift as the roes upon the mountains;

9 E'-zer the first, O-ba-di'-ah the second, E-li'-ab the third.

10 Mish-man'-nah the fourth, Jere-miah the fifth,

11 At'-tai the sixth, El'-iel the seventh,
12 Jo-ha'-nan the eighth, El-za'-bad the ninth,
13 Jeremiah the tenth, Mach'-ba-nai the eleventh.
14 These *were* of the sons of Gad, captains of the host: one of the least *was* over an hundred, and the greatest over a thousand,
15 These *are* they that went over Jordan in the first month, when it had overflown all his banks; and they put to flight all *them* of the valleys, *both* toward the east, and toward the west.
16 And there came of the children of Benjamin and Judah to the hold unto David.
17 And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart shall be knit unto you: but if *ye be come* to betray me to mine enemies, seeing *there is* no wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look *thereon*, and rebuke *it*.
18 Then the spirit came upon A-mas'-a-i, *who was* chief of the captains, *and he said*, Thine *are we*, David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse: peace, peace *be* unto thee, and peace *be* to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them and made them captains of the band.
19 And there fell *some* of Ma-nas'-seh to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle: but they helped them not: for the lords of the Philistines upon advisement sent him away, saying, He will fall to his master Saul to *the jeopardy of* our heads.
20 As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Ma-nas'-seh, Ad'-nah, and Joz'-a-bad, and Je-di'-a-el, and Michael, and Joz'-a-bad, and E-li'-hu, and Zil'-thai, captains of the thousands that *were* of Ma-nas'-seh.
21 And they helped David against the band *of the rovers* for they *were* all mighty men of valour, and were captains in the host.
22 For at *that* time day by day there came to David to help him, until *it was* a great host, like the host of God.
23 And these *are* the numbers of the bands *that were* ready armed to the war, *and* came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD.
24 The children of Judah that bare shield and spear *were* six thousand and eight hundred, ready armed to the war.
25 Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valour for the war, seven thousand and one hundred.
26 Of the children of Levi four thousand and six hundred.
27 And Je-hoi'-a-da *was* the leader of the Aaronites, and with him *were* three thousand and seven hundred;
28 And Za'-dok, a young man mighty of valour, and of his father's house twenty and two captains.
29 And of the children of Benjamin, the kindred of Saul, three thousand: for hitherto the greatest part of them had kept the ward of the house of Saul.
30 And of the children of E'-phra-im twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valour, famous throughout the house of their fathers.
31 And of the half tribe of Ma-nas'-seh eighteen thousand, which were expressed by name, to come and make David king.
32 And of the children of Is'-sa-char, *which were men* that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them *were* two hundred; and all their brethren *were* at their commandment.
33 Of Zeb'-u-lun, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, which could keep rank: *they were* not of double heart.
34 And of Naph'-ta-li a thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear thirty and seven thousand.
35 And of the Danites expert in war twenty and eight thousand and six hundred.
36 And of Asher, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, forty thousand.
37 And on the other side of Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half tribe of Ma-nas'-seh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, an hundred and twenty thousand.
38 All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel and all the rest also of Israel *were* of one heart to make David king.
39 And there they were with David three days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them.
40 Moreover they that were nigh

them, *even* unto Is'-sa-char and Zeb'-u-lun and Naph'-ta-li, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, *and* meat, meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly: for *there was* joy in Israel.

CHAPTER 13

AND David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, *and* with every leader.

2 And David said unto all the congregation of Israel, If *it seem* good unto you, and *that it be* of the LORD our God, let us send abroad unto our brethren every where, *that are* left in all the land of Israel, and with them *also* to the priests and Levites *which are* in their cities *and* suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us:

3 And let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we enquired not at it in the days of Saul.

4 And all the congregation said that they would do so: for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

5 So David gathered all Israel together, from Shi'-hor of Egypt even unto the entering of He'-math, to bring the ark of God from Kir'-jath–je'-a-rim.

6 And David went up, and all Israel, to Ba'-al-ah, *that is*, to Kir'-jath–je'-a-rim, which *belonged* to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the LORD, that dwelleth *between* the cherubims, whose name is called *on it*.

7 And they carried the ark of God in a new cart out of the house of A-bin'-a-dab: and Uz'-za and A-hi'-o drave the cart.

8 And David and all Israel played before God with all *their* might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

9 And when they came unto the threshingfloor of Chi'-don, Uz'-za put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled.

10 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uz'-za, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God.

11 And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uz'-za: wherefore that place is called Pe'-rez–uz'-za to this day.

12 And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God *home* to me?

13 So David brought not the ark *home* to himself to the city of David, but carried it aside into the house of O'-bed–e'-dom the Git'-tite.

14 And the ark of God remained with the family of O'-bed–e'-dom in his house three months. And the LORD blessed the house of O'-bed–e'-dom, and all that he had.

CHAPTER 14

NOW Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and timber of cedars, with masons and carpenters, to build him an house.

2 And David perceived that the LORD had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of his people Israel.

3 And David took more wives at Jerusalem: and David begat more sons and daughters.

4 Now these *are* the names of *his* children which he had in Jerusalem; Sham-mu'-a, and Sho'-bab, Nathan, and Solomon,

5 And Ib'-har, and El-i-shu'-a, and El'-pa-let,

6 And No'-gah, and Ne'-pheg, and Ja-phi'-a,

7 And El'-i-sha'-ma, and Be-eli'-ada, and El'-i-pha'-let.

8 And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard *of it*, and went out against them.

9 And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the valley of Reph'-a-im.

10 And David enquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? And wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thine hand.

11 So they came up to Ba'-al–per'-a-zim; and David smote them there. Then David said, God hath broken in upon mine enemies by mine hand like the breaking forth of waters: therefore they called the name of that place Ba'-al–per'-a-zim.

12 And when they had left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire.

13 And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad in the valley.

14 Therefore David enqui
of God; and God said unto

up after them; turn away from them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.

15 And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, *that* then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Philistines.

16 David therefore did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Ga'-zer.

17 And the fame of David went out into all lands; and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

CHAPTER 15

AND *David* made him houses in the city of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent.

2 Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for them hath the LORD chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto *him* for ever.

3 And David gathered all Israel together to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD unto his place, which he had prepared for it.

4 And David assembled the children of Aaron, and the Levites:

5 Of the sons of Ko'-hath; U'-ri-el the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twenty:

6 Of the sons of Me-ra'-ri; A-sai'-ah the chief, and his brethren two hundred and twenty:

7 Of the sons of Ger'-shom; Jo'-el the chief, and his brethren an hundred and thirty:

8 Of the sons of E-liz'-a-phan; Shem-ai'-ah the chief, and his brethren two hundred:

9 Of the sons of Hebron; El'-iel the chief, and his brethren fourscore:

10 Of the sons of Uz'-zi-el; Am'-mina'-dab the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twelve.

11 And David called for Za'-dok and A'-bi-a'-thar the priests, and for the Levites, for U'-ri-el, A-sai'-ah, and Jo'-el, Shem-ai'-ah, and El'-iel, and Am'-mina'-dab,

12 And said unto them, Ye *are* the chief of the fathers of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, *both* ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel unto *the place that* I have prepared for it.

13 For because ye *did it* not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order.

14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel.

15 And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of the LORD.

16 And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren *to be* the singers with instruments of musick, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.

17 So the Levites appointed He'-man the son of Jo'-el; and of his brethren, A'-saph the son of Ber-e-chi'-ah; and of the sons of Me-ra'-ri their brethren, E'-than the son of Ku-shai'-ah;

18 And with them their brethren of the second *degree*, Zech-a-ri'-ah, Ben, and Jaaz'-iel, and She-mira'-moth, and Je-hi'-el, and Un'-ni, E-li'-ab, and Be-nai'-ah, and Ma'-a-sei'-ah, and Mat-ti-thi'-ah, and E-liph'-e-leh, and Mik-nei'-ah, and O'-bed-e'-dom, and Je-i'-el, the porters.

19 So the singers, He'-man, A'-saph, and E'-than, *were appointed* to sound with cymbals of brass;

20 And Zech-a-ri'-ah, and A'-zi-el, and She-mir-a'-moth, and Je-hi'-el, and Un'-ni, and E-li'-ab, and Ma'-a-sei'-ah, and Be-nai'-ah, with psalteries on Al'-a-*moth*;

21 And Mat-ti-thi'-ah, and E-liph'-e-leh, and Mik-nei'-ah, and O'-bed-e'-dom, and Je-i'-el, and Az-a-zi'-ah, with harps on the Shem'-i-nith to excel.

22 And Chen-a-ni'-ah, chief of the Levites, *was* for song: he instructed about the song, because he *was* skilful.

23 And Ber-e-chi'-ah and El-ka'-nah *were* doorkeepers for the ark.

24 And Sheb-a-ni'-ah, and Je-hosh'-a-phat, and Ne-than'-e-el, and A-ma'-sai, and Zech-a-ri'-ah, and Be-nai'-ah, and E-li-e'-zer, the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and O'-bed-e'-dom and Je-hi'-ah *were* doorkeepers for the ark.

25 So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the house of O'-bed-e'-dom with joy.

26 And it came to pass, when God

helped the Levites that bare the ark of
the covenant of the LORD, that they
offered seven bullocks and seven rams.
27 And David *was* clothed with a
robe of fine linen, and all the Levites
that bare the ark, and the singers, and
Chen-a-ni'-ah the master of the song
with the singers: David also *had* upon
him an ephod of linen.
28 Thus all Israel brought up the
ark of the covenant of the LORD with
shouting, and with sound of the cor-
net, and with trumpets, and with cym-
bals, *making a noise with* psalteries
and harps.
29 And it came to pass, *as* the ark
of the covenant of the LORD came to
the city of David, that Mi'-chal the
daughter of Saul looking out at a win-
dow saw king David dancing and play-
ing: and she despised him in her heart.

CHAPTER 16

SO they brought the ark of God, and
set it in the midst of the tent that
David had pitched for it: and they
offered burnt sacrifices and peace of-
ferings before God.
2 And when David had made an
end of offering the burnt offerings and
the peace offerings, he blessed the peo-
ple in the name of the LORD.
3 And he dealt to every one of Is-
rael, both man and woman, to every
one a loaf of bread, and a good piece
of flesh, and a flagon *of wine*.
4 And he appointed *certain* of the
Levites to minister before the ark of
the LORD, and to record, and to thank
and praise the LORD God of Israel:
5 A'-saph the chief, and next to him
Zech-a-ri'-ah, Je-i'-el, and She-mir-a'-
moth, and Je-hi'-el, and Mat-ti-thi'-ah,
and E-li'-ab, and Be-nai'-ah, and
O'-bed-e'-dom: and Je-i'-el with psal-
teries and with harps; but A'-saph
made a sound with cymbals;
6 Be-nai'-ah also and Ja-ha'-zi-el the
priests with trumpets continually be-
fore the ark of the covenant of God.
7 Then on that day David delivered
first *this psalm* to thank the LORD into
the hand of A'-saph and his brethren.
8 Give thanks unto the LORD, call
upon his name, make known his deeds
among the people.
9 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto
him, talk ye of all his wondrous works.
10 Glory ye in his holy name: let the
heart of them rejoice that seek the
LORD.
11 Seek the LORD and his strength,
seek his face continually.
12 Remember his marvellous works
that he hath done, his wonders, and
the judgments of his mouth;
13 O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
14 He *is* the LORD our God; his
judgments *are* in all the earth.
15 Be ye mindful always of his cove-
nant; the word *which* he commanded to
a thousand generations;
16 *Even of the covenant* which he
made with Abraham, and of his oath
unto Isaac;
17 And hath confirmed the same to
Jacob for a law, *and* to Israel *for* an
everlasting covenant,
18 Saying, Unto thee will I give the
land of Canaan, the lot of your in-
heritance;
19 When ye were but few, even a
few, and strangers in it.
20 And *when* they went from nation
to nation, and from *one* kingdom to
another people;
21 He suffered no man to do them
wrong: yea, he reproved kings for their
sakes,
22 *Saying*, Touch not mine anoint-
ed, and do my prophets no harm.
23 Sing unto the LORD, all the
earth; shew forth from day to day his
salvation.
24 Declare his glory among the hea-
then; his marvellous works among all
nations.
25 For great *is* the LORD, and great-
ly to be praised: he also *is* to be feared
above all gods.
26 For all the gods of the people
are idols: but the LORD made the heav-
ens.
27 Glory and honour *are* in his
presence; strength and gladness *are* in
his place.
28 Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds
of the people, give unto the LORD
glory and strength.
29 Give unto the LORD the glory
due unto his name: bring an offering,
and come before him: worship the
LORD in the beauty of holiness.
30 Fear before him, all the earth:
the world also shall be stable, *that it*
be not moved.
31 Let the heavens be glad, and let
the earth rejoice: and let *men* say
among the nations, The LORD reign-
eth.
32 Let the sea roar, and the fulness

thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all
that *is* therein.
33 Then shall the trees of the wood
sing out at the presence of the LORD,
because he cometh to judge the earth.
34 O give thanks unto the LORD;
for *he is* good; for his mercy *endureth*
for ever.
35 And say ye, Save us, O God of
our salvation, and gather us together,
and deliver us from the heathen, that
we may give thanks to thy holy name,
and glory in thy praise.
36 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Is-
rael for ever and ever. And all the peo-
ple said, Amen, and praised the LORD.
37 So he left there before the ark of
the covenant of the LORD A'-saph and
his brethren, to minister before the ark
continually, as every day's work re-
quired:
38 And O'-bed–e'-dom with their
brethren, threescore and eight; O'-bed–
e'-dom also the son of Jed-u'-thun and
Ho'-sah *to be* porters:
39 And Za'-dok the priest, and his
brethren the priests, before the taber-
nacle of the LORD in the high place
that *was* at Gibeon,
40 To offer burnt offerings unto the
LORD upon the altar of the burnt offer-
ing continually morning and evening,
and *to do* according to all that is writ-
ten in the law of the LORD, which he
commanded Israel;
41 And with them He'-man and
Jed-u'-thun, and the rest that were
chosen, who were expressed by name,
to give thanks to the LORD, because
his mercy *endureth* for ever;
42 And with them He'-man and
Jed-u'-thun with trumpets and cym-
bals for those that should make a
sound, and with musical instruments
of God. And the sons of Jed-u'-thun
were porters.
43 And all the people departed
every man to his house: and David re-
turned to bless his house.

CHAPTER 17

NOW it came to pass, as David sat
in his house, that David said to
Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an
house of cedars, but the ark of the
covenant of the LORD *remaineth* under
curtains.
2 Then Nathan *said* unto David,
Do all that *is* in thine heart; for God *is*
with thee.
3 And it came to pass the same
night, that the word of God came to
Nathan, saying,
4 Go and tell David my servant,
Thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not
build me an house to dwell in:
5 For I have not dwelt in an house
since the day that I brought up Israel
unto this day; but have gone from tent
to tent, and from *one* tabernacle *to an-
other*.
6 Wheresoever I have walked with
all Israel, spake I a word to any of the
judges of Israel, whom I commanded
to feed my people, saying, Why have
ye not built me an house of cedars?
7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say
unto my servant David, Thus saith the
LORD of hosts, I took thee from the
sheepcote, *even* from following the
sheep, that thou shouldest be ruler
over my people Israel:
8 And I have been with thee whith-
ersoever thou hast walked, and have
cut off all thine enemies from before
thee, and have made thee a name like
the name of the great men that *are* in
the earth.
9 Also I will ordain a place for my
people Israel, and will plant them, and
they shall dwell in their place, and
shall be moved no more; neither shall
the children of wickedness waste them
any more, as at the beginning,
10 And since the time that I com-
manded judges *to be* over my people
Israel. Moreover I will subdue all
thine enemies. Furthermore I tell thee
that the LORD will build thee an
house.
11 And it shall come to pass, when
thy days be expired that thou must go
to be with thy fathers, that I will raise
up thy seed after thee, which shall be
of thy sons; and I will establish his
kingdom.
12 He shall build me an house, and
I will stablish his throne for ever.
13 I will be his father, and he shall
be my son: and I will not take my
mercy away from him, as I took *it* from
him that was before thee:
14 But I will settle him in mine
house and in my kingdom for ever: and
his throne shall be established for ever-
more.
15 According to all these words, and
according to all this vision, so did Na-
than speak unto David.
16 And David the king came and
sat before the LORD, and said, Who

am I, O LORD God, and what *is* mine
house, that thou hast brought me
hitherto?
17 And *yet* this was a small thing in
thine eyes, O God; for thou hast *also*
spoken of thy servant's house for a
great while to come, and hast regarded
me according to the estate of a man of
high degree, O LORD God.
18 What can David *speak* more to
thee for the honour of thy servant? for
thou knowest thy servant.
19 O LORD, for thy servant's sake,
and according to thine own heart, hast
thou done all this greatness, in making
known all *these* great things.
20 O LORD, *there is* none like thee,
neither *is there any* God beside thee,
according to all that we have heard
with our ears.
21 And what one nation in the
earth *is* like thy people Israel, whom
God went to redeem *to be* his own peo-
ple, to make thee a name of greatness
and terribleness, by driving out na-
tions from before thy people, whom
thou hast redeemed out of Egypt?
22 For thy people Israel didst thou
make thine own people for ever; and
thou, LORD, becamest their God.
23 Therefore now, LORD, let the
thing that thou hast spoken concern-
ing thy servant and concerning his
house be established for ever, and do
as thou hast said.
24 Let it even be established, that
thy name may be magnified for ever,
saying, The LORD of hosts *is* the God
of Israel, *even* a God to Israel: and *let*
the house of David thy servant *be* es-
tablished before thee.
25 For thou, O my God, hast told
thy servant that thou wilt build him
an house: therefore thy servant hath
found *in his heart* to pray before thee.
26 And now, LORD, thou art God,
and hast promised this goodness unto
thy servant:
27 Now therefore let it please thee
to bless the house of thy servant, that
it may be before thee for ever: for thou
blessest, O LORD, and *it shall be* blessed
for ever.

CHAPTER 18

NOW after this it came to pass,
that David smote the Philistines,
and subdued them, and took Gath and
her towns out of the hand of the Phil-
istines.
2 And he smote Moab; and the Mo-
abites became David's servants, *and*
brought gifts.
3 And David smote Had-ar-e'zer
king of Zobah unto Ha'math, as he
went to stablish his dominion by the
river Euphrates.
4 And David took from him a thou-
sand chariots, and seven thousand
horsemen, and twenty thousand foot-
men: David also houghed all the char-
iot *horses*, but reserved of them an
hundred chariots.
5 And when the Syrians of Damas-
cus came to help Had-ar-e'zer king of
Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two
and twenty thousand men.
6 Then David put *garrisons* in
Syria-damascus; and the Syrians be-
came David's servants, *and* brought
gifts. Thus the LORD preserved David
whithersoever he went.
7 And David took the shields of
gold that were on the servants of Had-
ar-e'zer, and brought them to Jerusa-
lem.
8 Likewise from Tib'hath, and from
Chun, cities of Had-ar-e'zer, brought
David very much brass, wherewith
Solomon made the brasen sea, and the
pillars, and the vessels of brass.
9 Now when To'u king of Ha'math
heard how David had smitten all the
host of Had-ar-e'zer king of Zobah;
10 He sent Ha-do'ram his son to
king David, to enquire of his welfare,
and to congratulate him, because he
had fought against Had-ar-e'zer, and
smitten him; (for Had-ar-e'zer had
war with To'u;) and *with him* all man-
ner of vessels of gold and silver and
brass.
11 Them also king David dedicated
unto the LORD, with the silver and the
gold that he brought from all *these* na-
tions; from Edom, and from Moab, and
from the children of Ammon, and
from the Philistines, and from Am'a-
lek.
12 Moreover A-bish'a-i the son of
Zer-ui'ah slew of the Edomites in the
valley of salt eighteen thousand.
13 And he put garrisons in Edom;
and all the Edomites became David's
servants. Thus the LORD preserved
David whithersoever he went.
14 So David reigned over all Israel,
and executed judgment and justice
among all his people.
15 And Jo'ab the son of Zer-ui-
was over the host; and Je-hosh'a-
the son of A-hi'lud, recorder.

16 And Za'-dok the son of A-hi'-tub, and A-bim'-e-lech the son of A-bi'-a-thar, *were* the priests; and Shav'-sha was scribe;

17 And Be-nai'-ah the son of Je-hoi'-a-da *was* over the Cher'-e-thites and the Pel'-e-thites; and the sons of David *were* chief about the king.

CHAPTER 19

NOW it came to pass *after this*, that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead.

2 And David said, I will shew kindness unto Ha'-nun the son of Nahash, because his father shewed kindness to me. And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. So the servants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon to Ha'-nun, to comfort him.

3 But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Ha'-nun, Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his servants come unto thee for to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land?

4 Wherefore Ha'-nun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the midst hard by their buttocks, and sent them away.

5 Then there went *certain*, and told David how the men were served. And he sent to meet them: for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and *then* return.

6 And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Ha'-nun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Mes-o-po-ta'-mi-a and out of Syr'-i-a-ma'-a-chah, and out of Zobah.

7 So they hired thirty and two thousand chariots, and the king of Ma'-a-chah and his people; who came and pitched before Med'-e-ba. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle.

8 And when David heard *of it*, he sent Jo'-ab, and all the host of the mighty men.

9 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array before the gate of the city: and the kings that were come *were* by themselves in the field.

10 Now when Jo'-ab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose out of all the choice of Israel, and put *them* in array against the Syrians.

11 And the rest of the people he delivered unto the hand of A-bish'-a-i his brother, and they set *themselves* in array against the children of Ammon.

12 And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will help thee.

13 Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God: and let the LORD do *that which is* good in his sight.

14 So Jo'-ab and the people that *were* with him drew nigh before the Syrians unto the battle; and they fled before him.

15 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before A-bish'-a-i his brother, and entered into the city. Then Jo'-ab came to Jerusalem.

16 And when the Syrians saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Syrians that *were* beyond the river: and Sho'-phach the captain of the host of Had-ar-e'-zer *went* before them.

17 And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel, and passed over Jordan, and came upon them, and set *the battle* in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought with him.

18 But the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians seven thousand *men which fought in* chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Sho'-phach the captain of the host.

19 And when the servants of Had-ar-e'-zer saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they made peace with David, and became his servants: neither would the Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

CHAPTER 20

AND it came to pass, that after the year was expired, at the time that kings go out *to battle*, Jo'-ab led forth

the power of the army, and wasted the
country of the children of Ammon, and
came and besieged Rab'-bah. But Da-
vid tarried at Jerusalem. And Jo'-ab
smote Rab'-bah, and destroyed it.
2 And David took the crown of
their king from off his head, and found
it to weigh a talent of gold, and *there*
were precious stones in it; and it was
set upon David's head: and he brought
also exceeding much spoil out of the
city.
3 And he brought out the people
that *were* in it, and cut *them* with saws,
and with harrows of iron, and with
axes. Even so dealt David with all the
cities of the children of Ammon. And
David and all the people returned to
Jerusalem.
4 And it came to pass after this,
that there arose war at Ge'-zer with the
Philistines; at which time Sib'-be-chai
the Hu'-sha-thite slew Sip'-pai, *that*
was of the children of the giant: and
they were subdued.
5 And there was war again with the
Philistines; and El-ha'-nan the son of
Ja'-ir slew Lah'-mi the brother of Go-li'-
ath the Git'-tite, whose spear staff *was*
like a weaver's beam.
6 And yet again there was war at
Gath, where was a man of *great* stat-
ure whose fingers and toes *were* four
and twenty, six *on each hand*, and six
on each foot and he also was the son of
the giant.
7 But when he defied Israel, Jona-
than the son of Shim'-e-a David's broth-
er slew him.
8 These were born unto the giant in
Gath; and they fell by the hand of Da-
vid, and by the hand of his servants.

CHAPTER 21

AND Satan stood up against Israel,
and provoked David to number
Israel.
2 And David said to Jo'-ab and to
the rulers of the people, Go, number
Israel from Be'-er-she'-ba even to Dan;
and bring the number of them to me,
that I may know *it*.
3 And Jo'-ab answered, The LORD
make his people an hundred times so
many more as they *be*: but, my lord
the king, *are* they not all my lord's
servants? why then doth my lord re-
quire this thing? why will he be a cause
of trespass to Israel?
4 Nevertheless the king's word pre-
vailed against Jo'-ab. Wherefore Jo'-ab
departed, and went throughout all Is-
rael, and came to Jerusalem.
5 And Jo'-ab gave the sum of the
number of the people unto David. And
all *they of* Israel were a thousand thou-
sand and an hundred thousand men
that drew sword: and Judah *was* four
hundred threescore and ten thousand
men that drew sword.
6 But Levi and Benjamin counted
he not among them: for the king's
word was abominable to Jo'-ab.
7 And God was displeased with this
thing; therefore he smote Israel.
8 And David said unto God, I have
sinned greatly, because I have done
this thing: but now, I beseech thee, do
away the iniquity of thy servant; for I
have done very foolishly.
9 And the LORD spake unto Gad,
David's seer, saying,
10 Go and tell David, saying, Thus
saith the LORD, I offer thee three
things: choose thee one of them, that I
may do *it* unto thee.
11 So Gad came to David, and said
unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Choose
thee
12 Either three years' famine; or
three months to be destroyed before
thy foes, while that the sword of thine
enemies overtaketh *thee;* or else three
days the sword of the LORD, even the
pestilence, in the land, and the angel
of the LORD destroying throughout all
the coasts of Israel. Now therefore ad-
vise thyself what word I shall bring
again to him that sent me.
13 And David said unto Gad, I am
in a great strait: let me fall now into
the hand of the LORD; for very great
are his mercies: but let me not fall into
the hand of man.
14 So the LORD sent pestilence upon
Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy
thousand men.
15 And God sent an angel unto Jeru-
salem to destroy it: and as he was de-
stroying, the LORD beheld, and he re-
pented him of the evil, and said to the
angel that destroyed, It is enough,
stay now thine hand. And the angel of
the LORD stood by the threshingfloor
of Or'-nan the Jeb'-u-site.
16 And David lifted up his eyes,
and saw the angel of the LORD stand
between the earth and the heaven,
having a drawn sword in his hand
stretched out over Jerusalem. Then
David and the elders *of* Isr

were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon
their faces.
17 And David said unto God, Is *it*
not I *that* commanded the people to be
numbered? even I it is that have
sinned and done evil indeed; but *as for*
these sheep, what have they done? let
thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my
God, be on me, and on my father's
house; but not on thy people, that they
should be plagued.
18 Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar
unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of
Or'-nan the Jeb'-u-site.
19 And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the name
of the LORD.
20 And Or'-nan turned back, and
saw the angel; and his four sons with
him hid themselves. Now Or'-nan was
threshing wheat.
21 And as David came to Or'-nan,
Or'-nan looked and saw David, and
went out of the threshingfloor, and
bowed himself to David with *his* face
to the ground.
22 Then David said to Or'-nan,
Grant me the place of *this* threshingfloor, that I may build an altar
therein unto the LORD: thou shalt
grant it me for the full price: that
the plague may be stayed from the
people.
23 And Or'-nan said unto David,
Take *it* to thee, and let my lord the
king do *that which is* good in his eyes:
lo, I give *thee* the oxen *also* for burnt
offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the
meat offering; I give it all.
24 And king David said to Or'-nan,
Nay; but I will verily buy it for the
full price: for I will not take *that* which
is thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt
offerings without cost.
25 So David gave to Or'-nan for the
place six hundred shekels of gold by
weight.
26 And David built there an altar
unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called
upon the LORD; and he answered him
from heaven by fire upon the altar of
burnt offering.
27 And the LORD commanded the
angel; and he put up his sword again
into the sheath thereof.
28 At that time when David saw
that the LORD had answered him in
the threshingfloor of Or'-nan the Jeb'-u-site, then he sacrificed there.
29 For the tabernacle of the LORD,
which Moses made in the wilderness,
and the altar of the burnt offering,
were at that season in the high place at
Gibeon.
30 But David could not go before
it to enquire of God: for he was afraid
because of the sword of the angel of
the LORD.

CHAPTER 22

THEN David said, This *is* the house
of the LORD God, and this *is* the
altar of the burnt offering for Israel.
2 And David commanded to gather
together the strangers that *were* in the
land of Israel; and he set masons to
hew wrought stones to build the house
of God.
3 And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the
gates, and for the joinings; and brass
in abundance without weight;
4 Also cedar trees in abundance: for
the Zid-o'-ni-ans and they of Tyre
brought much cedar wood to David.
5 And David said, Solomon my son
is young and tender, and the house
that is to be builded for the LORD *must
be* exceeding magnifical, of fame and
of glory throughout all countries: I
will *therefore* now make preparation
for it. So David prepared abundantly
before his death.
6 Then he called for Solomon his
son, and charged him to build an house
for the LORD God of Israel.
7 And David said to Solomon, My
son, as for me, it was in my mind to
build an house unto the name of the
LORD my God:
8 But the word of the LORD came to
me, saying, Thou hast shed blood
abundantly, and hast made great
wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed
much blood upon the earth in my
sight.
9 Behold, a son shall be born to
thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I
will give him rest from all his enemies
round about: for his name shall be
Solomon, and I will give peace and
quietness unto Israel in his days.
10 He shall build an house for my
name; and he shall be my son, and I
will be his father; and I will establish
the throne of his kingdom over Israel
for ever.

11 Now, my son, the LORD be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the LORD thy God, as he hath said of thee.
12 Only the LORD give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the LORD thy God.
13 Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be dismayed.
14 Now, behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the LORD an hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver; and of brass and iron without weight; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto.
15 Moreover *there are* workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work.
16 Of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, *there is* no number. Arise *therefore*, and be doing, and the LORD be with thee.
17 David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, *saying*,
18 *Is* not the LORD your God with you? and hath he *not* given you rest on every side? for he hath given the inhabitants of the land into mine hand; and the land is subdued before the LORD, and before his people.
19 Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD.

CHAPTER 23

SO when David was old and full of days, he made Solomon his son king over Israel.
2 And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites.
3 Now the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty years and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty and eight thousand.
4 Of which, twenty and four thousand *were* to set forward the work of the house of the LORD; and six thousand *were* officers and judges:
5 Moreover four thousand *were* porters; and four thousand praised the LORD with the instruments which I made, *said David* to praise *therewith*.
6 And David divided them into courses among the sons of Levi, *namely*, Ger'-shon, Ko'-hath, and Me-ra'-ri.
7 Of the Ger'-shon-ites *were*, La'-a-dan, and Shim'-e-i.
8 The sons of La'-a-dan; the chief *was* Je-hi'-el, and Ze'-tham, and Jo'-el, three.
9 The sons of Shim'-e-i; Shel-o'-mith, and Ha'-zi-el, and Ha'-ran, three. These *were* the chief of the fathers of La'-a-dan.
10 And the sons of Shim'-e-i *were*, Ja'-hath, Zi'-na, and Je'-ush, and Be-ri'-ah. These four *were* the sons of Shim'-e-i.
11 And Ja'-hath was the chief, and Zi'-zah the second: but Je'-ush and Be-ri'-ah had not many sons; therefore they were in one reckoning, according to *their* father's house.
12 The sons of Ko'-hath; Amram, Iz'-har, Hebron, and Uz'-zi-el, four.
13 The sons of Amram; Aaron and Moses: and Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name for ever.
14 Now *concerning* Moses the man of God, his sons were named of the tribe of Levi.
15 The sons of Moses *were*, Ger'-shom, and E-li-e'-zer.
16 Of the sons of Ger'-shom, Sheb'-u-el *was* the chief.
17 And the sons of E-li-e'-zer *were*, Re-ha-bi'-ah the chief. And E-li-e'-zer had none other sons; but the sons of Re-ha-bi'-ah were very many.
18 Of the sons of Iz'-har; Shel-o'-mith the chief.
19 Of the sons of Hebron; Je-ri'-ah the first, Am-a-ri'-ah the second, Ja-ha'-zi-el the third, and Jek-am'-eam the fourth.
20 Of the sons of Uz'-zi-el; Mi'-cah the first, and Je-si'-ah the second.
21 The sons of Me-ra'-ri; Mah'-li, and Mu'-shi. The sons of Mah'-li; E-le-a'-zar, and Kish.

22 And E-le-a'-zar died, and had no
sons, but daughters: and their brethren the sons of Kish took them.
23 The sons of Mu'-shi; Mah'-li, and
E'-der, and Jer'-e-moth, three.
24 These *were* the sons of Levi after
the house of their fathers; *even* the chief of the fathers, as they were counted by *number of names* by their polls, that did the work for the service of the house of the LORD, from the age of twenty years and upward.
25 For David said, The LORD God
of Israel hath given rest unto his people, that they may dwell in Jerusalem for ever:
26 And also unto the Levites; they
shall no *more* carry the tabernacle, nor any vessels of it for the service thereof.
27 For by the last words of David
the Levites *were* numbered from twenty years old and above:
28 Because their office *was* to wait
on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the service of the house of God;
29 Both for the shewbread, and for
the fine flour for meat offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for *that which is baked in* the pan, and for that which is fried, and for all manner of measure and size;
30 And to stand every morning to
thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at even;
31 And to offer all burnt sacrifices
unto the LORD in the *sabbaths, in the* new moons, and on *the set feasts*, by number, according to the order commanded unto them, continually before the LORD:
32 And that they should keep the
charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the holy *place*, and the charge of the sons of Aaron their brethren, in the service of the house of the LORD.

CHAPTER 24

NOW *these are* the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron; Nadab, and A-bi'-hu, E-le-a'-zar, and Ith'-a-mar.
2 But Nadab and A-bi'-hu died be-
fore their father, and had no children: therefore E-le-a'-zar and Ith'-a-mar executed the priest's office.
3 And David distributed them,
both Za'-dok of the sons of E-le-a'-zar, and A-him'-e-lech of the sons of Ith'-a-mar, according to their offices in their service.
4 And there were more chief men
found of the sons of E-le-a'-zar than of the sons of Ith'-a-mar; and *thus* were they divided. Among the sons of E-le-a'-zar *there were* sixteen chief men of the house of *their* fathers, and eight among the sons of Ith'-a-mar according to the house of their fathers.
5 Thus were they divided by lot,
one sort with another; for the governors of the sanctuary, and governors *of the house* of God, were of the sons of E-le-a'-zar, and of the sons of Ith'-a-mar.
6 And Shem-ai'-ah the son of Ne-
than'-e-el the scribe, *one* of the Levites, wrote them before the king, and the princes, and Za'-dok the priest, and A-him'-e-lech the son of Ab'-i-a'-thar, and *before* the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites: one principal household being taken for E-le-a'-zar, and *one* taken for Ith'-a-mar.
7 Now the first lot came forth to
Je-hoi'-a-rib, the second to Je-da'-iah,
8 The third to Ha'-rim, the fourth to
Se-o'-rim,
9 The fifth to Mal-chi'-jah, the sixth
to Mij'-a-min,
10 The seventh to Hak'-koz, the
eighth to A-bi'-jah,
11 The ninth to Jesh'-u-ah, the
tenth to Shec-a-ni'-ah,
12 The eleventh to E-li'-a-shib, the
twelfth to Ja'-kim,
13 The thirteenth to Hup'-pah, the
fourteenth to Je-sheb'-e-ab,
14 The fifteenth to Bil'-gah, the six-
teenth to Im'-mer,
15 The seventeenth to He'-zir, the
eighteenth to Aph'-ses,
16 The nineteenth to Peth-a-hi'-ah,
the twentieth to Je-hez'-e-kel,
17 The one and twentieth to Ja'-
chin, the two and twentieth to Ga'-mul,
18 The three and twentieth to Del-
ai'-ah, the four and twentieth to Ma-a-zi'-ah.
19 These *were* the orderings of them
in their service to come into the house of the LORD, according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.
20 And the rest of the sons of Levi
were these: Of the sons of Amram; Shu'-

ba-el: of the sons of Shu′-ba-el; Jeh-
dei′-ah.
21 Concerning Re-ha-bi′-ah: of the
sons of Re-ha-bi′-ah, the first *was* Is-
shi′-ah.
22 Of the Iz′-har-ites; Shel-o′-moth:
of the sons of Shel-o′-moth; Ja′-hath.
23 And the sons *of Hebron;* Je-ri′-ah
the first, Am-a-ri′-ah the second, Ja-
ha′-zi-el the third, Jek-a′-me-am the
fourth.
24 *Of* the sons of Uz′-zi-el; Mi′-chah:
of the sons of Mi′-chah; Sha′-mir.
25 The brother of Mi′-chah *was* Is-
shi′-ah: of the sons of Is-shi′-ah; Zech-a-
ri′-ah.
26 The sons of Me-ra′-ri *were* Mah′-
li and Mu′-shi: the sons of Ja′-a-zi′-ah;
Be′-no.
27 The sons of Me-ra′-ri by Ja′-a-zi′-
ah; Be′-no, and Sho′-ham, and Zac′-cur,
and Ib′-ri.
28 Of Mah′-li *came* E-le-a′-zar, who
had no sons.
29 Concerning Kish: the son of Kish
was Je-rah′-me-el.
30 The sons also of Mu′-shi; Mah′-li,
and E′-der, and Jer′-i-moth. These
were the sons of the Levites after the
house of their fathers.
31 These likewise cast lots over
against their brethren the sons of Aar-
on in the presence of David the king,
and Za′-dok, and A-him′-e-lech, and
the chief of the fathers of the priests
and Levites, even the principal fathers
over against their younger brethren.

CHAPTER 25

MOREOVER David and the cap-
tains of the host separated to the
service of the sons of A′-saph, and of
He′-man, and of Jed-u′-thun, who
should prophesy with harps, with psal-
teries, and with cymbals: and the num-
ber of the workmen according to their
service was:
2 Of the sons of A′-saph; Zac′-cur,
and Joseph, and Neth-a-ni′-ah, and
As-a-re′-lah, the sons of A′-saph under
the hands of A′-saph, which prophesied
according to the order of the king.
3 Of Jed-u′-thun: the sons of Jed-u′-
thun; Ged-a-li′-ah, and Ze′-ri, and Je-
sha′-iah, Hash-a-bi′-ah, and Mat-ti-thi′-
ah, six, under the hands of their father
Jed-u′-thun, who prophesied with a
harp, to give thanks and to praise the
LORD.
4 Of He′-man: the sons of He′-man;
Buk-ki′-ah, Mat-ta-ni′-ah, Uz′-zi-el,
Sheb′-u-el, and Jer′-i-moth, Han-a-ni′-
ah, Ha-na′-ni, E-li′-a-thah, Gid-dal′-ti,
and Ro-mam′-ti-e′-zer, Josh-bek-a′-
shah, Mal′-lo-thi, Ho′-thir, *and* Ma-ha′-
zi-oth:
5 All these *were* the sons of He′-man
the king's seer in the words of God, to
lift up the horn. And God gave to He′-
man fourteen sons and three daugh-
ters.
6 All these *were* under the hands of
their father for song *in* the house of the
LORD, with cymbals, psalteries, and
harps, for the service of the house of
God, according to the king's order to
A′-saph, Jed-u′-thun, and He′-man.
7 So the number of them, with their
brethren that were instructed in the
songs of the LORD, *even* all that were
cunning, was two hundred fourscore
and eight.
8 And they cast lots, ward against
ward, as well the small as the great, the
teacher as the scholar.
9 Now the first lot came forth for
A′-saph to Joseph: the second to Ged-a-
li′-ah, who with his brethren and sons
were twelve:
10 The third to Zac′-cur, *he,* his
sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
11 The fourth to Iz′-ri, *he,* his sons,
and his brethren, *were* twelve:
12 The fifth to Neth-a-ni′-ah, *he,* his
sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
13 The sixth to Buk-ki′-ah, *he,* his
sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
14 The seventh to Je-shar-e′-lah, *he,*
his sons, and his brethren, *were*
twelve:
15 The eighth to Je-shai′-ah, *he,* his
sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
16 The ninth to Mat-ta-ni′-ah, *he,*
his sons, and his brethren, *were*
twelve:
17 The tenth to Shim′-e-i, *he,* his
sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
18 The eleventh to A-zar′-e-el, *he,*
his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
19 The twelfth to Hash-a-bi′-ah, *he,*
his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
20 The thirteenth to Shu′-ba-el, *he,*
his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
21 The fourteenth to Mat-ti-thi′-ah,
he, his sons, and his brethren, *were*
twelve:
22 The fifteenth to Jer-e′-moth, *he,*
his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
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16 The nineteenth to Peth-a-hi'-ah, the twentieth to Je-hez'-e-kel,

17 The one and twentieth to Ja'-chin, the two and twentieth to Ga'-mul,

18 The three and twentieth to Del-ai'-ah, the four and twentieth to Ma-a-zi'-ah.

19 These *were* the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of the LORD, according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

20 And the rest of the sons of Levi *were these*: Of the sons of Amram; Shu'-

ba-el: of the sons of Shu'-ba-el; Jeh-
dei'-ah.
21 Concerning Re-ha-bi'-ah: of the
sons of Re-ha-bi'-ah, the first *was* Is-
shi'-ah.
22 Of the Iz'-har-ites; Shel-o'-moth:
of the sons of Shel-o'-moth; Ja'-hath.
23 And the sons *of Hebron*; Je-ri'-ah
the first, Am-a-ri'-ah the second, Ja-
ha'-zi-el the third, Jek-a'-me-am the
fourth.
24 *Of* the sons of Uz'-zi-el; Mi'-chah:
of the sons of Mi'-chah; Sha'-mir.
25 The brother of Mi'-chah *was* Is-
shi'-ah: of the sons of Is-shi'-ah; Zech-a-
ri'-ah.
26 The sons of Me-ra'-ri *were* Mah'-
li and Mu'-shi: the sons of Ja'-a-zi'-ah;
Be'-no.
27 The sons of Me-ra'-ri by Ja'-a-zi'-
ah; Be'-no, and Sho'-ham, and Zac'-cur,
and Ib'-ri.
28 Of Mah'-li *came* E-le-a'-zar, who
had no sons.
29 Concerning Kish: the son of Kish
was Je-rah'-me-el.
30 The sons also of Mu'-shi; Mah'-li,
and E'-der, and Jer'-i-moth. These
were the sons of the Levites after the
house of their fathers.
31 These likewise cast lots over
against their brethren the sons of Aar-
on in the presence of David the king,
and Za'-dok, and A-him'-e-lech, and
the chief of the fathers of the priests
and Levites, even the principal fathers
over against their younger brethren.

CHAPTER 25

MOREOVER David and the cap-
tains of the host separated to the
service of the sons of A'-saph, and of
He'-man, and of Jed-u'-thun, who
should prophesy with harps, with psal-
teries, and with cymbals: and the num-
ber of the workmen according to their
service was:
2 Of the sons of A'-saph; Zac'-cur,
and Joseph, and Neth-a-ni'-ah, and
As-a-re'-lah, the sons of A'-saph under
the hands of A'-saph, which prophesied
according to the order of the king.
3 Of Jed-u'-thun: the sons of Jed-u'-
thun; Ged-a-li'-ah, and Ze'-ri, and Je-
sha'-iah, Hash-a-bi'-ah, and Mat-ti-thi'-
ah, six, under the hands of their father
Jed-u'-thun, who prophesied with a
harp, to give thanks and to praise the
LORD.
4 Of He'-man: the sons of He'-man;
Buk-ki'-ah, Mat-ta-ni'-ah, Uz'-zi-el,
Sheb'-u-el, and Jer'-i-moth, Han-a-ni'-
ah, Ha-na'-ni, E-li'-a-thah, Gid-dal'-ti,
and Ro-mam'-ti-e'-zer, Josh-bek-a'-
shah, Mal'-lo-thi, Ho'-thir, *and* Ma-ha'-
zi-oth:
5 All these *were* the sons of He'-man
the king's seer in the words of God, to
lift up the horn. And God gave to He'-
man fourteen sons and three daugh-
ters.
6 All these *were* under the hands of
their father for song *in* the house of the
LORD, with cymbals, psalteries, and
harps, for the service of the house of
God, according to the king's order to
A'-saph, Jed-u'-thun, and He'-man.
7 So the number of them, with their
brethren that were instructed in the
songs of the LORD, *even* all that were
cunning, was two hundred fourscore
and eight.
8 And they cast lots, ward against
ward, as well the small as the great, the
teacher as the scholar.
9 Now the first lot came forth for
A'-saph to Joseph: the second to Ged-a-
li'-ah, who with his brethren and sons
were twelve:
10 The third to Zac'-cur, *he*, his
sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
11 The fourth to Iz'-ri, *he*, his sons,
and his brethren, *were* twelve:
12 The fifth to Neth-a-ni'-ah, *he*, his
sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
13 The sixth to Buk-ki'-ah, *he*, his
sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
14 The seventh to Je-shar-e'-lah, *he*,
his sons, and his brethren, *were*
twelve:
15 The eighth to Je-shai'-ah, *he*, his
sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
16 The ninth to Mat-ta-ni'-ah, *he*,
his sons, and his brethren, *were*
twelve:
17 The tenth to Shim'-e-i, *he*, his
sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
18 The eleventh to A-zar'-e-el, *he*,
his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
19 The twelfth to Hash-a-bi'-ah, *he*,
his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
20 The thirteenth to Shu'-ba-el, *he*,
his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
21 The fourteenth to Mat-ti-thi'-ah,
he, his sons, and his brethren, *were*
twelve:
22 The fifteenth to Jer-e'-moth, *he*,
his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:
23 The sixteenth to Han-a-ni'-ah,
he, his sons, and his brethren, *were*
twelve:
24 The seventeenth to Josh-bek-a'-

shah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

25 The eighteenth to Ha-na'-ni, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

26 The nineteenth to Mal-lo'-thi, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

27 The twentieth to E'-li-a'-thah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

28 The one and twentieth to Ho'-thir, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

29 The two and twentieth to Gid-dal'-ti, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

30 The three and twentieth to Ma-ha'-zi-oth, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve:

31 The four and twentieth to Ro-mam'-ti–e'-zer, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve.

CHAPTER 26

CONCERNING the divisions of the porters: Of the Kor'-hites *was* Me-shel-e-mi'-ah the son of Ko'-re, of the sons of A'-saph.

2 And the sons of Me-shel-e-mi'-ah *were*, Zech-a-ri'-ah the firstborn, Je-di'-a-el the second, Zeb-a-di'-ah the third, Jath'-ni-el the fourth,

3 E'-lam the fifth, Je-ho-ha'-nan the sixth, E-li-o-e'-na-i the seventh.

4 Moreover the sons of O'-bed–e'-dom *were*, Shem-ai'-ah the firstborn, Je-hoz'-a-bad the second, Jo'-ah the third, and Sa'-car the fourth, and Ne-than'-e-el the fifth,

5 Am'-mi-el the sixth, Is'-sa-char the seventh, Pe-ul'-thai the eighth: for God blessed him.

6 Also unto Shem-ai'-ah his son were sons born, that ruled throughout the house of their father: for they *were* mighty men of valour.

7 The sons of Shem-ai'-ah; Oth'-ni, and Re'-pha-el and O'-bed, El'-za-bad, whose brethren *were* strong men, E-li'-hu, and Sem-a-chi'-ah.

8 All these of the sons of O'-bed–e'-dom: they and their sons and their brethren, able men for strength for the service, *were* threescore and two of O'-bed–e'-dom.

9 And Me-shel-e-mi'-ah had sons and brethren, strong men, eighteen.

10 Also Ho'-sah, of the children of Me-ra'-ri, had sons; Sim'-ri the chief, (for *though* he was not the firstborn, yet his father made him the chief;)

11 Hil-ki'-ah the second, Teb-a-li'-ah the third, Zech-a-ri'-ah the fourth: all the sons and brethren of Ho'-sah *were* thirteen.

12 Among these *were* the divisions of the porters, *even* among the chief men, *having* wards one against another, to minister in the house of the LORD.

13 And they cast lots, as well the small as the great, according to the house of their fathers, for every gate.

14 And the lot eastward fell to Shel-e-mi'-ah. Then for Zech-a-ri'-ah his son, a wise counsellor, they cast lots; and his lot came out northward.

15 To O'-bed–e'-dom southward; and to his sons the house of A-sup'-pim.

16 To Shup'-pim and Ho'-sah *the lot came forth* westward, with the gate Shal'-le-cheth, by the causeway of the going up, ward against ward.

17 Eastward *were* six Levites, northward four a day, southward four a day, and toward A-sup'-pim two *and* two.

18 At Par'-bar westward, four at the causeway, *and* two at Par'-bar.

19 These *are* the divisions of the porters among the sons of Ko'-re, and among the sons of Me-ra'-ri.

20 And of the Levites, A-hi'-jah *was* over the treasures of the house of God, and over the treasures of the dedicated things.

21 *As concerning* the sons of La'-a-dan; the sons of the Ger'-shon-ite La'-a-dan, chief fathers, *even* of La'-a-dan the Ger'-shon-ite, *were* Je-hi'-e-li.

22 The sons of Je-hi'-e-li; Ze'-tham, and Jo'-el his brother, *which were* over the treasures of the house of the LORD.

23 Of the Amramites, *and* the Iz'-har-ites, the Hebronites, *and* the Uz'-zi-el-ites:

24 And Sheb'-u-el the son of Ger'-shom, the son of Moses, *was* ruler of the treasures.

25 And his brethren by E-li-e'-zer; Re-ha-bi'-ah his son, and Je-sha'-iah his son, and Joram his son, and Zich'-ri his son, and Shel-o'-mith his son.

26 Which Shel-o'-mith and his brethren *were* over all the treasures of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the chief fathers, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the host, had dedicated.

27 Out of the spoils won in battles did they dedicate to maintain the house of the LORD.

28 And all that Samuel the seer,

and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Jo'-ab the son of Zer-ui'-ah, had dedicated; *and* whosoever had dedicated *any thing*, *it was* under the hand of Shel-o'-mith, and of his brethren.

29 Of the Iz'-har-ites, Chen-a-ni'-ah and his sons *were* for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges.

30 *And* of the Hebronites, Hash-a-bi'-ah and his brethren, men of valour, a thousand and seven hundred, *were* officers among them of Israel on this side Jordan westward in all the business of the LORD, and in the service of the king.

31 Among the Hebronites *was* Je-ri'-jah the chief, *even* among the Hebronites, according to the generations of his fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valour at Ja'-zer of Gilead.

32 And his brethren, men of valour, *were* two thousand and seven hundred chief fathers, whom king David made rulers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Ma-nas'-seh, for every matter pertaining to God, and affairs of the king.

CHAPTER 27

NOW the children of Israel after their number, *to wit*, the chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that served the king in any matter of the courses, which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, of every course *were* twenty and four thousand.

2 Over the first course for the first month *was* Ja-sho'-be-am the son of Zab'-di-el: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

3 Of the children of Pe'-rez *was* the chief of all the captains of the host for the first month.

4 And over the course of the second month *was* Do'-da-i an A-ho'-hite, and of his course *was* Mik'-loth also the ruler: in his course likewise *were* twenty and four thousand.

5 The third captain of the host for the third month *was* Be-nai'-ah the son of Je-hoi'-a-da, a chief priest: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

6 This *is that* Be-nai'-ah, *who was* mighty *among* the thirty, and above the thirty: and in his course *was* Am-miz'-a-bad his son.

7 The fourth *captain* for the fourth month *was* A'-sa-hel the brother of Jo'-ab, and Zeb-a-di'-ah his son after him: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

8 The fifth captain for the fifth month *was* Sham'-huth the Iz'-ra-hite: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

9 The sixth *captain* for the sixth month *was* I'-ra the son of Ik'-kesh the Te-ko'-ite: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

10 The seventh *captain* for the seventh month *was* He'-lez the Pel'-o-nite, of the children of E'-phra-im: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

11 The eighth *captain* for the eighth month *was* Sib'-be-cai the Hu'-sha-thite, of the Zar'-hites: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

12 The ninth *captain* for the ninth month *was* A-bi-e'-zer the An'-e-to-thite, of the Benjamites: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

13 The tenth *captain* for the tenth month *was* Ma'-har-ai the Ne-to'-pha-thite, of the Zar'-hites: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

14 The eleventh *captain* for the eleventh month *was* Be-nai'-ah the Pira'-thon-ite, of the children of E'-phra-im: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

15 The twelfth *captain* for the twelfth month *was* Hel'-da-i the Ne-to'-pha-thite, of Oth'-ni-el: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

16 Furthermore over the tribes of Israel: the ruler of the Reubenites *was* E-li-e'-zer the son of Zich'-ri: of the Simeonites, She-phati'-ah the son of Ma'-a-chah:

17 Of the Levites, Ha-shabi'-ah the son of Ke-mu'-el: of the Aaronites, Za'-dok:

18 Of Judah, E-li'-hu, *one* of the brethren of David: of Is'-sa-char, Omri the son of Michael:

19 Of Zeb'-u-lun, Ish-ma-i'-ah the son of O-ba-di'-ah: of Naph'-ta-li, Jeri'-moth the son of Az'-ri-el:

20 Of the children of E'-phra-im, Ho-she'-a the son of Az-a-zi'-ah: of the half tribe of Ma-nas'-seh, Jo'-el the son of Pe-da'-iah:

21 Of the half *tribe* of Ma-nas'-seh in Gilead, Id'-do the son of Ze

of Benjamin, Ja-a'-si-el the son of Ab-
ner:
22 Of Dan, Az'-areel the son of
Jer-o'-ham. These were the princes of
the tribes of Israel.
23 But David took not the number
of them from twenty years old and un-
der: because the LORD had said he
would increase Israel like to the stars
of the heavens.
24 Jo'-ab the son of Zer-ui'-ah be-
gan to number, but he finished not, be-
cause there fell wrath for it against
Israel; neither was the number put in
the account of the chronicles of king
David.
25 And over the king's treasures
was Az-ma'-veth the son of A'-di-el: and
over the storehouses in the fields, in
the cities, and in the villages, and in
the castles, *was* Je-hon'-a-than the son
of Uz-zi'-ah:
26 And over them that did the
work of the field for tillage of the
ground *was* Ez'-ri the son of Che'-lub:
27 And over the vineyards *was*
Shim'-e-i the Ra'-ma-thite: over the in-
crease of the vineyards for the wine
cellars *was* Zab'-di the Shiph'-mite:
28 And over the olive trees and the
sycomore trees that *were* in the low
plains *was* Ba'-al–ha'-nan the Ge-de'-
rite: and over the cellars of oil *was* Jo'-
ash:
29 And over the herds that fed in
Shar'-on *was* Shit'-ra-i the Shar'-on-ite:
and over the herds *that were* in the val-
leys *was* Sha'-phat the son of Ad'-la-i:
30 Over the camels also *was* O'-bil
the Ish'-ma-el-ite: and over the asses
was Jeh-de'-iah the Me-ron'-o-thite:
31 And over the flocks *was* Ja'-ziz
the Ha'-ger-ite. All these *were* the rul-
ers of the substance which *was* king
David's.
32 Also Jonathan David's uncle
was a counsellor, a wise man, and a
scribe: and Je-hi'-el the son of Hach-
mo'-ni *was* with the king's sons:
33 And A-hith'-o-phel *was* the king's
counsellor: and Hu'-shai the Ar'-chite
was the king's companion:
34 And after A-hith'-o-phel *was* Je-
hoi'-a-da the son of Be-nai'-ah, and Ab'-
i-a'-thar: and the general of the king's
army *was* Jo'-ab.

CHAPTER 28

AND David assembled all the princes
of Israel, the princes of the tribes,
and the captains of the companies that
ministered to the king by course, and
the captains over the thousands, and
captains over the hundreds, and the
stewards over all the substance and
possession of the king, and of his sons,
with the officers, and with the mighty
men, and with all the valiant men, un-
to Jerusalem.
2 Then David the king stood up
upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my
brethren, and my people: *As for me,* I
had in mine heart to build an house of
rest for the ark of the covenant of the
LORD, and for the footstool of our God,
and had made ready for the building:
3 But God said unto me, Thou shalt
not build an house for my name, be-
cause thou *hast been* a man of war, and
hast shed blood.
4 Howbeit the LORD God of Israel
chose me before all the house of my
father to be king over Israel for ever:
for he hath chosen Judah *to be* the rul-
er; and of the house of Judah, the
house of my father; and among the
sons of my father he liked me to make
me king over all Israel:
5 And of all my sons, (for the LORD
hath given me many sons,) he hath
chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the
throne of the kingdom of the LORD
over Israel.
6 And he said unto me, Solomon
thy son, he shall build my house and
my courts: for I have chosen him *to be*
my son, and I will be his father.
7 Moreover I will establish his king-
dom for ever, if he be constant to do
my commandments and my judg-
ments, as at this day.
8 Now therefore in the sight of all
Israel the congregation of the LORD,
and in the audience of our God, keep
and seek for all the commandments of
the LORD your God: that ye may pos-
sess this good land, and leave *it* for an
inheritance for your children after you
for ever.
9 And thou, Solomon my son, know
thou the God of thy father, and serve
him with a perfect heart and with a
willing mind: for the LORD searcheth
all hearts, and understandeth all the
imaginations of the thoughts: if thou
seek him, he will be found of thee: but
if thou forsake him, he will cast thee
off for ever.
10 Take heed now; for the LORD
hath chosen thee to build an house for
the sanctuary: be strong, and do *it*.
11 Then David gave to Solomon his

son the pattern of the porch, and of
the houses thereof, and of the treasur-
ies thereof, and of the upper chambers
thereof, and of the inner parlours
thereof, and of the place of the mercy
seat,
12 And the pattern of all that he
had by the spirit, of the courts of the
house of the LORD, and of all the cham-
bers round about, of the treasuries of
the house of God, and of the treasuries
of the dedicated things:
13 Also for the courses of the priests
and the Levites, and for all the work
of the service of the house of the LORD,
and for all the vessels of service in the
house of the LORD.
14 *He gave* of gold by weight for
things of gold, for all instruments of all
manner of service; *silver also* for all in-
struments of silver by weight, for all
instruments of every kind of service:
15 Even the weight for the candle-
sticks of gold, and for their lamps of
gold, by weight for every candlestick,
and for the lamps thereof: and for the
candlesticks of silver by weight, *both*
for the candlestick, and *also* for the
lamps thereof, according to the use of
every candlestick.
16 And by weight *he gave* gold for
the tables of shewbread, for every
table; and *likewise* silver for the tables
of silver:
17 Also pure gold for the fleshhooks,
and the bowls, and the cups: and for
the golden basons *he gave gold* by
weight for every bason; and *likewise*
silver by weight for every bason of
silver:
18 And for the altar of incense re-
fined gold by weight; and gold for the
pattern of the chariot of the cheru-
bims, that spread out *their wings*, and
covered the ark of the covenant of the
LORD.
19 All *this, said David*, the LORD
made me understand in writing by *his*
hand upon me, *even* all the works of
this pattern.
20 And David said to Solomon his
son, Be strong and of good courage,
and do *it*: fear not, nor be dismayed:
for the LORD God, *even* my God, *will be*
with thee; he will not fail thee, nor for-
sake thee, until thou hast finished all
the work for the service of the house
of the LORD.
21 And, behold, the courses of the
priests and the Levites, *even they shall*
be with thee for all the service of the
house of God: and *there shall be* with
thee for all manner of workmanship
every willing skilful man, for any man-
ner of service: also the princes and all
the people *will be* wholly at thy com-
mandment.

CHAPTER 29

FURTHERMORE David the king
said unto all the congregation, Sol-
omon my son, whom alone God hath
chosen, *is yet* young and tender, and
the work *is* great: for the palace *is* not
for man, but for the LORD God.
2 Now I have prepared with all my
might for the house of my God the
gold for *things to be made* of gold, and
the silver for *things* of silver, and the
brass for *things* of brass, the iron for
things of iron, and wood for *things* of
wood; onyx stones, and *stones* to be
set, glistering stones, and of divers col-
ours, and all manner of precious
stones, and marble stones in abun-
dance.
3 Moreover, because I have set my
affection to the house of my God, I
have of mine own proper good, of gold
and silver, *which* I have given to the
house of my God, over and above all
that I have prepared for the holy
house,
4 *Even* three thousand talents of
gold, of the gold of O'-phir, and seven
thousand talents of refined silver, to
overlay the walls of the houses *with-*
al:
5 The gold for *things* of gold, and
the silver for *things* of silver, and for
all manner of work *to be made* by the
hands of artificers. And who *then is*
willing to consecrate his service this
day unto the LORD?
6 Then the chief of the fathers and
princes of the tribes of Israel, and the
captains of thousands and of hun-
dreds, with the rulers of the king's
work, offered willingly,
7 And gave for the service of the
house of God of gold five thousand tal-
ents and ten thousand drams, and of
silver ten thousand talents, and of
brass eighteen thousand talents, and
one hundred thousand talents of iron.
8 And they with whom *precious*
stones were found gave *them* to the
treasure of the house of the LORD, by
the hand of Je-hi'-el the Ger'-shon-ite.
9 Then the people rejoiced, for *that*
they offered willingly, because with
perfect heart they offered willingly to

the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

10 Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed *be* thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.

11 Thine, O LORD, *is* the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all *that is* in the heaven and in the earth *is thine*; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

12 Both riches and honour *come* of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand *is* power and might; and in thine hand *it is* to make great, and to give strength unto all.

13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

14 But who *am* I, and what *is* my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things *come* of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

15 For we *are* strangers before thee, and sojourners, as *were* all our fathers: our days on the earth *are* as a shadow, and *there is* none abiding.

16 O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name *cometh* of thine hand, and *is* all thine own.

17 I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee.

18 O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee:

19 And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all *these things*, and to build the palace, *for* the which I have made provision.

20 And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the LORD, and the king.

21 And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings unto the LORD, on the morrow after that day, *even* a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, *and* a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel:

22 And did eat and drink before the LORD on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed *him* unto the LORD *to be* the chief governor, and Za'-dok *to be* priest.

23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him.

24 And all the princes, and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of king David, submitted themselves unto Solomon the king.

25 And the LORD magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him *such* royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

26 Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

27 And the time that he reigned over Israel *was* forty years; seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three *years* reigned he in Jerusalem.

28 And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead.

29 Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer,

30 With all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the countries.

The Second Book of the
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CHAPTER 1

AND Solomon the son of David was
strengthened in his kingdom,
and the LORD his God *was* with
him, and magnified him exceedingly.
2 Then Solomon spake unto all Is-
rael, to the captains of thousands and
of hundreds, and to the judges, and to
every governor in all Israel, the chief
of the fathers.
3 So Solomon, and all the congrega-
tion with him, went to the high place
that *was* at Gibeon; for there was the
tabernacle of the congregation of God,
which Moses the servant of the LORD
had made in the wilderness.
4 But the ark of God had David
brought up from Kir'-jath-je'-a-rim to
the place which David had prepared for
it: for he had pitched a tent for it at
Jerusalem.
5 Moreover the brasen altar, that
Be-zal'-e-el the son of U'-ri, the son of
Hur, had made, he put before the tab-
ernacle of the LORD: and Solomon and
the congregation sought unto it.
6 And Solomon went up thither to
the brasen altar before the LORD,
which *was* at the tabernacle of the con-
gregation, and offered a thousand
burnt offerings upon it.
7 In that night did God appear unto
Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what
I shall give thee.
8 And Solomon said unto God,
Thou hast shewed great mercy unto
David my father, and hast made me
to reign in his stead.
9 Now, O LORD God, let thy prom-
ise unto David my father be estab-
lished: for thou hast made me king
over a people like the dust of the earth
in multitude.
10 Give me now wisdom and knowl-
edge, that I may go out and come in
before this people: for who can judge
this thy people, *that is so* great?
11 And God said to Solomon, Be-
cause this was in thine heart, and thou
hast not asked riches, wealth, or hon-
our, nor the life of thine enemies, nei-
ther yet hast asked long life; but hast
asked wisdom and knowledge for thy-
self, that thou mayest judge my peo-
ple, over whom I have made thee king:
12 Wisdom and knowledge *is* grant-
ed unto thee; and I will give thee
riches, and wealth, and honour, such
as none of the kings have had that
have been before thee, neither shall
there any after thee have the like.
13 Then Solomon came *from his
journey* to the high place that *was* at
Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the
tabernacle of the congregation, and
reigned over Israel.
14 And Solomon gathered chariots
and horsemen: and he had a thousand
and four hundred chariots, and twelve
thousand horsemen, which he placed
in the chariot cities, and with the king
at Jerusalem.
15 And the king made silver and
gold at Jerusalem *as plenteous* as
stones, and cedar trees made he as the
sycomore trees that *are* in the vale for
abundance.
16 And Solomon had horses brought
out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the
king's merchants received the linen
yarn at a price.
17 And they fetched up, and
brought forth out of Egypt a chariot
for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and an
horse for an hundred and fifty: and so
brought they out *horses* for all the
kings of the Hittites, and for the kings
of Syria, by their means.

CHAPTER 2

AND Solomon determined to build
an house for the name of the
LORD, and an house for his kingdom.
2 And Solomon told out threescore
and ten thousand men to bear bur-
dens, and fourscore thousand to hew
in the mountain, and three thousand
and six hundred to oversee them.
3 And Solomon sent to Hu'-ram the
king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst
deal with David my father, and didst
send him cedars to build him an house
to dwell therein, *even so deal with me*.
4 Behold, I build an house to the
name of the LORD my God, to dedicate
it to him, and to burn before him sweet
incense, and for the continual shew-

bread, and for the burnt offerings
morning and evening, on the sabbaths,
and on the new moons, and on the
solemn feasts of the LORD our God.
This *is an ordinance* for ever to Israel.
5 And the house which I build *is*
great: for great *is* our God above all
gods.
6 But who is able to build him an
house, seeing the heaven and heaven
of heavens cannot contain him? who
am I then, that I should build him an
house, save only to burn sacrifice be-
fore him?
7 Send me now therefore a man
cunning to work in gold, and in silver,
and in brass, and in iron, and in pur-
ple, and crimson, and blue, and that
can skill to grave with the cunning
men that *are with me* in Judah and in
Jerusalem, whom David my father did
provide.
8 Send me also cedar trees, fir trees,
and algum trees, out of Lebanon: for
I know that thy servants can skill to
cut timber in Lebanon; and, behold,
my servants *shall be* with thy servants,
9 Even to prepare me timber in
abundance: for the house which I am
about to build *shall be* wonderful great.
10 And, behold, I will give to thy
servants, the hewers that cut timber,
twenty thousand measures of beaten
wheat, and twenty thousand measures
of barley, and twenty thousand baths
of wine, and twenty thousand baths of
oil.
11 Then Hu'-ram the king of Tyre
answered in writing, which *he sent* to
Solomon, Because the LORD hath
loved his people, he hath made thee
king over them.
12 Hu'-ram said moreover, Blessed
be the LORD God of Israel, that made
heaven and earth, who hath given to
David the king a wise son, endued
with prudence and understanding,
that might build an house for the
LORD, and an house for his kingdom.
13 And now I have sent a cunning
man, endued with understanding, of
Hu'-ram my father's,
14 The son of a woman of the
daughters of Dan, and his father *was*
a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold,
and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone,
and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in
fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave
any manner of graving, and to find out
every device which shall be put to him,
with thy cunning men, and with the
cunning men of my lord David thy
father.
15 Now therefore the wheat, and
the barley, the oil, and the wine, which
my lord hath spoken of, let him send
unto his servants:
16 And we will cut wood out of
Lebanon, as much as thou shalt need:
and we will bring it to thee in flotes by
sea to Joppa; and thou *shalt carry it*
up to Jerusalem.
17 And Solomon numbered *all* the
strangers that *were* in the land of Is-
rael, after the numbering wherewith
David his father had numbered them;
and they were found an hundred and
fifty thousand and three thousand and
six hundred.
18 And he set threescore and ten
thousand of them *to be* bearers of bur-
dens, and fourscore thousand *to be*
hewers in the mountain, and three
thousand and six hundred overseers to
set the people a work.

CHAPTER 3

THEN Solomon began to build the
house of the LORD at Jerusalem in
mount Mo-ri'-ah, where *the LORD* ap-
peared unto David his father, in the
place that David had prepared in the
threshingfloor of Or'-nan the Jeb'-u-
site.
2 And he began to build in the sec-
ond *day* of the second month, in the
fourth year of his reign.
3 Now these *are the things wherein*
Solomon was instructed for the build-
ing of the house of God. The length by
cubits after the first measure *was*
threescore cubits, and the breadth
twenty cubits.
4 And the porch that *was* in the
front *of the house*, the length *of it was*
according to the breadth of the house,
twenty cubits, and the height *was* an
hundred and twenty: and he overlaid
it within with pure gold.
5 And the greater house he cieled
with fir tree, which he overlaid with
fine gold, and set thereon palm trees
and chains.
6 And he garnished the house with
precious stones for beauty: and the
gold *was* gold of Par-va'-im.
7 He overlaid also the house, the
beams, the posts, and the walls there-
of, and the doors thereof, with gold;
and graved cherubims on the walls.
8 And he made the most holy house,
the length whereof *was* according to

the breadth of the house, twenty cu-
bits, and the breadth thereof twenty
cubits: and he overlaid it with fine
gold, *amounting* to six hundred talents.
9 And the weight of the nails *was*
fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid
the upper chambers with gold.
10 And in the most holy house he
made two cherubims of image work,
and overlaid them with gold.
11 And the wings of the cherubims
were twenty cubits long: one wing *of*
the one cherub was five cubits, reaching
to the wall of the house: and the other
wing *was likewise* five cubits, reaching
to the wing of the other cherub.
12 And *one* wing of the other cherub
was five cubits, reaching to the wall of
the house: and the other wing *was* five
cubits *also*, joining to the wing of the
other cherub.
13 The wings of these cherubims
spread themselves forth twenty cubits:
and they stood on their feet, and their
faces *were* inward.
14 And he made the vail *of* blue,
and purple, and crimson, and fine
linen, and wrought cherubims thereon.
15 Also he made before the house
two pillars of thirty and five cubits
high, and the chapiter that *was* on the
top of each of them *was* five cubits.
16 And he made chains, *as* in the
oracle, and put *them* on the heads of
the pillars; and made an hundred pome-
granates, and put *them* on the chains.
17 And he reared up the pillars be-
fore the temple, one on the right hand,
and the other on the left; and called
the name of that on the right hand Ja´-
chin, and the name of that on the left
Bo´-az.

CHAPTER 4

MOREOVER he made an altar of
brass, twenty cubits the length
thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth
thereof, and ten cubits the height
thereof.
2 Also he made a molten sea of ten
cubits from brim to brim, round in
compass, and five cubits the height
thereof; and a line of thirty cubits did
compass it round about.
3 And under it *was* the similitude of
oxen, which did compass it round
about: ten in a cubit, compassing the
sea round about. Two rows of oxen
were cast, when it was cast.
4 It stood upon twelve oxen, three
looking toward the north, and three
looking toward the west, and three
looking toward the south, and three
looking toward the east: and the sea
was set above upon them, and all their
hinder parts *were* inward.
5 And the thickness of it *was* an
handbreadth, and the brim of it like
the work of the brim of a cup, with
flowers of lilies; *and* it received and
held three thousand baths.
6 He made also ten lavers, and put
five on the right hand, and five on the
left, to wash in them: such things as
they offered for the burnt offering they
washed in them; but the sea *was* for
the priests to wash in.
7 And he made ten candlesticks of
gold according to their form, and set
them in the temple, five on the right
hand, and five on the left.
8 He made also ten tables, and
placed *them* in the temple, five on the
right side, and five on the left. And he
made an hundred basons of gold.
9 Furthermore he made the court of
the priests, and the great court, and
doors for the court, and overlaid the
doors of them with brass.
10 And he set the sea on the right
side of the east end, over against the
south.
11 And Hu´-ram made the pots, and
the shovels, and the basons. And Hu´-
ram finished the work that he was to
make for king Solomon for the house
of God;
12 *To wit*, the two pillars, and the
pommels, and the chapiters *which were*
on the top of the two pillars, and the
two wreaths to cover the two pom-
mels of the chapiters which *were* on the
top of the pillars;
13 And four hundred pomegranates
on the two wreaths; two rows of pome-
granates on each wreath, to cover the
two pommels of the chapiters which
were upon the pillars.
14 He made also bases, and lavers
made he upon the bases;
15 One sea, and twelve oxen under
it.
16 The pots also, and the shovels,
and the fleshhooks, and all their in-
struments, did Hu´-ram *his father*
make to king Solomon for the house
of the LORD of bright brass.
17 In the plain of Jordan did the
king cast them, in the clay ground be-
tween Suc´-coth and Ze-re-da´-thah.
18 Thus Solomon made [illegible]hese
vessels in great abunda[illegible]

weight of the brass could not be found
out.
19 And Solomon made all the ves-
sels that *were for* the house of God, the
golden altar also, and the tables where-
on the shewbread *was set;*
20 Moreover the candlesticks with
their lamps, that they should burn
after the manner before the oracle, of
pure gold;
21 And the flowers, and the lamps,
and the tongs, *made he of* gold, *and*
that perfect gold;
22 And the snuffers, and the ba-
sons, and the spoons, and the censers,
of pure gold: and the entry of the
house, the inner doors thereof for the
most holy *place,* and the doors of the
house of the temple, *were of* gold.

CHAPTER 5

THUS all the work that Solomon
made for the house of the LORD
was finished: and Solomon brought in
all the things that David his father
had dedicated; and the silver, and the
gold, and all the instruments, put he
among the treasures of the house of
God.
2 Then Solomon assembled the el-
ders of Israel, and all the heads of the
tribes, the chief of the fathers of the
children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to
bring up the ark of the covenant of the
LORD out of the city of David, which
is Zion.
3 Wherefore all the men of Israel
assembled themselves unto the king in
the feast which *was* in the seventh
month.
4 And all the elders of Israel came;
and the Levites took up the ark.
5 And they brought up the ark, and
the tabernacle of the congregation,
and all the holy vessels that *were* in the
tabernacle, these did the priests *and*
the Levites bring up.
6 Also king Solomon, and all the
congregation of Israel that were as-
sembled unto him before the ark, sac-
rificed sheep and oxen, which could
not be told nor numbered for multi-
tude.
7 And the priests brought in the ark
of the covenant of the LORD unto his
place, to the oracle of the house, into
the most holy *place, even* under the
wings of the cherubims:
8 For the cherubims spread forth
their wings over the place of the ark,
and the cherubims covered the ark and
the staves thereof above.
9 And they drew out the staves *of*
the ark, that the ends of the staves
were seen from the ark before the
oracle; but they were not seen with-
out. And there it is unto this day.
10 *There was* nothing in the ark
save the two tables which Moses put
therein at Ho'-reb, when the LORD
made *a covenant* with the children of
Israel, when they came out of Egypt.
11 And it came to pass, when the
priests were come out of the holy *place:*
(for all the priests *that were* present
were sanctified, *and* did not *then* wait
by course:
12 Also the Levites *which were* the
singers, all of them of A'-saph, of He'-
man, of Jed-u'-thun, with their sons
and their brethren, *being* arrayed in
white linen, having cymbals and psal-
teries and harps, stood at the east end
of the altar, and with them an hundred
and twenty priests sounding with
trumpets:)
13 It came even to pass, as the
trumpeters and singers *were* as one, to
make one sound to be heard in praising
and thanking the LORD; and when they
lifted up *their* voice with the trumpets
and cymbals and instruments of mu-
sick, and praised the LORD, *saying,* For
he is good; for his mercy *endureth* for
ever: that *then* the house was filled
with a cloud, *even* the house of the
LORD;
14 So that the priests could not
stand to minister by reason of the
cloud: for the glory of the LORD had
filled the house of God.

CHAPTER 6

THEN said Solomon, The LORD
hath said that he would dwell in
the thick darkness.
2 But I have built an house of habi-
tation for thee, and a place for thy
dwelling for ever.
3 And the king turned his face, and
blessed the whole congregation of Is-
rael: and all the congregation of Israel
stood.
4 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD
God of Israel, who hath with his hands
fulfilled *that* which he spake with his
mouth to my father David, saying,
5 Since the day that I brought forth
my people out of the land of Egypt I
chose no city among all the tribes of

Israel to build an house in, that my
name might be there; neither chose I
any man to be a ruler over my people
Israel:
6 But I have chosen Jerusalem,
that my name might be there; and
have chosen David to be over my peo-
ple Israel.
7 Now *it* was in the heart of David
my father to build an house for the
name of the LORD God of Israel.
8 But the LORD said to David my
father, Forasmuch as it was in thine
heart to build an house for my name,
thou didst well in that it was in thine
heart:
9 Notwithstanding thou shalt not
build the house; but thy son which
shall come forth out of thy loins, he
shall build the house for my name.
10 The LORD therefore hath per-
formed his word that he hath spoken:
for I am risen up in the room of David
my father, and am set on the throne
of Israel, as the LORD promised, and
have built the house for the name of
the LORD God of Israel.
11 And in it have I put the ark,
wherein *is* the covenant of the LORD,
that he made with the children of Is-
rael.
12 And he stood before the altar of
the LORD in the presence of all the con-
gregation of Israel, and spread forth
his hands:
13 For Solomon had made a brasen
scaffold of five cubits long, and five cu-
bits broad, and three cubits high, and
had set it in the midst of the court: and
upon it he stood, and kneeled down
upon his knees before all the congrega-
tion of Israel, and spread forth his
hands toward heaven,
14 And said, O LORD God of Israel,
there is no God like thee in the heaven,
nor in the earth; which keepest cove-
nant, and *shewest* mercy unto thy ser-
vants, that walk before thee with all
their hearts:
15 Thou which hast kept with thy
servant David my father that which
thou hast promised him; and spakest
with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled *it*
with thine hand, as *it is* this day.
16 Now therefore, O LORD God of
Israel, keep with thy servant David
my father that which thou hast prom-
ised him, saying, There shall not fail
thee a man in my sight to sit upon the
throne of Israel; yet so that thy chil-
dren take heed to their way to walk in
my law, as thou hast walked before
me.
17 Now then, O LORD God of Is-
rael, let thy word be verified, which
thou hast spoken unto thy servant
David.
18 But will God in very deed dwell
with men on the earth? behold, heaven
and the heaven of heavens cannot con-
tain thee; how much less this house
which I have built!
19 Have respect therefore to the
prayer of thy servant, and to his sup-
plication, O LORD my God, to hearken
unto the cry and the prayer which thy
servant prayeth before thee:
20 That thine eyes may be open
upon this house day and night, up-
on the place whereof thou hast said
that thou wouldest put thy name
there; to hearken unto the prayer
which thy servant prayeth toward
this place.
21 Hearken therefore unto the sup-
plications of thy servant, and of thy
people Israel, which they shall make
toward this place: hear thou from thy
dwelling place, *even* from heaven; and
when thou hearest, forgive.
22 If a man sin against his neigh-
bour, and an oath be laid upon him to
make him swear, and the oath come
before thine altar in this house;
23 Then hear thou from heaven,
and do, and judge thy servants, by re-
quiting the wicked, by recompensing
his way upon his own head; and by
justifying the righteous, by giving him
according to his righteousness.
24 And if thy people Israel be put
to the worse before the enemy, because
they have sinned against thee; and
shall return and confess thy name, and
pray and make supplication before
thee in this house;
25 Then hear thou from the heav-
ens, and forgive the sin of thy people
Israel, and bring them again unto the
land which thou gavest to them and to
their fathers.
26 When the heaven is shut up, and
there is no rain, because they have
sinned against thee; *yet* if they pray
toward this place, and confess thy
name, and turn from their sin, when
thou dost afflict them;
27 Then hear thou from heaven,
and forgive the sin of thy servants, and
of thy people Israel, when th[illegible] hast
taught them the good w[illegible]ein
they should walk; and se[illegible]

thy land, which thou hast given unto
thy people for an inheritance.
28 If there be dearth in the land, if
there be pestilence, if there be blasting,
or mildew, locusts, or caterpillers; if
their enemies besiege them in the cities
of their land; whatsoever sore or what-
soever sickness *there be:*
29 *Then* what prayer *or* what sup-
plication soever shall be made of any
man, or of all thy people Israel, when
every one shall know his own sore and
his own grief, and shall spread forth
his hands in this house:
30 Then hear thou from heaven thy
dwelling place, and forgive, and render
unto every man according unto all his
ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for
thou only knowest the hearts of the
children of men:)
31 That they may fear thee, to
walk in thy ways, so long as they live
in the land which thou gavest unto our
fathers.
32 Moreover concerning the stran-
ger, which is not of thy people Israel,
but is come from a far country for thy
great name's sake, and thy mighty
hand, and thy stretched out arm; if
they come and pray in this house;
33 Then hear thou from the heav-
ens, *even* from thy dwelling place, and
do according to all that the stranger
calleth to thee for; that all people of
the earth may know thy name, and
fear thee, as *doth* thy people Israel, and
may know that this house which I
have built is called by thy name.
34 If thy people go out to war
against their enemies by the way that
thou shalt send them, and they pray
unto thee toward this city which thou
hast chosen, and the house which I
have built for thy name;
35 Then hear thou from the heavens
their prayer and their supplication,
and maintain their cause.
36 If they sin against thee, (for
there is no man which sinneth not,) and
thou be angry with them, and deliver
them over before *their* enemies, and
they carry them away captives unto a
land far off or near;
37 Yet *if* they bethink themselves
in the land whither they are carried
captive, and turn and pray unto thee
in the land of their captivity, saying,
We have sinned, we have done amiss,
and have dealt wickedly;
38 If they return to thee with all
their heart and with all their soul in
the land of their captivity, whither
they have carried them captives, and
pray toward their land, which thou
gavest unto their fathers, and *toward*
the city which thou hast chosen, and
toward the house which I have built
for thy name:
39 Then hear thou from the heav-
ens, *even* from thy dwelling place,
their prayer and their supplications,
and maintain their cause, and forgive
thy people which have sinned against
thee.
40 Now, my God, let, I beseech
thee, thine eyes be open, and *let* thine
ears *be* attent unto the prayer *that is*
made in this place.
41 Now therefore arise, O LORD
God, into thy resting place, thou, and
the ark of thy strength: let thy priests,
O LORD God, be clothed with salva-
tion, and let thy saints rejoice in good-
ness.
42 O LORD God, turn not away the
face of thine anointed: remember the
mercies of David thy servant.

CHAPTER 7

NOW when Solomon had made an
end of praying, the fire came
down from heaven, and consumed the
burnt offering and the sacrifices; and
the glory of the LORD filled the house.
2 And the priests could not enter
into the house of the LORD, because
the glory of the LORD had filled the
LORD'S house.
3 And when all the children of Is-
rael saw how the fire came down, and
the glory of the LORD upon the house,
they bowed themselves with their faces
to the ground upon the pavement, and
worshipped, and praised the LORD,
saying, For *he is* good; for his mercy
endureth for ever.
4 Then the king and all the people
offered sacrifices before the LORD.
5 And king Solomon offered a sac-
rifice of twenty and two thousand ox-
en, and an hundred and twenty thou-
sand sheep: so the king and all the peo-
ple dedicated the house of God.
6 And the priests waited on their
offices: the Levites also with instru-
ments of musick of the LORD, which
David the king had made to praise the
LORD, because his mercy *endureth* for
ever, when David praised by their
ministry; and the priests sounded
trumpets before them, and all Israel
stood.

7 Moreover Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that *was* before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brasen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat.

8 Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Ha´-math unto the river of Egypt.

9 And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.

10 And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the LORD had shewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

11 Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

12 And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.

13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;

14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer *that is made* in this place.

16 For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

17 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments;

18 Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man *to be* ruler in Israel.

19 But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them;

20 Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it *to be* a proverb and a byword among all nations.

21 And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house?

22 And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

CHAPTER 8

AND it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of the LORD, and his own house,

2 That the cities which Hu´-ram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there.

3 And Solomon went to Ha´-math–zo´-bah, and prevailed against it.

4 And he built Tad´-mor in the wilderness, and all the store cities, which he built in Ha´-math.

5 Also he built Beth–ho´-ron the upper, and Beth–ho´-ron the nether, fenced cities, with walls, gates, and bars;

6 And Ba´-al-ath, and all the store cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and all that Solomon desired *to build* in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion.

7 *As for* all the people *that were* left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Per´-iz-zites, and the Hi´-vites, and the Jeb´-u-sites, which *were* not of Israel,

8 *But* of their children, who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not, them did Solomon make to pay tribute until this day.

9 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his work; but they *were* men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen.

10 And these *were* the chief of king Solomon's officers, *even* two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people.

11 And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David unto the house that he had built for her: for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because *the places are* holy, whereunto the ark of the LORD hath come.

12 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings unto the LORD on the altar of the LORD, which he had built before the porch,

13 Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, *even* in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles.

14 And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required: the porters also by their courses at every gate: for so had David the man of God commanded.

15 And they departed not from the commandment of the king unto the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures.

16 Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and until it was finished. *So* the house of the LORD was perfected.

17 Then went Solomon to E'-zi-on-ge'-ber, and to E'-loth, at the sea side in the land of Edom.

18 And Hu'-ram sent him by the hands of his servants ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea; and they went with the servants of Solomon to O'-phir, and took thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought *them* to king Solomon.

CHAPTER 9

AND when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great company, and camels that bare spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

2 And Solomon told her all her questions: and there was nothing hid from Solomon which he told her not.

3 And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built,

4 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent by which he went up into the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.

5 And she said to the king, *It was* a true report which I heard in mine own land of thine acts, and of thy wisdom:

6 Howbeit I believed not their words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen *it:* and, behold, the one half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me: *for* thou exceedest the fame that I heard.

7 Happy *are* thy men, and happy *are* these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom.

8 Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, *to be* king for the LORD thy God: because thy God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment and justice.

9 And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon.

10 And the servants also of Hu'-ram, and the servants of Solomon, which brought gold from O'-phir, brought algum trees and precious stones.

11 And the king made *of* the algum trees terraces to the house of the LORD, and to the king's palace, and harps and psalteries for singers: and there were none such seen before in the land of Judah.

12 And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside *that* which she

had brought unto the king. So she turned, and went away to her own land, she and her servants.

13 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and three score and six talents of gold;

14 Beside *that which* chapmen and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.

15 And king Solomon made two hundred targets *of* beaten gold: six hundred *shekels* of beaten gold went to one target.

16 And three hundred shields *made he of* beaten gold: three hundred *shekels* of gold went to one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

17 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid *it* with pure gold.

18 And *there were* six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, *which were* fastened to the throne, and stays on each side of the sitting place, and two lions standing by the stays:

19 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps. There was not the like made in any kingdom.

20 And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon *were of* gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were of* pure gold: none *were of* silver; it was *not* any thing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

21 For the king's ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Hu'-ram: every three years once came the ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

22 And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

23 And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart.

24 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, harness, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

25 And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; whom he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

26 And he reigned over all the kings from the river even unto the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt.

27 And the king made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycomore trees that *are* in the low plains in abundance.

28 And they brought unto Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

29 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, *are* they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of A-hi'-jah the Shi'-lo-nite, and in the visions of Id'-do the seer against Jer-o-bo'-am the son of Ne'-bat?

30 And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years.

31 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father: and Re-ho-bo'-am his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 10

AND Re-ho-bo'-am went to She'-chem: for to She'-chem were all Israel come to make him king.

2 And it came to pass, when Jer-o-bo'-am the son of Ne'-bat, who *was* in Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of Solomon the king, heard *it*, that Jer-o-bo'-am returned out of Egypt.

3 And they sent and called him. So Jer-o-bo'-am and all Israel came and spake to Re-ho-bo'-am, saying,

4 Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore ease thou somewhat the grievous servitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee.

5 And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed.

6 And king Re-ho-bo'-am took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye *me* to return answer to this people?

7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants for ever.

8 But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men that were brought up with him, that stood b fore him.

9 And he said unto them, What vice give ye that we may ret

swer to this people, which have spoken
to me, saying, Ease somewhat the
yoke that thy father did put upon us?
10 And the young men that were
brought up with him spake unto him,
saying, Thus shalt thou answer the
people that spake unto thee, saying,
Thy father made our yoke heavy, but
make thou *it* somewhat lighter for us;
thus shalt thou say unto them, My
little *finger* shall be thicker than my
father's loins.
11 For whereas my father put a
heavy yoke upon you, I will put more
to your yoke: my father chastised you
with whips, but I *will chastise you* with
scorpions.
12 So Jer-o-bo'-am and all the peo-
ple came to Re-ho-bo'-am on the third
day, as the king bade, saying, Come
again to me on the third day.
13 And the king answered them
roughly; and king Re-ho-bo'-am for-
sook the counsel of the old men,
14 And answered them after the ad-
vice of the young men, saying, My fa-
ther made your yoke heavy, but I will
add thereto: my father chastised you
with whips, but I *will chastise you* with
scorpions.
15 So the king hearkened not unto
the people: for the cause was of God,
that the LORD might perform his word,
which he spake by the hand of A-hi'-
jah the Shi'-lo-nite to Jer-o-bo'-am the
son of Ne'-bat.
16 And when all Israel *saw* that the
king would not hearken unto them,
the people answered the king, saying,
What portion have we in David? and
we have none inheritance in the son of
Jesse: every man to your tents, O Is-
rael: *and* now, David, see to thine own
house. So all Israel went to their tents.
17 But *as for* the children of Israel
that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Re-
ho-bo'-am reigned over them.
18 Then king Re-ho-bo'-am sent
Ha-do'-ram that *was* over the tribute;
and the children of Israel stoned him
with stones, that he died. But king
Re-ho-bo'-am made speed to get him
up to *his* chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.
19 And Israel rebelled against the
house of David unto this day.

CHAPTER 11

AND when Re-ho-bo'-am was come
to Jerusalem, he gathered of the
house of Judah and Benjamin an hun-
dred and fourscore thousand chosen
men, which were warriors, to fight
against Israel, that he might bring the
kingdom again to Re-ho-bo'-am.
2 But the word of the LORD came to
She-ma'-iah the man of God, saying,
3 Speak unto Re-ho-bo'-am the son
of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all
Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying,
4 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not
go up, nor fight against your brethren:
return every man to his house: for this
thing is done of me. And they obeyed
the words of the LORD, and returned
from going against Jer-o-bo'-am.
5 And Re-ho-bo'-am dwelt in Jeru-
salem, and built cities for defence in
Judah.
6 He built even Beth–lehem, and
E'-tam, and Te-ko'-a,
7 And Beth–zur, and Sho'-co, and
Adullam,
8 And Gath, and Ma-re'-shah, and
Ziph,
9 And Ad-o-ra'-im, and La'-chish,
and A-ze'-kah,
10 And Zo'-rah, and Aij'-a-lon, and
Hebron, which *are* in Judah and in
Benjamin fenced cities.
11 And he fortified the strong holds,
and put captains in them, and store of
victual, and of oil and wine.
12 And in every several city *he put*
shields and spears, and made them ex-
ceeding strong, having Judah and
Benjamin on his side.
13 And the priests and the Levites
that *were* in all Israel resorted to him
out of all their coasts.
14 For the Levites left their sub-
urbs and their possession, and came to
Judah and Jerusalem: for Jer-o-bo'-am
and his sons had cast them off from
executing the priest's office unto the
LORD:
15 And he ordained him priests for
the high places, and for the devils, and
for the calves which he had made.
16 And after them out of all the
tribes of Israel such as set their hearts
to seek the LORD God of Israel came to
Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the LORD
God of their fathers.
17 So they strengthened the king-
dom of Judah, and made Re-ho-bo'-am
the son of Solomon strong, three years:
for three years they walked in the way
of David and Solomon.
18 And Re-ho-bo'-am took him Ma'-
ha-lath the daughter of Jer-i'-moth the
son of David to wife, *and* Ab'-i-ha-il

the daughter of E-li'-ab the son of
Jesse;
19 Which bare him children; Je'-
ush, and Shem-a-ri'-ah, and Za'-ham.
20 And after her he took Ma'-a-chah
the daughter of Ab'-sa-lom; which bare
him A-bi'-jah, and At'-tai, and Zi'-za,
and She-lo'-mith.
21 And Re-ho-bo'-am loved Ma'-a-
chah the daughter of Ab'-sa-lom above
all his wives and his concubines: (for he
took eighteen wives, and threescore
concubines; and begat twenty and
eight sons, and threescore daughters.)
22 And Re-ho-bo'-am made A-bi'-
jah the son of Ma'-a-chah the chief, *to*
be ruler among his brethren: for *he*
thought to make him king.
23 And he dealt wisely, and dis-
persed of all his children throughout
all the countries of Judah and Benja-
min, unto every fenced city: and he
gave them victual in abundance. And
he desired many wives.

CHAPTER 12

AND it came to pass, when Re-ho-
bo'-am had established the king-
dom, and had strengthened himself, he
forsook the law of the LORD, and all
Israel with him.
2 And it came to pass, *that* in the
fifth year of king Re-ho-bo'-am Shi'-
shak king of Egypt came up against
Jerusalem, because they had trans-
gressed against the LORD,
3 With twelve hundred chariots,
and threescore thousand horsemen:
and the people *were* without number
that came with him out of Egypt; the
Lu'-bims, the Suk'-ki-ims, and the
E-thi-o'-pi-ans.
4 And he took the fenced cities
which *pertained* to Judah, and came to
Jerusalem.
5 Then came She-ma'-iah the pro-
phet to Re-ho-bo'-am, and *to* the prin-
ces of Judah, that were gathered to-
gether to Jerusalem because of Shi'-
shak, and said unto them, Thus saith
the LORD, Ye have forsaken me, and
therefore have I also left you in the
hand of Shi'-shak.
6 Whereupon the princes of Israel
and the king humbled themselves; and
they said, The LORD *is* righteous.
7 And when the LORD saw that they
humbled themselves, the word of the
LORD came to She-ma'-iah, saying,
They have humbled themselves; *there-*
fore I will not destroy them, but I will
grant them some deliverance; and my
wrath shall not be poured out upon
Jerusalem by the hand of Shi'-shak.
8 Nevertheless they shall be his
servants; that they may know my ser-
vice, and the service of the kingdoms
of the countries.
9 So Shi'-shak king of Egypt came
up against Jerusalem, and took away
the treasures of the house of the LORD,
and the treasures of the king's house;
he took all: he carried away also the
shields of gold which Solomon had
made.
10 Instead of which king Re-ho-bo'-
am made shields of brass, and com-
mitted *them* to the hands of the chief
of the guard, that kept the entrance of
the king's house.
11 And when the king entered into
the house of the LORD, the guard came
and fetched them, and brought them
again into the guard chamber.
12 And when he humbled himself,
the wrath of the LORD turned from
him, that he would not destroy *him* al-
together: and also in Judah things
went well.
13 So king Re-ho-bo'-am strength-
ened himself in Jerusalem, and
reigned: for Re-ho-bo'-am *was* one and
forty years old when he began to reign,
and he reigned seventeen years in
Jerusalem, the city which the LORD
had chosen out of all the tribes of
Israel, to put his name there. And his
mother's name *was* Na'-a-mah an
Ammonitess.
14 And he did evil, because he pre-
pared not his heart to seek the LORD.
15 Now the acts of Re-ho-bo'-am,
first and last, *are* they not written in
the book of She-ma'-iah the prophet,
and of Id'-do the seer concerning gene-
alogies? And *there were* wars between
Re-ho-bo'-am and Jer-o-bo'-am con-
tinually.
16 And Re-ho-bo'-am slept with his
fathers, and was buried in the city of
David: and A-bi'-jah his son reigned in
his stead.

CHAPTER 13

NOW in the eighteenth year of king
Jer-o-bo'-am began A-bi'-jah to
reign over Judah.
2 He reigned three years in Jerusa-
lem. His mother's name also *was* Mi-
cha'-iah the daughter of U'-ri-el of Gib'-
e-ah. And there was war between A-bi'-
jah and Jer-o-bo'-am.

3 And A-bi′-jah set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, *even* four hundred thousand chosen men: Jer-o-bo′-am also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, *being* mighty men of valour.

4 And A-bi′-jah stood up upon mount Ze-ma-ra′-im, which *is* in mount E′-phra-im, and said, Hear me, thou Jer-o-bo′-am, and all Israel;

5 Ought ye not to know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, *even* to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?

6 Yet Jer-o-bo′-am the son of Ne′-bat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and hath rebelled against his lord.

7 And there are gathered unto him vain men, the children of Be′-li-al, and have strengthened themselves against Re-ho-bo′-am the son of Solomon, when Re-ho-bo′-am was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them.

8 And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David; and ye be a great multitude, and *there are* with you golden calves, which Jer-o-bo′-am made you for gods.

9 Have ye not cast out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the nations of *other* lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, *the same* may be a priest of *them that are* no gods.

10 But as for us, the LORD *is* our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the LORD, *are* the sons of Aaron, and the Levites *wait* upon *their* business:

11 And they burn unto the LORD every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the shewbread also *set they in order* upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the LORD our God; but ye have forsaken him.

12 And, behold, God himself *is* with us for our captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.

13 But Jer-o-bo′-am caused an ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambushment *was* behind them.

14 And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle *was* before and behind: and they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.

15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jer-o-bo′-am and all Israel before A-bi′-jah and Judah.

16 And the children of Israel fled before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand.

17 And A-bi′-jah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men.

18 Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the LORD God of their fathers.

19 And A-bi′-jah pursued after Jer-o-bo′-am, and took cities from him, Beth–el with the towns thereof, and Je-sha′-nah with the towns thereof, and E′-phra-in with the towns thereof.

20 Neither did Jer-o-bo′-am recover strength again in the days of A-bi′-jah: and the LORD struck him, and he died.

21 But A-bi′-jah waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters.

22 And the rest of the acts of A-bi′-jah, and his ways, and his sayings, *are* written in the story of the prophet Id′-do.

CHAPTER 14

SO A-bi′-jah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years.

2 And Asa did *that which was* good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God:

3 For he took away the altars of the strange gods, and the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down the groves:

4 And commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment.

5 Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the

images: and the kingdom was quiet before him.

6 And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the LORD had given him rest.

7 Therefore he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about *them* walls, and towers, gates, and bars, *while* the land *is* yet before us; because we have sought the LORD our God, we have sought *him*, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered.

8 And Asa had an army *of men* that bare targets and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand: all these *were* mighty men of valour.

9 And there came out against them Ze'-rah the E-thi-o'-pi-an with an host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and came unto Ma-re'-shah.

10 Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Ze-pha'-thah at Ma-re'-shah.

11 And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, *it is* nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou *art* our God; let not man prevail against thee.

12 So the LORD smote the E-thi-o'-pi-ans before Asa, and before Judah; and the E-thi-o'-pi-ans fled.

13 And Asa and the people that *were* with him pursued them unto Ge'-rar: and the E-thi-o'-pi-ans were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before the LORD, and before his host; and they carried away very much spoil.

14 And they smote all the cities round about Ge'-rar; for the fear of the LORD came upon them: and they spoiled all the cities; for there was exceeding much spoil in them.

15 They smote also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 15

AND the Spirit of God came upon Az-a-ri'-ah the son of O'-ded:

2 And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD *is* with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

3 Now for a long season Israel *hath been* without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law.

4 But when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them.

5 And in those times *there was* no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations *were* upon all the inhabitants of the countries.

6 And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity.

7 Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.

8 And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of O'-ded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount E'-phra-im, and renewed the altar of the LORD, that *was* before the porch of the LORD.

9 And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of E'-phra-im and Ma-nas'-seh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God *was* with him.

10 So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.

11 And they offered unto the LORD the same time, of the spoil *which* they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.

12 And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul;

13 That whosoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

14 And they sware unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and *with* trumpets, and with cornets.

15 And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their

heart, and sought him with their whole
desire; and he was found of them: and
the LORD gave them rest round about.
16 And also *concerning* Ma'-a-chah
the mother of Asa the king, he re-
moved her from *being* queen, because
she had made an idol in a grove: and
Asa cut down her idol, and stamped
it, and burnt *it* at the brook Kidron.
17 But the high places were not
taken away out of Israel: nevertheless
the heart of Asa was perfect all his
days.
18 And he brought into the house
of God the things that his father had
dedicated, and that he himself had
dedicated, silver, and gold, and ves-
sels.
19 And there was no *more* war unto
the five and thirtieth year of the reign
of Asa.

CHAPTER 16

IN the six and thirtieth year of the
reign of Asa Ba'-a-sha king of Israel
came up against Judah, and built Ra'-
mah, to the intent that he might let
none go out or come in to Asa king of
Judah.
2 Then Asa brought out silver and
gold out of the treasures of the house
of the LORD and of the king's house,
and sent to Ben-ha'-dad king of Syria,
that dwelt at Damascus, saying,
3 *There is* a league between me and
thee, as *there was* between my father
and thy father: behold, I have sent
thee silver and gold; go, break thy
league with Ba'-a-sha king of Israel,
that he may depart from me.
4 And Ben-ha'-dad hearkened unto
king Asa, and sent the captains of his
armies against the cities of Israel; and
they smote I'-jon, and Dan, and A'-bel-
ma'-im, and all the store cities of
Naph'-ta-li.
5 And it came to pass, when Ba'-a-
sha heard *it*, that he left off building
of Ra'-mah, and let his work cease.
6 Then Asa the king took all Judah;
and they carried away the stones of
Ra'-mah, and the timber thereof,
wherewith Ba'-a-sha was building; and
he built therewith Ge'-ba and Mizpah.
7 And at that time Ha-na'-ni the
seer came to Asa king of Judah, and
said unto him, Because thou hast re-
lied on the king of Syria, and not relied
on the LORD thy God, therefore is the
host of the king of Syria escaped out
of thine hand.
8 Were not the E-thi-o'-pi-ans and
the Lu'-bims a huge host, with very
many chariots and horsemen? yet, be-
cause thou didst rely on the LORD, he
delivered them into thine hand.
9 For the eyes of the LORD run to
and fro throughout the whole earth, to
shew himself strong in the behalf of
them whose heart *is* perfect toward
him. Herein thou hast done foolishly:
therefore from henceforth thou shalt
have wars.
10 Then Asa was wroth with the
seer, and put him in a prison house;
for *he was* in a rage with him because
of this *thing*. And Asa oppressed *some*
of the people the same time.
11 And, behold, the acts of Asa,
first and last, lo, they *are* written in
the book of the kings of Judah and Is-
rael.
12 And Asa in the thirty and ninth
year of his reign was diseased in his
feet, until his disease *was* exceeding
great: yet in his disease he sought not
to the LORD, but to the physicians.
13 And Asa slept with his fathers,
and died in the one and fortieth year
of his reign.
14 And they buried him in his own
sepulchres, which he had made for
himself in the city of David, and laid
him in the bed which was filled with
sweet odours and divers kinds *of spices*
prepared by the apothecaries' art: and
they made a very great burning for
him.

CHAPTER 17

AND Je-hosh'-a-phat his son reigned
in his stead, and strengthened
himself against Israel.
2 And he placed forces in all the
fenced cities of Judah, and set garri-
sons in the land of Judah, and in the
cities of E'-phra-im, which Asa his fa-
ther had taken.
3 And the LORD was with Je-hosh'-a-
phat, because he walked in the first
ways of his father David, and sought
not unto Ba'-al-im;
4 But sought to the *LORD* God of
his father, and walked in his com-
mandments, and not after the doings
of Israel.
5 Therefore the LORD stablished the
kingdom in his hand; and all Judah
brought to Je-hosh'-a-phat presents;
and he had riches and honour in abun-
dance.
6 And his heart was lifted up in the

ways of the LORD: moreover he took away the high places and groves out of Judah.

7 Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes, *even* to Ben-ha'-il, and to O-ba-di'-ah, and to Zech-a-ri'-ah, and to Ne-than'-e-el, and to Mi-cha'-iah, to teach in the cities of Judah.

8 And with them *he sent* Levites, *even* She-ma'-iah, and Neth-a-ni'-ah, and Zeb-a-di'-ah, and A'-sah-el, and She-mi-ra'-moth, and Je-hon'-a-than, and Ad-o-ni'-jah, and To-bi'-jah, and Tob-ado-ni'-jah, Levites; and with them E-li'-shama and Je-ho'-ram, priests.

9 And they taught in Judah, and *had* the book of the law of the LORD with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

10 And the fear of the LORD fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that *were* round about Judah, so that they made no war against Je-hosh'-a-phat.

11 Also *some* of the Philistines brought Je-hosh'-a-phat presents, and tribute silver; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he goats.

12 And Je-hosh'-a-phat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store.

13 And he had much business in the cities of Judah: and the men of war, mighty men of valour, *were* in Jerusalem.

14 And these *are* the numbers of them according to the house of their fathers: Of Judah, the captains of thousands; Ad'-nah the chief, and with him mighty men of valour three hundred thousand.

15 And next to him *was* Je-ho-ha'-nan the captain, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand.

16 And next him *was* Am-a-si'-ah the son of Zich'-ri, who willingly offered himself unto the LORD; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valour.

17 And of Benjamin; El-ia'-da a mighty man of valour, and with him armed men with bow and shield two hundred thousand.

18 And next him *was* Je-hoz'-a-bad, and with him an hundred and fourscore thousand ready prepared for the war.

19 These waited on the king, beside *those* whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah.

CHAPTER 18

NOW Je-hosh'-a-phat had riches and honour in abundance, and joined affinity with Ahab.

2 And after *certain* years he went down to Ahab to Sa-ma'-ri-a. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that *he had* with him, and persuaded him to go up *with him* to Ra'-moth-gil'-e-ad.

3 And Ahab king of Israel said unto Je-hosh'-a-phat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ra'-moth-gil'-e-ad? And he answered him, I *am* as thou *art*, and my people as thy people; and *we will be* with thee in the war.

4 And Je-hosh'-a-phat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.

5 Therefore the king of Israel gathered together of prophets four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we go to Ra'-moth-gil'-e-ad to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver *it* into the king's hand.

6 But Je-hosh'-a-phat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him?

7 And the king of Israel said unto Je-hosh'-a-phat, *There is* yet one man, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil: the same *is* Mi-ca'-iah the son of Im'-la. And Je-hosh'-a-phat said, Let not the king say so.

8 And the king of Israel called for one *of his* officers, and said, Fetch quickly Mi-ca'-iah the son of Im'-la.

9 And the king of Israel and Je-hosh'-a-phat king of Judah sat either of them on his throne, clothed in *their* robes, and they sat in a void place at the entering in of the gate of Sa-ma'-ri-a; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

10 And Zed-e-ki'-ah the son of Che-na'-a-nah had made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the LORD, With these thou shalt push Syria until they be consumed.

11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ra'[illegible]

and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver
it into the hand of the king.
12 And the messenger that went to
call Mi-ca'-iah spake to him, saying,
Behold, the words of the prophets *de-
clare* good to the king with one assent;
let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be
like one of theirs, and speak thou
good.
13 And Mi-ca'-iah said, As the LORD
liveth, even what my God saith, that
will I speak.
14 And when he was come to the
king, the king said unto him, Mi-ca'-
iah, shall we go to Ra'-moth–gil'-e-ad
to battle, or shall I forbear? And he
said, Go ye up, and prosper, and they
shall be delivered into your hand.
15 And the king said to him, How
many times shall I adjure thee that
thou say nothing but the truth to me
in the name of the LORD?
16 Then he said, I did see all Israel
scattered upon the mountains, as
sheep that have no shepherd: and the
LORD said, These have no master; let
them return *therefore* every man to his
house in peace.
17 And the king of Israel said to Je-
hosh'-a-phat, Did I not tell thee *that*
he would not prophesy good unto me,
but evil?
18 Again he said, Therefore hear
the word of the LORD; I saw the LORD
sitting upon his throne, and all the
host of heaven standing on his right
hand and *on* his left.
19 And the LORD said, Who shall
entice Ahab king of Israel, that he
may go up and fall at Ra'-moth–gil'-e-
ad? And one spake saying after this
manner, and another saying after that
manner.
20 Then there came out a spirit, and
stood before the LORD, and said, I will
entice him. And the LORD said unto
him, Wherewith?
21 And he said, I will go out, and
be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his
prophets. And *the LORD* said, Thou
shalt entice *him*, and thou shalt also
prevail: go out, and do *even* so.
22 Now therefore, behold, the LORD
hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of
these thy prophets, and the LORD hath
spoken evil against thee.
23 Then Zed-e-ki'-ah the son of
Che-na'-a-nah came near, and smote
Mi-ca'-iah upon the cheek, and said,
Which way went the Spirit of the
LORD from me to speak unto thee?
24 And Mi-ca'-iah said, Behold,
thou shalt see on that day when thou
shalt go into an inner chamber to hide
thyself.
25 Then the king of Israel said,
Take ye Mi-ca'-iah, and carry him back
to Amon the governor of the city, and
to Jo'-ash the king's son;
26 And say, Thus saith the king,
Put this *fellow* in the prison, and feed
him with bread of affliction and with
water of affliction, until I return in
peace.
27 And Mi-ca'-iah said, If thou cer-
tainly return in peace, *then* hath not
the LORD spoken by me. And he said,
Hearken, all ye people.
28 So the king of Israel and Je-
hosh'-a-phat the king of Judah went up
to Ra'-moth–gil'-e-ad.
29 And the king of Israel said unto
Je-hosh'-a-phat, I will disguise myself,
and will go to the battle; but put thou
on thy robes. So the king of Israel dis-
guised himself; and they went to the
battle.
30 Now the king of Syria had com-
manded the captains of the chariots
that *were* with him, saying, Fight ye
not with small or great, save only with
the king of Israel.
31 And it came to pass, when the
captains of the chariots saw Je-hosh'-a-
phat, that they said, It *is* the king of
Israel. Therefore they compassed
about him to fight: but Je-hosh'-a-phat
cried out, and the LORD helped him;
and God moved them *to depart* from
him.
32 For it came to pass, that, when
the captains of the chariots perceived
that it was not the king of Israel, they
turned back again from pursuing him.
33 And a *certain* man drew a bow at
a venture, and smote the king of Israel
between the joints of the harness:
therefore he said to his chariot man,
Turn thine hand, that thou mayest
carry me out of the host; for I am
wounded.
34 And the battle increased that
day: howbeit the king of Israel stayed
himself up in *his* chariot against the
Syrians until the even: and about the
time of the sun going down he died.

CHAPTER 19

AND Je-hosh'-a-phat the king of Ju-
dah returned to his house in peace
to Jerusalem.

2 And Jehu the son of Ha-na'-ni the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Je-hosh'-a-phat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore *is* wrath upon thee from before the LORD.

3 Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.

4 And Je-hosh'-a-phat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again through the people from Be'-er–she'-ba to mount E'-phra-im, and brought them back unto the LORD God of their fathers.

5 And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city,

6 And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the LORD, who *is* with you in the judgment.

7 Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do *it*: for *there is* no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

8 Moreover in Jerusalem did Je-hosh'-a-phat set of the Levites, and *of* the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of the LORD, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem.

9 And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

10 And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against the LORD, and *so* wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not trespass.

11 And, behold, Am-a-ri'-ah the chief priest *is* over you in all matters of the LORD; and Zeb-a-di'-ah the son of Ish'-ma-el, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters: also the Levites *shall be* officers before you. Deal courageously, and the LORD shall be with the good.

CHAPTER 20

IT came to pass after this also, *that* the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them *other* beside the Ammonites, came against Je-hosh'-a-phat to battle.

2 Then there came some that told Je-hosh'-a-phat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they *be* in Haz'-a-zon–ta'-mar, which *is* En–ge'-di.

3 And Je-hosh'-a-phat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

4 And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask *help* of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

5 And Je-hosh'-a-phat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court,

6 And said, O LORD God of our fathers, *art* not thou God in heaven? and rulest *not* thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand *is there not* power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?

7 *Art* not thou our God, *who* didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?

8 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying,

9 If, *when* evil cometh upon us, *as* the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name *is* in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.

10 And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Se'-ir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not;

11 Behold, *I say, how* they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit.

12 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes *are* upon thee.

13 And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little *ones*, their wives, and their children.

14 Then upon Ja-ha'-zi-el the son of Zech-a-ri'-ah, the son of Be-na'-iah, the son of Je-i'-el, the son of

a Levite of the sons of A'-saph, came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation;

15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Je-hosh'-a-phat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle *is* not yours, but God's.

16 To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jer-u'-el.

17 Ye shall not *need* to fight in this *battle:* set yourselves, stand ye *still,* and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD *will be* with you.

18 And Je-hosh'-a-phat bowed his head with *his* face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.

19 And the Levites, of the children of the Ko'-hath-ites, and of the children of the Kor'-hites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Te-ko'-a: and as they went forth, Je-hosh'-a-phat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

22 And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Se'-ir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

23 For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Se'-ir, utterly to slay and destroy *them:* and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Se'-ir, every one helped to destroy another.

24 And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they *were* dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped.

25 And when Je-hosh'-a-phat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.

26 And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Be-ra'-chah; for there they blessed the LORD: therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Be-ra'-chah, unto this day.

27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Je-hosh'-a-phat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies.

28 And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of the LORD.

29 And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of *those* countries, when they had heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel.

30 So the realm of Je-hosh'-a-phat was quiet: for his God gave him rest round about.

31 And Je-hosh'-a-phat reigned over Judah: *he was* thirty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* A-zu'-bah the daughter of Shil'-hi.

32 And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and departed not from it, doing *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD.

33 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Je-hosh'-a-phat, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of Jehu the son of Ha-na'-ni, who *is* mentioned in the book of the kings of Israel.

35 And after this did Je-hosh'-a-phat king of Judah join himself with A-ha-zi'-ah king of Israel, who did very wickedly:

36 And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in E'-zi-on-ge'-ber.

37 Then E-li-e'-zer the son of Do'-da-vah of Ma-re'-shah prophesied

against Je-hosh'-a-phat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with A-ha-zi'-ah, the LORD hath broken thy works. And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to Tar-shish.

CHAPTER 21

NOW Je-hosh'-a-phat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Je-ho'-ram his son reigned in his stead.

2 And he had brethren the sons of Je-hosh'-a-phat, Az-a-ri'-ah, and Je-hi'-el, and Zech-a-ri'-ah, and Az-a-ri'-ah, and Michael, and Sheph-a-ti'-ah: all these *were* the sons of Je-hosh'-a-phat king of Israel.

3 And their father gave them great gifts of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to Je-ho'-ram; because he *was* the firstborn.

4 Now when Je-ho'-ram was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself, and slew all his brethren with the sword, and *divers* also of the princes of Israel.

5 Je-ho'-ram *was* thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab: for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he wrought *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD.

7 Howbeit the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a light to him and to his sons for ever.

8 In his days the Edomites revolted from under the dominion of Judah, and made themselves a king.

9 Then Je-ho'-ram went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him in, and the captains of the chariots.

10 So the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. The same time *also* did Lib'-nah revolt from under his hand; because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers.

11 Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit fornication, and compelled Judah *thereto*.

12 And there came a writing to him from E-li'-jah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Je-hosh'-a-phat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah,

13 But hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, *which were* better than thyself:

14 Behold, with a great plague will the LORD smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods:

15 And thou *shalt have* great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day.

16 Moreover the LORD stirred up against Je-ho'-ram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that *were* near the E-thi-o'-pi-ans:

17 And they came up into Judah, and brake into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save Je-ho'-a-haz, the youngest of his sons.

18 And after all this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease.

19 And it came to pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness: so he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.

20 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired. Howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

CHAPTER 22

AND the inhabitants of Jerusalem made A-ha-zi'-ah his youngest son king in his stead: for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So A-ha-zi'-ah the son of Je-ho'-ram king of Judah reigned.

2 Forty and two years old *was* A-ha-zi'-ah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusal[illegible] His

mother's name also *was* Ath-a-li'-ah the daughter of Omri.

3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly.

4 Wherefore he did evil in the sight of the LORD like the house of Ahab: for they were his counsellors after the death of his father to his destruction.

5 He walked also after their counsel, and went with Je-ho'-ram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Haz'-a-el king of Syria at Ra'-moth-gil'-e-ad: and the Syrians smote Joram.

6 And he returned to be healed in Jez'-re-el because of the wounds which were given him at Ra'-mah, when he fought with Haz'-a-el king of Syria. And Az-a-ri'-ah the son of Je-ho'-ram king of Judah went down to see Je-ho'-ram the son of Ahab at Jez'-re-el, because he was sick.

7 And the destruction of A-ha-zi'-ah was of God by coming to Joram: for when he was come, he went out with Je-ho'-ram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.

8 And it came to pass, that, when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brethren of A-ha-zi'-ah, that ministered to A-ha-zi'-ah, he slew them.

9 And he sought A-ha-zi'-ah: and they caught him, (for he was hid in Sa-ma'-ri-a,) and brought him to Jehu: and when they had slain him, they buried him: Because, said they, he *is* the son of Je-hosh'-a-phat, who sought the LORD with all his heart. So the house of A-ha-zi'-ah had no power to keep still the kingdom.

10 But when Ath-a-li'-ah the mother of A-ha-zi'-ah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah.

11 But Je-ho-shab'-e-ath, the daughter of the king, took Jo'-ash the son of A-ha-zi'-ah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bedchamber. So Je-ho-shab'-e-ath, the daughter of king Je-ho'-ram, the wife of Je-hoi'-a-da the priest, (for she was the sister of A-ha-zi'-ah,) hid him from Ath-a-li'-ah, so that she slew him not.

12 And he was with them hid in the house of God six years: and Ath-a-li'-ah reigned over the land.

CHAPTER 23

AND in the seventh year Je-hoi'-a-da strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Az-a-ri'-ah the son of Jer-o'-ham, and Ish'-ma-el the son of Je-ho-ha'-nan, and Az-a-ri'-ah the son of O'-bed, and Ma-a-se'-iah the son of Ad-a-i'-ah, and E-lish'-a-phat the son of Zich'-ri, into covenant with him.

2 And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.

3 And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD hath said of the sons of David.

4 This *is* the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you entering on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, *shall be* porters of the doors;

5 And a third part *shall be* at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people *shall be* in the courts of the house of the LORD.

6 But let none come into the house of the LORD, save the priests, and they that minister of the Levites; they shall go in, for they *are* holy: but all the people shall keep the watch of the LORD.

7 And the Levites shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whosoever *else* cometh into the house, he shall be put to death: but be ye with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out.

8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Je-hoi'-a-da the priest had commanded, and took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go *out* on the sabbath: for Je-hoi'-a-da the priest dismissed not the courses.

9 Moreover Je-hoi'-a-da the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds spears, and bucklers, and shields, that *had been* king David's, which *were* in the house of God.

10 And he set all the people, every man having his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, by the king round about.

11 Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and *gave him* the testimony, and made him king. And Je-hoi'-a-da and his sons anointed him, and said, God save the king.

12 Now when Ath-a-li'-ah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the LORD:

13 And she looked, and, behold, the king stood at his pillar at the entering in, and the princes and the trumpets by the king: and all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded with trumpets, also the singers with instruments of musick, and such as taught to sing praise. Then Ath-a-li'-ah rent her clothes, and said, Treason, Treason.

14 Then Je-hoi'-a-da the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth of the ranges: and whoso followeth her, let him be slain with the sword. For the priest said, Slay her not in the house of the LORD.

15 So they laid hands on her; and when she was come to the entering of the horse gate by the king's house, they slew her there.

16 And Je-hoi'-a-da made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they should be the LORD's people.

17 Then all the people went to the house of Ba'-al, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and slew Mat'-tan the priest of Ba'-al before the altars.

18 Also Je-hoi'-a-da appointed the offices of the house of the LORD by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as *it is* written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, *as it was ordained* by David.

19 And he set the porters at the gates of the house of the LORD, that none *which was* unclean in any thing should enter in.

20 And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of the LORD: and they came through the high gate into the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom.

21 And all the people of the land rejoiced: and the city was quiet, after that they had slain Ath-a-li'-ah with the sword.

CHAPTER 24

JO'-ASH *was* seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Zib'-i-ah of Be'-er–she'-ba.

2 And Jo'-ash did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Je-hoi'-a-da the priest.

3 And Je-hoi'-a-da took for him two wives; and he begat sons and daughters.

4 And *it* came to pass after this, *that* Jo'-ash was minded to repair the house of the LORD.

5 And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit the Levites hastened *it* not.

6 And the king called for Je-hoi'-a-da the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, *according to the commandment* of Moses the servant of the LORD, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness?

7 For the sons of Ath-a-li'-ah, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD did they bestow upon Ba'-al-im.

8 And at the king's commandment they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of the LORD.

9 And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to the LORD the collection *that* Moses the servant of God *laid* upon Israel in the wilderness.

10 And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end.

11 Now it came to pass, that at what time the chest was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that *there was* much money, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to his place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.

12 And the king and Je-hoi'-a-da gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD, and also such as wrought iron and brass to mend the house of the LORD.

13 So the workmen wrought, and the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God in his state, and strengthened it.

14 And when they had finished *it*, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Je-hoi'-a-da, whereof were made vessels for the house of the LORD, *even* vessels to minister, and to offer *withal*, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jehoi'-a-da.

15 But Je-hoi'-a-da waxed old, and was full of days when he died; an hundred and thirty years old *was he* when he died.

16 And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his house.

17 Now after the death of Je-hoi'-a-da came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king hearkened unto them.

18 And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served groves and idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass.

19 Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear.

20 And the Spirit of God came upon Zech-a-ri'-ah the son of Je-hoi'-a-da the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you.

21 And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of the LORD.

22 Thus Jo'-ash the king remembered not the kindness which Je-hoi'-a-da his father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, The LORD look upon *it*, and require *it*.

23 And it came to pass at the end of the year, *that* the host of Syria came up against him: and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of Damascus.

24 For the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men, and the LORD delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers. So they executed judgment against Jo'-ash.

25 And when they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases,) his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Je-hoi'-a-da the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died: and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the sepulchres of the kings.

26 And these are they that conspired against him; Za'-bad the son of Shim'-e-ath an Ammonitess, and Jehoz'-a-bad the son of Shim'-rith a Moabitess.

27 Now *concerning* his sons, and the greatness of the burdens *laid* upon him, and the repairing of the house of God, behold, they *are* written in the story of the book of the kings. And Am-a-zi'-ah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 25

AM-A-ZI'-AH *was* twenty and five years old *when* he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Je-ho-ad'-dan of Jerusalem.

2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart.

3 Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was established to him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king his father.

4 But he slew not their children, but *did* as *it is* written in the law in the book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.

5 Moreover Am-a-zi'-ah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of *their* fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and

found them three hundred thousand
choice *men*, *able* to go forth to war,
that could handle spear and shield.
6 He hired also an hundred thou-
sand mighty men of valour out of Is-
rael for an hundred talents of silver.
7 But there came a man of God to
him, saying, O king, let not the army
of Israel go with thee; for the LORD *is*
not with Israel, *to wit, with* all the chil-
dren of E'-phra-im.
8 But if thou wilt go, do *it*, be
strong for the battle: God shall make
thee fall before the enemy: for God
hath power to help, and to cast down.
9 And Am-a-zi'-ah said to the man
of God, But what shall we do for the
hundred talents which I have given to
the army of Israel? And the man of
God answered, The LORD is able to
give thee much more than this.
10 Then Am-a-zi'-ah separated
them, *to wit*, the army that was come
to him out of E'-phra-im, to go home
again: wherefore their anger was great-
ly kindled against Judah, and they re-
turned home in great anger.
11 And Am-a-zi'-ah strengthened
himself, and led forth his people, and
went to the valley of salt, and smote
of the children of Se'-ir ten thousand.
12 And *other* ten thousand *left* alive
did the children of Judah carry away
captive, and brought them unto the
top of the rock, and cast them down
from the top of the rock, that they all
were broken in pieces.
13 But the soldiers of the army
which Am-a-zi'-ah sent back, that they
should not go with him to battle, fell
upon the cities of Judah, from Sa-ma'-
ri-a even unto Beth-ho'-ron, and smote
three thousand of them, and took
much spoil.
14 Now it came to pass, after that
Am-a-zi'-ah was come from the slaugh-
ter of the Edomites, that he brought
the gods of the children of Se'-ir, and
set them up *to be* his gods, and bowed
down himself before them, and burned
incense unto them.
15 Wherefore the anger of the LORD
was kindled against Am-a-zi'-ah, and
he sent unto him a prophet, which said
unto him, Why hast thou sought after
the gods of the people, which could not
deliver their own people out of thine
hand?
16 And it came to pass, as he talked
with him, that *the king* said unto him,
Art thou made of the king's counsel?
forbear; why shouldest thou be smit-
ten? Then the prophet forbare, and
said, I know that God hath determined
to destroy thee, because thou hast
done *this*, and hast not hearkened unto
my counsel.
17 Then Am-a-zi'-ah king of Judah
took advice, and sent to Jo'-ash, the
son of Je-ho'-a-haz, the son of Jehu,
king of Israel, saying, Come, let us see
one another in the face.
18 And Jo'-ash king of Israel sent to
Am-a-zi'-ah king of Judah, saying, The
thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the
cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying,
Give thy daughter to my son to wife:
and there passed by a wild beast that
was in Lebanon, and trode down the
thistle.
19 Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smit-
ten the Edomites; and thine heart lift-
eth thee up to boast: abide now at
home; why shouldest thou meddle to
thine hurt, that thou shouldest fall,
even thou, and Judah with thee?
20 But Am-a-zi'-ah would not hear;
for it *came* of God, that he might de-
liver them into the hand *of their ene-
mies*, because they sought after the
gods of Edom.
21 So Jo'-ash the king of Israel went
up; and they saw one another in the
face, *both* he and Am-a-zi'-ah king of
Judah, at Beth-she'-mesh, which *be-
longeth* to Judah.
22 And Judah was put to the worse
before Israel, and they fled every man
to his tent.
23 And Jo'-ash the king of Israel
took Am-a-zi'-ah king of Judah, the
son of Jo'-ash, the son of Je-ho'-a-haz,
at Beth-she'-mesh, and brought him to
Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of
Jerusalem from the gate of E'-phra-im
to the corner gate, four hundred cu-
bits.
24 And *he took* all the gold and the
silver, and all the vessels that were
found in the house of God with O'-bed-
e'-dom, and the treasures of the king's
house, the hostages also, and returned
to Sa-ma'-ri-a.
25 And Am-a-zi'-ah the son of Jo'-
ash king of Judah lived after the death
of Jo'-ash son of Je-ho'-a-haz king of
Israel fifteen years.
26 Now the rest of the acts of
Am-a-zi'-ah, first and last, behold, *are*
they not written in the book of the
kings of Judah and Israel?
27 Now after the ti

zi'-ah did turn away from following the
LORD they made a conspiracy against
him in Jerusalem; and he fled to La'-
chish: but they sent to La'-chish after
him, and slew *him* there.
28 And they brought him upon
horses, and buried him with his fathers
in the city of Judah.

CHAPTER 26

THEN all *the* people of Judah took
Uz-zi'-ah, who *was* sixteen years
old, and made him king in the room of
his father Am-a-zi'-ah.
2 He built E'-loth, and restored it to
Judah, after that the king slept with
his fathers.
3 Sixteen years old *was* Uz-zi'-ah
when he began to reign, and he reigned
fifty and two years in Jerusalem. His
mother's name also *was* Jec-o-li'-ah of
Jerusalem.
4 And he did *that which was* right in
the sight of the LORD, according to all
that his father Am-a-zi'-ah did.
5 And he sought God in the days of
Zech-a-ri'-ah, who had understanding
in the visions of God: and as long as he
sought the LORD, God made him to
prosper.
6 And he went forth and warred
against the Philistines, and brake
down the wall of Gath, and the wall of
Jab'-neh, and the wall of Ash'-dod, and
built cities about Ash'-dod, and among
the Philistines.
7 And God helped him against the
Philistines, and against the Arabians
that dwelt in Gur–ba'-al, and the Me-
hu'-nims.
8 And the Ammonites gave gifts to
Uz-zi'-ah: and his name spread abroad
even to the entering in of Egypt; for he
strengthened *himself* exceedingly.
9 Moreover Uz-zi'-ah built towers in
Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at
the valley gate, and at the turning *of
the wall*, and fortified them.
10 Also he built towers in the de-
sert, and digged many wells: for he had
much cattle, both in the low country,
and in the plains: husbandmen *also*,
and vine dressers in the mountains,
and in Carmel: for he loved husbandry.
11 Moreover Uz-zi'-ah had an host
of fighting men, that went out to war
by bands, according to the number of
their account by the hand of Je-i'-el
the scribe and Ma'-a-se'-iah the ruler,
under the hand of Han-a-ni'-ah, *one* of
the king's captains.
12 The whole number of the chief of
the fathers of the mighty men of va-
lour *were* two thousand and six hun-
dred.
13 And under their hand *was* an
army, three hundred thousand and
seven thousand and five hundred, that
made war with mighty power, to help
the king against the enemy.
14 And Uz-zi'-ah prepared for them
throughout all the host shields, and
spears, and helmets, and habergeons,
and bows, and slings *to cast* stones.
15 And he made in Jerusalem en-
gines, invented by cunning men, to be
on the towers and upon the bulwarks,
to shoot arrows and great stones with-
al. And his name spread far abroad; for
he was marvellously helped, till he was
strong.
16 But when he was strong, his
heart was lifted up to *his* destruction:
for he transgressed against the LORD
his God, and went into the temple of
the LORD to burn incense upon the al-
tar of incense.
17 And Az-a-ri'-ah the priest went
in after him, and with him fourscore
priests of the LORD, *that were* valiant
men:
18 And they withstood Uz-zi'-ah the
king, and said unto him, *It appertain-
eth* not unto thee, Uz-zi'-ah, to burn in-
cense unto the LORD, but to the priests
the sons of Aaron, that are conse-
crated to burn incense: go out of the
sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed;
neither *shall it be* for thine honour from
the LORD God.
19 Then Uz-zi'-ah was wroth, and
had a censer in his hand to burn in-
cense: and while he was wroth with the
priests, the leprosy even rose up in his
forehead before the priests in the house
of the LORD, from beside the incense
altar.
20 And Az-a-ri'-ah the chief priest,
and all the priests, looked upon him,
and, behold, he *was* leprous in his fore-
head, and they thrust him out from
thence; yea, himself hasted also to go
out, because the LORD had smitten
him.
21 And Uz-zi'-ah the king was a
leper unto the day of his death, and
dwelt in a several house, *being* a leper;
for he was cut off from the house of the
LORD: and Jo'-tham his son *was* over
the king's house, judging the people of
the land.
22 Now the rest of the acts of Uz-

zi'-ah, first and last, did Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, write.
23 So Uz-zi'-ah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which *belonged* to the kings; for they said, He *is* a leper: and Jo'-tham his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 27

JO'-THAM *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Je-ru'-shah, the daughter of Za'-dok.
2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uz-zi'-ah did: howbeit he entered not into the temple of the LORD. And the people did yet corruptly.
3 He built the high gate of the house of the LORD, and on the wall of O'-phel he built much.
4 Moreover he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers.
5 He fought also with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year an hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of Ammon pay unto him, both the second year, and the third.
6 So Jo'-tham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the LORD his God.
7 Now the rest of the acts of Jo'-tham, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.
8 He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.
9 And Jo'-tham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 28

AHAZ *was* twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: but he did not *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, like David his father:
2 For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for Ba'-al-im.
3 Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hin'-nom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.
4 He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.
5 Wherefore the LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and they smote him, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought *them* to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who smote him with a great slaughter.
6 For Pe'-kah the son of Rem-a-li'-ah slew in Judah an hundred and twenty thousand in one day, *which were* all valiant men; because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers.
7 And Zich'-ri, a mighty man of E'-phra-im, slew Ma'-a-se'-iah the king's son, and Az'-ri-kam the governor of the house, and El-ka'-nah *that was* next to the king.
8 And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Sa-ma'-ri-a.
9 But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name *was* O'-ded: and he went out before the host that came to Sa-ma'-ri-a, and said unto them, Behold, because the LORD God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage *that* reacheth up unto heaven.
10 And now ye purpose to keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem for bondmen and bondwomen unto you: *but are there* not with you, even with you, sins against the LORD your God?
11 Now hear me therefore, and deliver the captives again, which ye have taken captive of your brethren: for the fierce wrath of the LORD *is* upon you.
12 Then certain of the heads of the children of E'-phra-im, Az-a-ri'-ah the son of Jo-ha'-nan, Ber-e-chi'-ah the son of Me-shil'-le-moth, and Je-hiz-ki'-ah the son of Shal'-lum, and Am'-a-sa the son of Had'-la-i, stood up against them that came from the war,
13 And said unto them, Ye shall not bring in the captives hither: for where-

as we have offended against the LORD *already*, ye intend to add *more* to our sins and to our trespass: for our trespass is great, and *there is* fierce wrath against Israel.

14 So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the congregation.

15 And the men which were expressed by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their brethren: then they returned to Sa-ma'-ri-a.

16 At that time did king Ahaz send unto the kings of Assyria to help him.

17 For again the Edomites had come and smitten Judah, and carried away captives.

18 The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the low country, and of the south of Judah, and had taken Beth-she'-mesh, and Aj'-a-lon, and Ge-de'-roth, and Sho'-cho with the villages thereof, and Tim'-nah with the villages thereof, Gim'-zo also and the villages thereof: and they dwelt there.

19 For the LORD brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he made Judah naked, and transgressed [illegible] against the LORD.

20 And Til'-gath-pil-ne'-ser king of Assyria came unto him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not.

21 For Ahaz took away a portion *out* of the house of the LORD, and *out* of the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave *it* unto the king of Assyria: but he helped him not.

22 And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against the LORD: this *is that* king Ahaz.

23 For he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, *therefore* will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel.

24 And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem.

25 And in every several city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers.

26 Now the rest of his acts and of all his ways, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

27 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, *even* in Jerusalem: but they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and Hez-e-ki'-ah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 29

HEZ-E-KI'-AH began to reign *when he was* five and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* A-bi'-jah, the daughter of Zech-a-ri'-ah.

2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done.

3 He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired them.

4 And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street,

5 And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy *place*.

6 For our fathers have trespassed, and done *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and turned *their* backs.

7 Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy *place* unto the God of Israel.

8 Wherefore the wrath of the LORD was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as ye see with your eyes.

9 For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives *are* in captivity for this.

10 Now *it is* in mine heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.

11 My sons, be not now negligent:

for the LORD hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and burn incense.

12 Then the Levites arose, Ma'-hath the son of A-mas'-a-i, and Jo'-el the son of Az-a-ri'-ah, of the sons of the Ko'-hath-ites: and of the sons of Me-ra'-ri, Kish the son of Ab'-di, and Az-a-ri'-ah the son of Je-hal'-e-lel: and of the Ger'-shon-ites; Jo'-ah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Jo'-ah:

13 And of the sons of E-liz'-a-phan; Shim'-ri, and Je-i'-el: and of the sons of A'-saph; Zech-a-ri'-ah, and Mat-ta-ni'-ah:

14 And of the sons of He'-man; Je-hi'-el, and Shim'-e-i: and of the sons of Jed-u'-thun; She-ma'-iah, and Uz'-zi-el.

15 And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD.

16 And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse *it*, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took *it*, to carry *it* out abroad into the brook Kidron.

17 Now they began on the first *day* of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the LORD: so they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.

18 Then they went in to Hez-e-ki'-ah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread table, with all the vessels thereof.

19 Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they *are* before the altar of the LORD.

20 Then Hez-e-ki'-ah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD.

21 And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer *them* on the altar of the LORD.

22 So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled *it* on the altar: likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar.

23 And they brought forth the he goats *for* the sin offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands upon them:

24 And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded *that* the burnt offering and the sin offering *should be made* for all Israel.

25 And he set the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for *so was* the commandment of the LORD by his prophets.

26 And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.

27 And Hez-e-ki'-ah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD began *also* with the trumpets, and with the instruments *ordained* by David king of Israel.

28 And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: *and* all *this continued* until the burnt offering was finished.

29 And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves, and worshipped.

30 Moreover Hez-e-ki'-ah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the LORD with the words of David, and of A'-saph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.

31 Then Hez-e-ki'-ah answered and said, Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the LORD, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a free heart burnt offerings.

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Assyria came unto him, and distressed
him, but strengthened him not.
21 For Ahaz took away a portion
out of the house of the LORD, and *out*
of the house of the king, and of the
princes, and gave *it* unto the king of
Assyria: but he helped him not.
22 And in the time of his distress
did he trespass yet more against the
LORD: this *is that* king Ahaz.
23 For he sacrificed unto the gods of
Damascus, which smote him: and he
said, Because the gods of the kings of
Syria help them, *therefore* will I sacri-
fice to them, that they may help me.
But they were the ruin of him, and of
all Israel.
24 And Ahaz gathered together the
vessels of the house of God, and cut in
pieces the vessels of the house of God,
and shut up the doors of the house of
the LORD, and he made him altars in
every corner of Jerusalem.
25 And in every several city of Ju-
dah he made high places to burn in-
cense unto other gods, and provoked
to anger the LORD God of his fathers.
26 Now the rest of his acts and of
all his ways, first and last, behold, they
are written in the book of the kings of
Judah and Israel.
27 And Ahaz slept with his fathers,
and they buried him in the city, *even*
in Jerusalem: but they brought him
not into the sepulchres of the kings of
Israel: and Hez-e-ki'-ah his son reigned
in his stead.

CHAPTER 29

HEZ-E-KI'-AH began to reign *when*
he was five and twenty years old,
and he reigned nine and twenty years
in Jerusalem. And his mother's name
was A-bi'-jah, the daughter of Zech-a-
ri'-ah.
2 And he did *that which was* right in
the sight of the LORD, according to all
that David his father had done.
3 He in the first year of his reign, in
the first month, opened the doors of
the house of the LORD, and repaired
them.
4 And he brought in the priests and
the Levites, and gathered them to-
gether into the east street,
5 And said unto them, Hear me, ye
Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and
sanctify the house of the LORD God of
your fathers, and carry forth the filthi-
ness out of the holy *place*.
6 For our fathers have trespassed,
and done *that which was* evil in the eyes
of the LORD our God, and have for-
saken him, and have turned away
their faces from the habitation of the
LORD, and turned *their* backs.
7 Also they have shut up the doors
of the porch, and put out the lamps,
and have not burned incense nor of-
fered burnt offerings in the holy *place*
unto the God of Israel.
8 Wherefore the wrath of the LORD
was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and
he hath delivered them to trouble, to
astonishment, and to hissing, as ye see
with your eyes.
9 For, lo, our fathers have fallen by
the sword, and our sons and our
daughters and our wives *are* in capti-
vity for this.
10 Now *it is* in mine heart to make
a covenant with the LORD God of Is-
rael, that his fierce wrath may turn
away from us.
11 My sons, be not now negligent:

32 And the number of the burnt offerings, which the congregation brought, was threescore and ten bullocks, an hundred rams, *and* two hundred lambs: all these *were* for a burnt offering to the LORD.

33 And the consecrated things *were* six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep.

34 But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt offerings: wherefore their brethren the Levites did help them, till the work was ended, and until the *other* priests had sanctified themselves: for the Levites *were* more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests.

35 And also the burnt offerings *were* in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and the drink offerings for *every* burnt offering. So the service of the house of the LORD was set in order.

36 And Hez-e-ki'-ah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was *done* suddenly.

CHAPTER 30

AND Hez-e-ki'-ah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to E'-phra-im and Ma-nas'-seh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel.

2 For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second month.

3 For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem.

4 And the thing pleased the king and all the congregation.

5 So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Be'-er–she'-ba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not done *it* of a long *time in such sort* as it was written.

6 So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria.

7 And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against the LORD God of their fathers, *who* therefore gave them up to desolation, as ye see.

8 Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers *were*, *but* yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you.

9 For if ye turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children *shall find* compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the LORD your God *is* gracious and merciful, and will not turn away *his* face from you, if ye return unto him.

10 So the posts passed from city to city through the country of E'-phra-im and Ma-nas'-seh even unto Zeb'-u-lun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.

11 Nevertheless divers of Asher and Ma-nas'-seh and of Zeb'-u-lun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem.

12 Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of the LORD.

13 And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation.

14 And they arose and took away the altars that *were* in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast *them* into the brook Kidron.

15 Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth *day* of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought in the burnt offerings into the house of the LORD.

16 And they stood in their place after their manner, according to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood, *which they received* of the hand of the Levites.

17 For *there were* many in the congregation that were not sanctified: therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the passovers for every one *that was* not clean, to sanctify *them* unto the LORD.

18 For a multitude of the people,

even many of E′-phra-im, and Ma-nas′-
seh, Is′-sa-char, and Zeb′-u-lun, had
not cleansed themselves, yet did they
eat the passover otherwise than it was
written. But Hez-e-ki′-ah prayed for
them, saying, The good LORD pardon
every one
19 *That* prepareth his heart to seek
God, the LORD God of his fathers,
though *he be* not *cleansed* according to
the purification of the sanctuary.
20 And the LORD hearkened to Hez-
e-ki′-ah, and healed the people.
21 And the children of Israel that
were present at Jerusalem, kept the
feast of unleavened bread seven days
with great gladness: and the Levites
and the priests praised the LORD day
by day, *singing* with loud instruments
unto the LORD.
22 And Hez-e-ki′-ah spake comfort-
ably unto all the Levites that taught
the good knowledge of the LORD: and
they did eat throughout the feast sev-
en days, offering peace offerings, and
making confession to the LORD God of
their fathers.
23 And the whole assembly took
counsel to keep other seven days: and
they kept *other* seven days with glad-
ness.
24 For Hez-e-ki′-ah king of Judah
did give to the congregation a thou-
sand bullocks and seven thousand
sheep; and the princes gave to the con-
gregation a thousand bullocks and ten
thousand sheep: and a great number
of priests sanctified themselves.
25 And all the congregation of Ju-
dah, with the priests and the Levites,
and all the congregation that came out
of Israel, and the strangers that came
out of the land of Israel, and that
dwelt in Judah, rejoiced.
26 So there was great joy in Jeru-
salem: for since the time of Solomon
the son of David king of Israel *there*
was not the like in Jerusalem.
27 Then the priests the Levites
arose and blessed the people: and their
voice was heard, and their prayer came
up to his holy dwelling place, *even* unto
heaven.

CHAPTER 31

NOW when all this was finished,
all Israel that were present went
out to the cities of Judah, and brake
the images in pieces, and cut down the
groves, and threw down the high
places and the altars out of all Judah
and Benjamin, in E′-phra-im also and
Ma-nas′-seh, until they had utterly de-
stroyed them all. Then all the children
of Israel returned, every man to his
possession, into their own cities.
2 And Hez-e-ki′-ah appointed the
courses of the priests and the Levites
after their courses, every man accord-
ing to his service, the priests and Le-
vites for burnt offerings and for peace
offerings, to minister, and to give
thanks, and to praise in the gates of
the tents of the LORD.
3 *He appointed* also the king's por-
tion of his substance for the burnt of-
ferings, *to wit*, for the morning and
evening burnt offerings, and the burnt
offerings for the sabbaths, and for the
new moons, and for the set feasts, as *it*
is written in the law of the LORD.
4 Moreover he commanded the peo-
ple that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the
portion of the priests and the Levites,
that they might be encouraged in the
law of the LORD.
5 And as soon as the commandment
came abroad, the children of Israel
brought in abundance the firstfruits of
corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of
all the increase of the field; and the
tithe of all *things* brought they in
abundantly.
6 And *concerning* the children of Is-
rael and Judah, that dwelt in the cities
of Judah, they also brought in the
tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe
of holy things which were consecrated
unto the LORD their God, and laid
them by heaps.
7 In the third month they began to
lay the foundation of the heaps, and
finished *them* in the seventh month.
8 And when Hez-e-ki′-ah and the
princes came and saw the heaps, they
blessed the LORD, and his people Israel.
9 Then Hez-e-ki′-ah questioned with
the priests and the Levites concerning
the heaps.
10 And Az-a-ri′-ah the chief priest
of the house of Za′-dok answered him,
and said, Since *the people* began to
bring the offerings into the house of
the LORD, we have had enough to eat,
and have left plenty: for the LORD
hath blessed his people; and that
which is left *is* this great store.
11 Then Hez-e-ki′-ah commanded to
prepare chambers in the house of the
LORD; and they prepared *them*,
12 And brought in the offerings and
the tithes and the dedicated *things*

faithfully: over which Con-o-ni'-ah the Levite *was* ruler, and Shim'-e-i his brother *was* the next.

13 And Je-hi'-el, and Az-a-zi'-ah, and Na'-hath, and A'-sa-hel, and Jer'-i-moth, and Joz'-a-bad, and E-li'-el, and Is-ma-chi'-ah, and Ma'-nath, and Be-na'-iah, *were* overseers under the hand of Con-o-ni'-ah and Shim'-e-i his brother, at the commandment of Hez-e-ki'-ah the king, and Az-a-ri'-ah the ruler of the house of God.

14 And Ko'-re the son of Im'-nah the Levite, the porter toward the east, *was* over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute the oblations of the LORD, and the most holy things.

15 And next him *were* Eden, and Min'-i-a-min, and Jesh'-u-a, and She-ma'-iah, Am-a-ri'-ah, and Shec-a-ni'-ah, in the cities of the priests, in *their* set office, to give to their brethren by courses, as well to the great as to the small:

16 Beside their genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, *even* unto every one that entereth into the house of the LORD, his daily portion for their service in their charges according to their courses;

17 Both to the genealogy of the priests by the house of their fathers, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their charges by their courses;

18 And to the genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation: for in their set office they sanctified themselves in holiness:

19 Also of the sons of Aaron the priests, *which were* in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every several city, the men that were expressed by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all that were reckoned by genealogies among the Levites.

20 And thus did Hez-e-ki'-ah throughout all Judah, and wrought *that which was* good and right and truth before the LORD his God.

21 And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did *it* with all his heart, and prospered.

CHAPTER 32

AFTER these things, and the establishment thereof, Sen-nach'-e-rib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself.

2 And when Hez-e-ki'-ah saw that Sen-nach'-e-rib was come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem,

3 He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which *were* without the city: and they did help him.

4 So there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water?

5 Also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised *it* up to the towers, and another wall without, and repaired Mil'-lo *in* the city of David, and made darts and shields in abundance.

6 And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and spake comfortably to them, saying,

7 Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that *is* with him: for *there be* more with us than with him:

8 With him *is* an arm of flesh; but with us *is* the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hez-e-ki'-ah king of Judah.

9 After this did Sen-nach'-e-rib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (but he *himself laid siege* against La'-chish, and all his power with him,) unto Hez-e-ki'-ah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that *were* at Jerusalem, saying,

10 Thus saith Sen-nach'-e-rib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide in the siege in Jerusalem?

11 Doth not Hez-e-ki'-ah persuade you to give over yourselves to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The LORD our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

12 Hath not the same Hez-e-ki'-ah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and burn incense upon it?

13 Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the people of

other lands? were the gods of the nations of those lands any ways able to deliver their lands out of mine hand?

14 Who *was there* among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of mine hand?

15 Now therefore let not Hez-e-ki'ah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand?

16 And his servants spake yet *more* against the LORD God, and against his servant Hez-e-ki'ah.

17 He wrote also letters to rail on the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of *other* lands have not delivered their people out of mine hand, so shall not the God of Hez-e-ki'ah deliver his people out of mine hand.

18 Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jews' speech unto the people of Jerusalem that *were* on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city.

19 And they spake against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth, *which were* the work of the hands of man.

20 And for this *cause* Hez-e-ki'ah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven.

21 And the LORD sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword.

22 Thus the LORD saved Hez-e-ki'ah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sen-nach'e-rib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all *other*, and guided them on every side.

23 And many brought gifts unto the LORD to Jerusalem, and presents to Hez-e-ki'ah king of Judah: so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations from thenceforth.

24 In those days Hez-e-ki'ah was sick to the death, and prayed unto the LORD: and he spake unto him, and he gave him a sign.

25 But Hez-e-ki'ah rendered not again according to the benefit *done* unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem.

26 Notwithstanding Hez-e-ki'ah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, *both* he and the *inhabitants* of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD came not upon them *in* the days of Hez-e-ki'ah.

27 And Hez-e-ki'ah had exceeding much riches and honour: and he made himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of pleasant jewels;

28 Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks.

29 Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance: for God had given him substance very much.

30 This same Hez-e-ki'ah also stopped the upper watercourse of Gi'hon, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hez-e-ki'ah prospered in all his works.

31 Howbeit in *the business of* the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to enquire of the wonder that was *done* in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all *that was* in his heart.

32 Now the rest of the acts of Hez-e-ki'ah, and his goodness, behold, they *are* written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, *and* in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

33 And Hez-e-ki'ah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the chiefest of the sepulchres of the sons of David: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honour at his death. And Ma-nas'seh his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 33

MA-NAS'SEH *was* twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem:

2 But did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, like unto the abomi-

nations of the heathen, whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

3 For he built again the high places which Hez-e-ki'-ah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Ba'-al-im, and made groves, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

4 Also he built altars in the house of the LORD, whereof the LORD had said, In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever.

5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.

6 And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hin'-nom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

7 And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever:

8 Neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.

9 So Ma-nas'-seh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, *and* to do worse than the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel.

10 And the LORD spake to Ma-nas'-seh, and to his people: but they would not hearken.

11 Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Ma-nas'-seh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

12 And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,

13 And prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Ma-nas'-seh knew that the LORD he *was* God.

14 Now after this he built a wall without the city of David, on the west side of Gi'-hon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish gate, and compassed about O'-phel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah.

15 And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD, and in Jerusalem, and cast *them* out of the city.

16 And he repaired the altar of the LORD, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings and thank offerings and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel.

17 Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, *yet* unto the LORD their God only.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Ma-nas'-seh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, behold, they *are written* in the book of the kings of Israel.

19 His prayer also, and *how God* was intreated of him, and all his sins, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled: behold, they *are* written among the sayings of the seers.

20 So Ma-nas'-seh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

21 Amon *was* two and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned two years in Jerusalem.

22 But he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, as did Ma-nas'-seh his father: for Amon sacrificed unto all the carved images which Ma-nas'-seh his father had made, and served them;

23 And humbled not himself before the LORD, as Ma-nas'-seh his father had humbled himself; but Amon trespassed more and more.

24 And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in his own house.

25 But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land

made Jo-si′-ah his son king in his stead.

CHAPTER 34

JO-SI′-AH *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years.

2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined *neither* to the right hand, nor to the left.

3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images.

4 And they brake down the altars of Ba′-al-im in his presence; and the images, that *were* on high above them, he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust *of them*, and strowed *it* upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them.

5 And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.

6 And *so did he* in the cities of Manas′-seh, and E′-phra-im, and Simeon, even unto Naph′-ta-li, with their mattocks round about.

7 And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had beaten the graven images into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Sha′-phan the son of Az-a-li′-ah, and Ma-a-se′-iah the governor of the city, and Jo′-ah the son of Jo′-a-haz the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God.

9 And when they came to Hil-ki′-ah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Ma-nas′-seh and E′-phra-im, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin; and they returned to Jerusalem.

10 And they put *it* in the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of the LORD, and they gave it to the workmen that wrought in the house of the LORD, to repair and amend the house:

11 Even to the artificers and builders gave they *it*, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to floor the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.

12 And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them *were* Ja′-hath and O-ba-di′-ah, the Levites, of the sons of Me-ra′-ri; and Zech-a-ri′-ah and Me-shul′-lam, of the sons of the Ko′-hath-ites, to set *it* forward; and *other of* the Levites, all that could skill of instruments of musick.

13 Also *they were* over the bearers of burdens, and *were* overseers of all that wrought the work in any manner of service: and of the Levites *there were* scribes, and officers, and porters.

14 And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the LORD, Hil-ki′-ah the priest found a book of the law of the LORD *given* by Moses.

15 And Hil-ki′-ah answered and said to Sha′-phan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hil-ki′-ah delivered the book to Sha′-phan.

16 And Sha′-phan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, All that was committed to thy servants, they do *it*.

17 And they have gathered together the money that was found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen.

18 Then Sha′-phan the scribe told the king, saying, Hil-ki′-ah the priest hath given me a book. And Sha′-phan read it before the king.

19 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes.

20 And the king commanded Hil-ki′-ah, and A-hi′-kam the son of Sha′-phan, and Abdon the son of Mi′-cah, and Sha′-phan the scribe, and A-sa-i′-ah a servant of the king's, saying,

21 Go, enquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great *is* the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, *to do after* all that is written in this book.

22 And Hil-ki′-ah, and [illegible] *that the* king *had appoint*[illegible] Hul′-dah

the prophetess, the wife of Shal'-lum the son of Tik'-vath, the son of Has'-rah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college:) and they spake to her to that *effect*.

23 And she answered them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell ye the man that sent you to me,

24 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah:

25 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched.

26 And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to enquire of the LORD, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel *concerning* the words which thou hast heard;

27 Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard *thee* also, saith the LORD.

28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.

29 Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

30 And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the LORD.

31 And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book.

32 And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand *to it*. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

33 And Jo-si'-ah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that *pertained* to the children of Israel, and made all that were present in Israel to serve, *even* to serve the LORD their God. *And* all his days they departed not from following the LORD, the God of their fathers.

CHAPTER 35

MOREOVER Jo-si'-ah kept a passover unto the LORD in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover on the fourteenth *day* of the first month.

2 And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the LORD,

3 And said unto the Levites that taught all Israel, which were holy unto the LORD, Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel did build; *it shall* not *be* a burden upon *your* shoulders: serve now the LORD your God, and his people Israel,

4 And prepare *yourselves* by the houses of your fathers, after your courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son.

5 And stand in the holy *place* according to the divisions of the families of the fathers of your brethren the people, and *after* the division of the families of the Levites.

6 So kill the passover, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brethren, that *they* may do according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

7 And Jo-si'-ah gave to the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all for the passover offerings, for all that were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks: these *were* of the king's substance.

8 And his princes gave willingly unto the people, to the priests, and to the Levites: Hil-ki'-ah and Zech-a-ri'-ah and Je-hi'-el, rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the passover offerings two thousand and six hundred *small cattle*, and three hundred oxen.

9 Con-a-ni'-ah also, and She-ma'-iah and Ne-than'-e-el, his brethren, and Hash-a-bi'-ah and Je-i'-el and Joz'-a-

bad, chief of the Levites, gave unto the
Levites for passover offerings five
thousand *small cattle*, and five hundred
oxen.
10 So the service was prepared, and
the priests stood in their place, and the
Levites in their courses, according to
the king's commandment.
11 And they killed the passover,
and *the priests* sprinkled *the blood* from
their hands, and the Levites flayed
them.
12 And they removed the burnt offerings,
that they might give according
to the divisions of the families of
the people, to offer unto the LORD, as
it is written in the book of Moses. And
so *did they* with the oxen.
13 And they roasted the passover
with fire according to the ordinance:
but the *other* holy *offerings* sod they in
pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and
divided *them* speedily among all the
people.
14 And afterward they made ready
for themselves, and for the priests: because
the priests the sons of Aaron
were busied in offering of burnt offerings
and the fat until night; therefore
the Levites prepared for themselves,
and for the priests the sons of Aaron.
15 And the singers the sons of
A'-saph *were* in their place, according
to the commandment of David, and
A'-saph, and He'-man, and Jed-u'-thun
the king's seer; and the porters *waited*
at every gate; they might not depart
from their service; for their brethren
the Levites prepared for them.
16 So all the service of the LORD
was prepared the same day, to keep
the passover, and to offer burnt offerings
upon the altar of the LORD, according
to the commandment of king
Jo-si'-ah.
17 And the children of Israel that
were present kept the passover at that
time, and the feast of unleavened
bread seven days.
18 And there was no passover like
to that kept in Israel from the days of
Samuel the prophet; neither did all the
kings of Israel keep such a passover as
Jo-si'-ah kept, and the priests, and the
Levites, and all Judah and Israel that
were present, and the inhabitants of
Jerusalem.
19 In the eighteenth year of the
reign of Jo-si'-ah was this passover
kept.
20 After all this, when Jo-si'-ah had
prepared the temple, Ne'-cho king of
Egypt came up to fight against Char'-
che-mish by Eu-phra'-tes: and Jo-si'-ah
went out against him.
21 But he sent ambassadors to him,
saying, What have I to do with thee,
thou king of Judah? *I come* not against
thee this day, but against the house
wherewith I have war: for God commanded
me to make haste: forbear
thee from *meddling with* God, who *is*
with me, that he destroy thee not.
22 Nevertheless Jo-si'-ah would not
turn his face from him, but disguised
himself, *that he might fight with him*,
and hearkened not unto the words of
Ne'-cho from the mouth of God, and
came to fight in the valley of Me-gid'-
do.
23 And the archers shot at king Jo-
si'-ah; and the king said to his servants,
Have me away; for I am sore wounded.
24 His servants therefore took him
out of that chariot, and put him in the
second chariot that he had; and they
brought him to Jerusalem, and he
died, and was buried in *one of* the sepulchres
of his fathers. And all Judah
and Jerusalem mourned for Jo-si'-ah.
25 And Jeremiah lamented for Jo-
si'-ah: and all the singing men and the
singing women spake of Jo-si'-ah in
their lamentations to this day, and
made them an ordinance in Israel: and,
behold, they *are* written in the lamentations.
26 Now the rest of the acts of Jo-
si'-ah, and his goodness, according to
that which was written in the law of the
LORD,
27 And his deeds, first and last, behold,
they *are* written in the book of
the kings of Israel and Judah.

CHAPTER 36

THEN the people of the land took
Je-ho'-a-haz the son of Jo-si'-ah,
and made him king in his father's
stead in Jerusalem.
2 *Je-ho'-a-haz was* twenty and three
years old when he began to reign, and
he reigned three months in Jerusalem.
3 And the king of Egypt put him
down at Jerusalem, and condemned
the land in an hundred talents of silver
and a talent of gold.
4 And the king of Egypt made
E-li'-a-kim his brother king over Judah
and Jerusalem, and turned his name
to Je-hoi'-a-kim. And Ne'-cho took

Je-ho'-a-haz his brother, and carried
him to Egypt.
5 Je-hoi'-a-kim *was* twenty and five
years old when he began to reign, and
he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem:
and he did *that which was* evil in the
sight of the LORD his God.
6 Against him came up Neb-u-chad-
nez'-zar king of Babylon, and bound
him in fetters, to carry him to Baby-
lon.
7 Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar also carried
of the vessels of the house of the LORD
to Babylon, and put them in his tem-
ple at Babylon.
8 Now the rest of the acts of Je-
hoi'-a-kim, and his abominations which
he did, and that which was found in
him, behold, they *are* written in the
book of the kings of Israel and Judah:
and Je-hoi'-a-chin his son reigned in
his stead.
9 Je-hoi'-a-chin *was* eight years old
when he began to reign, and he reigned
three months and ten days in Jerusa-
lem: and he did *that which was* evil in
the sight of the LORD.
10 And when the year was expired,
king Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar sent, and
brought him to Babylon, with the
goodly vessels of the house of the
LORD, and made Zed-e-ki'-ah his broth-
er king over Judah and Jerusalem.
11 Zed-e-ki'-ah *was* one and twenty
years old when he began to reign, and
reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.
12 And he did *that which was* evil in
the sight of the LORD his God, *and*
humbled not himself before Jeremiah
the prophet *speaking* from the mouth
of the LORD.
13 And he also rebelled against king
Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar, who had made
him swear by God: but he stiffened his
neck, and hardened his heart from
turning unto the LORD God of Israel.
14 Moreover all the chief of the
priests, and the people, transgressed
very much after all the abominations
of the heathen; and polluted the house
of the LORD which he had hallowed in
Jerusalem.
15 And the LORD God of their fa-
thers sent to them by his messengers,
rising up betimes, and sending; be-
cause he had compassion on his people,
and on his dwelling place:
16 But they mocked the messengers
of God, and despised his words, and
misused his prophets, until the wrath
of the LORD arose against his people,
till *there was* no remedy.
17 Therefore he brought upon them
the king of the Chal'-dees, who slew
their young men with the sword in the
house of their sanctuary, and had no
compassion upon young man or maid-
en, old man, or him that stooped for
age: he gave *them* all into his hand.
18 And all the vessels of the house
of God, great and small, and the trea-
sures of the house of the LORD, and
the treasures of the king, and of his
princes; all *these* he brought to Baby-
lon.
19 And they burnt the house of
God, and brake down the wall of Jeru-
salem, and burnt all the palaces there-
of with fire, and destroyed all the good-
ly vessels thereof.
20 And them that had escaped from
the sword carried he away to Babylon;
where they were servants to him and
his sons until the reign of the kingdom
of Persia:
21 To fulfil the word of the LORD by
the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land
had enjoyed her sabbaths: *for* as long
as she lay desolate she kept sabbath,
to fulfil threescore and ten years.
22 Now in the first year of Cyrus
king of Persia, that the word of the
LORD *spoken* by the mouth of Jeremi-
ah might be accomplished, the LORD
stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of
Persia, that he made a proclamation
throughout all his kingdom, and *put it*
also in writing, saying,
23 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia,
All the kingdoms of the earth hath the
LORD God of heaven given me; and he
hath charged me to build him an house
in Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah. Who
is there among you of all his people?
The LORD his God *be* with him, and let
him go up.

Ezra

CHAPTER 1

NOW in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying,

2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah.

3 Who *is there* among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he *is* the God,) which *is* in Jerusalem.

4 And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that *is* in Jerusalem.

5 Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all *them* whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the LORD which *is* in Jerusalem.

6 And all they that *were* about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, beside all *that* was willingly offered.

7 Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the LORD, which Neb-u-chad-nez′-zar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods;

8 Even those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by the hand of Mith′-re-dath the treasurer, and numbered them unto Shesh-baz′-zar, the prince of Judah.

9 And this *is* the number of them: thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, nine and twenty knives,

10 Thirty basons of gold, silver basons of a second *sort* four hundred and ten, *and* other vessels a thousand.

11 All the vessels of gold and of silver *were* five thousand and four hundred. All *these* did Shesh-baz′-zar bring up with *them of* the captivity that were brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 2

NOW these *are* the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those which had been carried away, whom Neb-u-chad-nez′-zar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and came again unto Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city;

2 Which came with Ze-rub′-ba-bel: Jesh′-u-a, Ne-he-mi′-ah, Ser-a-i′-ah, Re-el-a′-iah, Mor′-de-cai, Bilshan, Miz′-par, Big′-va-i, Re′-hum, Ba′-a-nah. The number of the men of the people of Israel:

3 The children of Pa′-rosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two.

4 The children of Sheph-a-ti′-ah, three hundred seventy and two.

5 The children of A′-rah, seven hundred seventy and five.

6 The children of Pa′-hath–mo′-ab, of the children of Jesh′-u-a *and* Jo′-ab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.

7 The children of E′-lam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

8 The children of Zat′-tu, nine hundred forty and five.

9 The children of Zac′-ca-i, seven hundred and threescore.

10 The children of Ba′-ni, six hundred forty and two.

11 The children of Beb′-a-i, six hundred twenty and three.

12 The children of Az′-gad, a thousand two hundred twenty and two.

13 The children of A-don′-i-kam, six hundred sixty and six.

14 The children of Big′-va-i, two thousand fifty and six.

15 The children of A′-din, four hundred fifty and four.

16 The children of A′-ter of Hez-e-ki′-ah, ninety and eight.

17 The children of Be′-zai, three hundred twenty and three.

18 The children of Jo′-rah, an hundred and twelve.

19 The children of Ha′-shum, two hundred twenty and three.

20 The children of Gib'-bar, ninety and five.
21 The children of Beth-lehem, an hundred twenty and three.
22 The men of Ne-to'-phah, fifty and six.
23 The men of An'-a-thoth, an hundred twenty and eight.
24 The children of Az-ma'-veth, forty and two.
25 The children of Kir'-jath-a'-rim, Che-phi'-rah, and Be-e'-roth, seven hundred and forty and three.
26 The children of Ra'-mah and Ga'-ba, six hundred twenty and one.
27 The men of Mich'-mas, an hundred twenty and two.
28 The men of Beth-el and A'-i, two hundred twenty and three.
29 The children of Nebo, fifty and two.
30 The children of Mag'-bish, an hundred fifty and six.
31 The children of the other E'-lam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.
32 The children of Ha'-rim, three hundred and twenty.
33 The children of Lod, Ha'-did, and O'-no, seven hundred twenty and five.
34 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.
35 The children of Se-na'-ah, three thousand and six hundred and thirty.
36 The priests: the children of Je-da'-iah, of the house of Jesh'-u-a, nine hundred seventy and three.
37 The children of Im'-mer, a thousand fifty and two.
38 The children of Pash'-ur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.
39 The children of Ha'-rim, a thousand and seventeen.
40 The Levites: the children of Jesh'-u-a and Kad'-mi-el, of the children of Hod-a-vi'-ah, seventy and four.
41 The singers: the children of A'-saph, an hundred twenty and eight.
42 The children of the porters: the children of Shal'-lum, the children of A'-ter, the children of Tal'-mon, the children of Ak'-kub, the children of Hat'-i-ta, the children of Sho'-ba-i, *in* all an hundred thirty and nine.
43 The Neth'-i-nims: the children of Zi'-ha, the children of Ha-su'-pha, the children of Tab'-ba-oth,
44 The children of Ke'-ros, the children of Si'-a-ha, the children of Pa'-don.
45 The children of Leb'-a-nah, the children of Hag'-a-bah, the children of Ak'-kub,
46 The children of Ha'-gab, the children of Shal'-ma-i, the children of Ha'-nan,
47 The children of Gid'-del, the children of Ga'-har, the children of Re-a-i'-ah,
48 The children of Re'-zin, the children of Ne-ko'-da, the children of Gaz'-zam,
49 The children of Uz'-za, the children of Pa-se'-ah, the children of Be'-sai,
50 The children of As'-nah, the children of Me-hu'-nim, the children of Ne-phu'-sim,
51 The children of Bak'-buk, the children of Ha-ku'-pha, the children of Har'-hur,
52 The children of Baz'-luth, the children of Me-hi'-da, the children of Har'-sha,
53 The children of Bar'-kos, the children of Sis'-e-ra, the children of Tha'-mah,
54 The children of Ne-zi'-ah, the children of Hat'-i-pha.
55 The children of Solomon's servants: the children of So'-ta-i, the children of Soph'-e-reth, the children of Pe-ru'-da,
56 The children of Ja-a'-lah, the children of Dar'-kon, the children of Gid'-del,
57 The children of Sheph-a-ti'-ah, the children of Hat'-til, the children of Poch'-e-reth of Ze-ba'-im, the children of A'-mi.
58 All the Neth'-i-nims, and the children of Solomon's servants, *were* three hundred ninety and two.
59 And these *were* they which went up from Tel-me'-lah, Tel-har'-sa, Cher-ub, Ad'-dan, *and* Im'-mer: but they could not shew their father's house, and their seed, whether they *were* of Israel.
60 The children of Del-a-i'-ah, the children of To-bi'-ah, the children of Ne-ko'-da, six hundred fifty and two.
61 And of the children of the priests: the children of Ha-ba'-iah, the children of Koz, the children of Bar-zil'-la-i; which took a wife of the daughters of Bar-zil'-la-i the Gil'-e-ad-ite, and was called after their name:
62 These sought their register *among* those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.
63 And the Tir'-sha-tha said unto

them, that they should not eat of the
most holy things, till there stood up a
priest with U'-rim and with Thum'-
mim.
64 The whole congregation together
was forty and two thousand three hun-
dred *and* threescore,
65 Beside their servants and their
maids, of whom *there were* seven thou-
sand three hundred thirty and seven:
and *there were* among them two hun-
dred singing men and singing women.
66 Their horses *were* seven hundred
thirty and six; their mules, two hun-
dred forty and five;
67 Their camels, four hundred thir-
ty and five; *their* asses, six thousand
seven hundred and twenty.
68 And *some* of the chief of the fa-
thers, when they came to the house of
the LORD which *is* at Jerusalem, of-
fered freely for the house of God to set
it up in his place:
69 They gave after their ability un-
to the treasure of the work threescore
and one thousand drams of gold, and
five thousand pound of silver, and one
hundred priests' garments.
70 So the priests, and the Levites,
and *some* of the people, and the sing-
ers, and the porters, and the Neth'-i-
nims, dwelt in their cities, and all Is-
rael in their cities.

CHAPTER 3

AND when the seventh month was
come, and the children of Israel
were in the cities, the people gathered
themselves together as one man to
Jerusalem.
2 Then stood up Jesh'-u-a the son of
Joz'-a-dak, and his brethren the
priests, and Ze-rub'-ba-bel the son of
She-al'-ti-el, and his brethren, and
builded the altar of the God of Israel,
to offer burnt offerings thereon, as *it is*
written in the law of Moses the man of
God.
3 And they set the altar upon his
bases; for fear *was* upon them because
of the people of those countries: and
they offered burnt offerings thereon
unto the Lord, *even* burnt offerings
morning and evening.
4 They kept also the feast of taber-
nacles, as *it is* written, and *offered* the
daily burnt offerings by number, ac-
cording to the custom, as the duty of
every day required;
5 And afterward *offered* the continu-
al burnt offering, both of the new
moons, and of all the set feasts of the
LORD that were consecrated, and of
every one that willingly offered a free-
will offering unto the LORD.
6 From the first day of the seventh
month began they to offer burnt offer-
ings unto the LORD. But the founda-
tion of the temple of the LORD was not
yet laid.
7 They gave money also unto the
masons, and to the carpenters; and
meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of
Zi'-don, and to them of Tyre, to bring
cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of
Jop'-pa, according to the grant that
they had of Cyrus king of Persia.
8 Now in the second year of their
coming unto the house of God at Jeru-
salem, in the second month, began Ze-
rub'-ba-bel the son of She-al'-ti-el, and
Jesh'-u-a the son of Joz'-a-dak, and the
remnant of their brethren the priests
and the Levites, and all they that were
come out of the captivity unto Jerusa-
lem; and appointed the Levites, from
twenty years old and upward, to set
forward the work of the house of the
LORD.
9 Then stood Jesh'-u-a *with* his sons
and his brethren, Kad'-mi-el and his
sons, the sons of Judah, together, to
set forward the workmen in the house
of God: the sons of Hen'-a-dad, *with*
their sons and their brethren the Le-
vites.
10 And when the builders laid the
foundation of the temple of the LORD,
they set the priests in their apparel
with trumpets, and the Levites the
sons of A'-saph with cymbals, to praise
the LORD, after the ordinance of David
king of Israel.
11 And they sang together by
course in praising and giving thanks
unto the LORD; because *he is* good, for
his mercy *endureth* for ever toward Is-
rael. And all the people shouted with
a great shout, when they praised the
LORD, because the foundation of the
house of the LORD was laid.
12 But many of the priests and Le-
vites and chief of the fathers, *who were*
ancient men, that had seen the first
house, when the foundation of this
house was laid before their eyes, wept
with a loud voice; and many shouted
aloud for joy:
13 So that the people could not dis-
cern the noise of the shout of joy from
the noise of the weeping of the people:
for the people shouted with a loud

shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

CHAPTER 4

NOW when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the LORD God of Israel;

2 Then they came to Ze-rub'-ba-bel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye *do*; and we do sacrifice unto him since the days of E'-sar-had'-don king of Assur, which brought us up hither.

3 But Ze-rub'-ba-bel, and Jesh'-u-a, and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Israel, said unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the LORD God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us.

4 Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building,

5 And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

6 And in the reign of A-has-u-e'-rus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they *unto him* an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

7 And in the days of Ar-ta-xer'-xes wrote Bish'-lam, Mith'-re-dath, Ta'-be-el, and the rest of their companions, unto Ar-ta-xer'-xes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter *was* written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue.

8 Re'-hum the chancellor and Shim'-shai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Ar-ta-xer'-xes the king in this sort:

9 Then *wrote* Re'-hum the chancellor, and Shim'-shai the scribe, and the rest of their companions; the Di'-na-ites, the A-phar'-sath-chites, the Tar'-pel-ites, the A-phar'-sites, the Ar'-che-vites, the Babylonians, the Su'-san-chites, the De-ha'-vites, *and* the E'-lam-ites,

10 And the rest of the nations whom the great and noble As-nap'-per brought over, and set in the cities of Sa-ma'-ri-a, and the rest *that are* on this side the river, and at such a time.

11 This is the copy of the letter that they sent unto him, *even* unto Ar-ta-xer'-xes the king; Thy servants the men on this side the river, and at such a time.

12 Be it known unto the king, that the Jews which came up from thee to us are come unto Jerusalem, building the rebellious and the bad city, and have set up the walls *thereof*, and joined the foundations.

13 Be it known now unto the king, that, if this city be builded, and the walls set up *again*, *then* will they not pay toll, tribute, and custom, and *so* thou shalt endamage the revenue of the kings.

14 Now because we have maintenance from *the king's* palace, and it was not meet for us to see the king's dishonour, therefore have we sent and certified the king;

15 That search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know that this city *is* a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have moved sedition within the same of old time: for which cause was this city destroyed.

16 We certify the king that, if this city be builded *again*, and the walls thereof set up, by this means thou shalt have no portion on this side the river.

17 *Then* sent the king an answer unto Re'-hum the chancellor, and *to* Shim'-shai the scribe, and *to* the rest of their companions that dwell in Sa-ma'-ri-a, and *unto* the rest beyond the river, Peace, and at such a time.

18 The letter which ye sent unto us hath been plainly read before me.

19 And I commanded, and search hath been made, and *it is* found that this city of old time hath made insurrection against kings, and *that* rebellion and sedition have been made therein.

20 There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, which have ruled over all *countries* beyond the river; and toll, tribute, and custom, was paid unto them.

21 Give ye now commandment to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until *another* commandment shall be given from me.

22 Take heed now that ye fail not to do this: why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings?

23 Now when the copy of king Ar-
ta-xer'-xes' letter *was* read before Re'-
hum, and Shim'-shai the scribe, and
their companions, they went up in
haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and
made them to cease by force and
power.
24 Then ceased the work of the
house of God which *is* at Jerusalem. So
it ceased unto the second year of the
reign of Darius king of Persia.

CHAPTER 5

THEN the prophets, Hag'-ga-i the
prophet, and Zech-a-ri'-ah the son
of Id'-do, prophesied unto the Jews
that *were* in Judah and Jerusalem in
the name of the God of Israel, *even*
unto them.
2 Then rose up Ze-rub'-ba-bel the
son of She-al'-ti-el, and Jesh'-u-a the
son of Joz'-a-dak, and began to build
the house of God which *is* at Jerusa-
lem: and with them *were* the prophets
of God helping them.
3 At the same time came to them
Tat'-na-i, governor on this side the
river, and She'-thar-boz'-na-i, and their
companions, and said thus unto them,
Who hath commanded you to build
this house, and to make up this wall?
4 Then said we unto them after this
manner, What are the names of the
men that make this building?
5 But the eye of their God was upon
the elders of the Jews, that they could
not cause them to cease, till the matter
came to Darius: and then they re-
turned answer by letter concerning
this *matter*.
6 The copy of the letter that Tat'-
na-i, governor on this side the river,
and She'-thar-boz'-na-i, and his com-
panions the A-phar'-sach-ites, which
were on this side the river, sent unto
Darius the king:
7 They sent a letter unto him,
wherein was written thus; Unto Da-
rius the king, all peace.
8 Be it known unto the king, that
we went into the province of Judea, to
the house of the great God, which is
builded with great stones, and timber
is laid in the walls, and this work goeth
fast on, and prospereth in their hands.
9 Then asked we those elders, *and*
said unto them thus, Who commanded
you to build this house, and to make
up these walls?
10 We asked their names also, to
certify thee, that we might write the
names of the men that *were* the chief
of them.
11 And thus they returned us an-
swer, saying, We are the servants of
the God of heaven and earth, and
build the house that was builded these
many years ago, which a great king of
Israel builded and set up.
12 But after that our fathers had
provoked the God of heaven unto
wrath, he gave them into the hand of
Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar the king of Baby-
lon, the Chal-de'-an, who destroyed
this house, and carried the people
away into Babylon.
13 But in the first year of Cyrus the
king of Babylon *the same* king Cyrus
made a decree to build this house of
God.
14 And the vessels also of gold and
silver of the house of God, which
Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar took out of the
temple that *was* in Jerusalem, and
brought them into the temple of Baby-
lon, those did Cyrus the king take out
of the temple of Babylon, and they
were delivered unto *one*, whose name
was Shesh-baz'-zar, whom he had made
governor;
15 And said unto him, Take these
vessels, go, carry them into the temple
that *is* in Jerusalem, and let the house
of God be builded in his place.
16 Then came the same Shesh-baz'-
zar, *and* laid the foundation of the
house of God which *is* in Jerusalem:
and since that time even until now
hath it been in building, and *yet* it is
not finished.
17 Now therefore, if *it seem* good to
the king, let there be search made in
the king's treasure house, which *is*
there at Babylon, whether it be *so*,
that a decree was made of Cyrus the
king to build this house of God at Jeru-
salem, and let the king send his pleas-
ure to us concerning this matter.

CHAPTER 6

THEN Darius the king made a de-
cree, and search was made in the
house of the rolls, where the treasures
were laid up in Babylon.
2 And there was found at Ach'-me-
tha, in the palace that *is* in the prov-
ince of the Medes, a roll, and therein
was a record thus written:
3 In the first year of Cyrus the king
the same Cyrus the king made a decree
concerning the house of God at Jerusa-

lem, Let the house be builded, the
place where they offered sacrifices, and
let the foundations thereof be strongly
laid; the height thereof threescore cu-
bits, *and* the breadth thereof three-
score cubits;
4 *With* three rows of great stones,
and a row of new timber: and let the
expences be given out of the king's
house:
5 And also let the golden and silver
vessels of the house of God, which
Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar took forth out of
the temple which *is* at Jerusalem, and
brought unto Babylon, be restored,
and brought again unto the temple
which *is* at Jerusalem, *every one* to his
place, and place *them* in the house of
God.
6 Now *therefore* Tat'-na-i, governor
beyond the river, She'-thar-boz'-na-i,
and your companions the A-phar'-sach-
ites, which *are* beyond the river, be ye
far from thence:
7 Let the work of this house of God
alone; let the governor of the Jews and
the elders of the Jews build this house
of God in his place.
8 Moreover I make a decree what ye
shall do to the elders of these Jews for
the building of this house of God: that
of the king's goods, *even* of the tribute
beyond the river, forthwith expences
be given unto these men, that they be
not hindered.
9 And that which they have need
of, both young bullocks, and rams, and
lambs, for the burnt offerings of the
God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and
oil, according to the appointment of
the priests which *are* at Jerusalem, let
it be given them day by day without
fail:
10 That they may offer sacrifices of
sweet savours unto the God of heaven,
and pray for the life of the king, and
of his sons.
11 Also I have made a decree, that
whosoever shall alter this word, let
timber be pulled down from his house,
and being set up, let him be hanged
thereon; and let his house be made a
dunghill for this.
12 And the God that hath caused
his name to dwell there destroy all
kings and people, that shall put to
their hand to alter *and* to destroy this
house of God which *is* at Jerusalem.
I Darius have made a decree; let it be
done with speed.
13 Then Tat'-na-i, governor on this
side the river, She'-thar-boz'-na-i, and
their companions, according to that
which Darius the king had sent, so
they did speedily.
14 And the elders of the Jews build-
ed, and they prospered through the
prophesying of Hag'-ga-i the prophet
and Zech-a-ri'-ah the son of Id'-do. And
they builded, and finished *it*, according
to the commandment of the God of Is-
rael, and according to the command-
ment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Ar-
ta-xer'-xes king of Persia.
15 And this house was finished on
the third day of the month A'-dar,
which was in the sixth year of the
reign of Darius the king.
16 And the children of Israel, the
priests, and the Levites, and the rest
of the children of the captivity, kept
the dedication of this house of God
with joy,
17 And offered at the dedication of
this house of God an hundred bullocks,
two hundred rams, four hundred
lambs; and for a sin offering for all Is-
rael, twelve he goats, according to the
number of the tribes of Israel.
18 And they set the priests in their
divisions, and the Levites in their
courses, for the service of God, which
is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the
book of Moses.
19 And the children of the captivity
kept the passover upon the fourteenth
day of the first month.
20 For the priests and the Levites
were purified together, all of them
were pure, and killed the passover for
all the children of the captivity, and
for their brethren the priests, and for
themselves.
21 And the children of Israel, which
were come again out of captivity, and
all such as had separated themselves
unto them from the filthiness of the
heathen of the land, to seek the LORD
God of Israel, did eat,
22 And kept the feast of unleavened
bread seven days with joy: for the
LORD had made them joyful, and
turned the heart of the king of Assyria
unto them, to strengthen their hands
in the work of the house of God, the
God of Israel.

CHAPTER 7

NOW after these things, in the
reign of Ar-ta-xer'-xes king of
Persia, Ezra the son of Ser-a-i'-ah, the
son of Az-a-ri'-ah, the son of Hil-ki'-ah,

2 The son of Shal'-lum, the son of
Za'-dok, the son of A-hi'-tub,
3 The son of Am-a-ri'-ah, the son of
Az-a-ri'-ah, the son of Me-ra'-ioth,
4 The son of Zer-a-hi'-ah, the son of
Uz'-zi, the son of Buk'-ki,
5 The son of A-bish'-u-a, the son of
Phin'-e-has, the son of E-le-a'-zar, the
son of Aaron the chief priest:
6 This Ezra went up from Babylon;
and he *was* a ready scribe in the law of
Moses, which the LORD God of Israel
had given: and the king granted him
all his request, according to the hand
of the LORD his God upon him.
7 And there went up *some* of the
children of Israel, and of the priests,
and the Levites, and the singers, and
the porters, and the Neth'-i-nims, unto
Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Ar-ta-xer'-xes the king.
8 And he came to Jerusalem in the
fifth month, which *was* in the seventh
year of the king.
9 For upon the first *day* of the first
month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first *day* of the fifth
month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon
him.
10 For Ezra had prepared his heart
to seek the law of the LORD, and to do
it, and to teach in Israel statutes and
judgments.
11 Now this *is* the copy of the letter
that the king Ar-ta-xer'-xes gave unto
Ezra the priest, the scribe, *even* a scribe
of the words of the commandments of
the LORD, and of his statutes to Israel.
12 Ar-ta-xer'-xes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law
of the God of heaven, perfect *peace*,
and at such a time.
13 I make a decree, that all they of
the people of Israel, and *of* his priests
and Levites, in my realm, which are
minded of their own freewill to go up
to Jerusalem, go with thee.
14 Forasmuch as thou art sent of
the king, and of his seven counsellors,
to enquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God
which *is* in thine hand;
15 And to carry the silver and gold,
which the king and his counsellors
have freely offered unto the God of Israel, whose habitation *is* in Jerusalem,
16 And all the silver and gold that
thou canst find in all the province of
Babylon, with the freewill offering of
the people, and of the priests, offering
willingly for the house of their God
which *is* in Jerusalem:
17 That thou mayest buy speedily
with this money bullocks, rams, lambs,
with their meat offerings and their
drink offerings, and offer them upon
the altar of the house of your God
which *is* in Jerusalem.
18 And whatsoever shall seem good
to thee, and to thy brethren, to do
with the rest of the silver and the gold,
that do after the will of your God.
19 The vessels also that are given
thee for the service of the house of thy
God, *those* deliver thou before the God
of Jerusalem.
20 And whatsoever more shall be
needful for the house of thy God,
which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow *it* out of the king's treasure house.
21 And I, *even* I Ar-ta-xer'-xes the
king, do make a decree to all the treasurers which *are* beyond the river, that
whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe
of the law of the God of heaven, shall
require of you, it be done speedily,
22 Unto an hundred talents of silver, and to an hundred measures of
wheat, and to an hundred baths of
wine, and to an hundred baths of oil,
and salt without prescribing *how much*.
23 Whatsoever is commanded by
the God of heaven, let it be diligently
done for the house of the God of heaven: for why should there be wrath
against the realm of the king and his
sons?
24 Also we certify you, that touching any of the priests and Levites,
singers, porters, Neth'-i-nims, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not
be lawful to impose toll, tribute, or
custom, upon them.
25 And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, that *is* in thine hand,
set magistrates and judges, which may
judge all the people that *are* beyond
the river, all such as know the laws of
thy God; and teach ye them that know
them not.
26 And whosoever will not do the
law of thy God, and the law of the
king, let judgment be executed speedily upon him, whether *it be* unto death,
or to banishment, or to confiscation of
goods, or to imprisonment.
27 Blessed *be* the LORD God of our
fathers, which hath put *such a thing* as
this in the king's heart, to beautify the

house of the LORD which is in Jerusa-
lem:
28 And hath extended mercy unto
me before the king, and his counsel-
lors, and before all the king's mighty
princes. And I was strengthened as the
hand of the LORD my God *was* upon
me, and I gathered together out of Is-
rael chief men to go up with me.

CHAPTER 8

THESE *are* now the chief of their
fathers, and *this is* the genealogy
of them that went up with me from
Babylon, in the reign of Ar-ta-xer'-xes
the king.
2 Of the sons of Phin'-e-has; Ger'-
shom: of the sons of Ith'-a-mar; Dan-
iel: of the sons of David; Hat'-tush.
3 Of the sons of Shech-a-ni'-ah, of
the sons of Pha'-rosh; Zech-a-ri'-ah:
and with him *were* reckoned by gene-
alogy of the males an hundred and
fifty.
4 Of the sons of Pa'-hath-mo'-ab;
E-li-ho-e'-na-i the son of Zer-a-hi'-ah,
and with him two hundred males.
5 Of the sons of Shech-a-ni'-ah; the
son of Ja-ha'-zi-el, and with him three
hundred males.
6 Of the sons also of A'-din; E'-bed
the son of Jonathan, and with him
fifty males.
7 And of the sons of E'-lam; Je-sha'-
iah the son of Ath-a-li'-ah, and with
him seventy males.
8 And of the sons of Sheph-a-ti'-ah;
Zeb-a-di'-ah the son of Michael, and
with him fourscore males.
9 Of the sons of Jo'-ab; O-ba-di'-ah
the son of Je-hi'-el, and with him two
hundred and eighteen males.
10 And of the sons of Shel'-o-mith;
the son of Jos-i-phi'-ah, and with him
an hundred and threescore males.
11 And of the sons of Beb'-a-i; Zech-
a-ri'-ah the son of Beb'-a-i, and with
him twenty and eight males.
12 And of the sons of Az'-gad; Jo-
ha'-nan the son of Hak'-ka-tan, and
with him an hundred and ten males.
13 And of the last sons of A-don'-i-
kam, whose names *are* these, E-liph'-e-
let, Je-i'-el, and Shem-ai'-ah, and with
them threescore males.
14 Of the sons also of Big'-va-i;
U'-tha-i, and Zab'-bud, and with them
seventy males.
15 And I gathered them together to
the river that runneth to A-ha'-va; and
there abode we in tents three days: and
I viewed the people, and the priests,
and found there none of the sons of
Levi.
16 Then sent I for E-li-e'-zer, for
A'-ri-el, for Shem-ai'-ah, and for El'-
na-than, and for Ja'-rib, and for El'-na-
than, and for Nathan, and for Zech-a-
ri'-ah, and for Me-shul'-lam, chief men;
also for Joi'-a-rib, and for El'-na-than,
men of understanding.
17 And I sent them with command-
ment unto Id'-do the chief at the place
Ca-siph'-i-a, and I told them what they
should say unto Id'-do, *and* to his
brethren the Neth'-i-nims, at the place
Ca-siph'-i-a, that they should bring un-
to us ministers for the house of our
God.
18 And by the good hand of our
God upon us they brought us a man of
understanding, of the sons of Mah'-li,
the son of Levi, the son of Israel; and
Sher-e-bi'-ah, with his sons and his
brethren, eighteen;
19 And Hash-a-bi'-ah, and with him
Je-sha'-iah of the sons of Me-ra'-ri, his
brethren and their sons, twenty;
20 Also of the Neth'-i-nims, whom
David and the princes had appointed
for the service of the Levites, two hun-
dred and twenty Neth'-i-nims: all of
them were expressed by name.
21 Then I proclaimed a fast there,
at the river of A-ha'-va, that we might
afflict ourselves before our God, to seek
of him a right way for us, and for our
little ones, and for all our substance.
22 For I was ashamed to require of
the king a band of soldiers and horse-
men to help us against the enemy in
the way: because we had spoken unto
the king, saying, The hand of our God
is upon all them for good that seek
him; but his power and his wrath *is*
against all them that forsake him.
23 So we fasted and besought our
God for this: and he was intreated of
us.
24 Then I separated twelve of the
chief of the priests, Sher-e-bi'-ah,
Hash-a-bi'-ah, and ten of their breth-
ren with them,
25 And weighed unto them the sil-
ver, and the gold, and the vessels, *even*
the offering of the house of our God,
which the king, and his counsellors,
and his lords, and all Israel *there* pres-
ent, had offered:
26 I even weighed unto their hand
six hundred and fifty talents of silver,

and silver vessels an hundred talents,
and of gold an hundred talents;
27 Also twenty basons of gold, of a
thousand drams; and two vessels of
fine copper, precious as gold.
28 And I said unto them, Ye *are*
holy unto the LORD; the vessels *are*
holy also; and the silver and the gold
are a freewill offering unto the LORD
God of your fathers.
29 Watch ye, and keep *them*, until
ye weigh *them* before the chief of the
priests and the Levites, and chief of
the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem, in
the chambers of the house of the LORD.
30 So took the priests and the Le-
vites the weight of the silver, and the
gold, and the vessels, to bring *them* to
Jerusalem unto the house of our God.
31 Then we departed from the river
of A-ha'-va on the twelfth *day* of the
first month, to go unto Jerusalem: and
the hand of our God was upon us, and
he delivered us from the hand of the
enemy, and of such as lay in wait by
the way.
32 And we came to Jerusalem, and
abode there three days.
33 Now on the fourth day was the
silver and the gold and the vessels
weighed in the house of our God by the
hand of Mer'-e-moth the son of U-ri'-ah
the priest; and with him *was* E-le-a'-zar
the son of Phin'-e-has; and with them
was Joz'-a-bad the son of Jesh'-u-a, and
No-a-di'-ah the son of Bin'-nu-i, Le-
vites;
34 By number *and* by weight of
every one: and all the weight was writ-
ten at that time.
35 *Also* the children of those that
had been carried away, which were
come out of the captivity, offered
burnt offerings unto the God of Israel,
twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety
and six rams, seventy and seven
lambs, twelve he goats *for* a sin offer-
ing: all *this was* a burnt offering unto
the LORD.
36 And they delivered the king's
commissions unto the king's lieute-
nants, and to the governors on this side
the river: and they furthered the peo-
ple, and the house of God.

CHAPTER 9

NOW when these things were done,
the princes came to me, saying,
The people of Israel, and the priests,
and the Levites, have not separated
themselves from the people of the
lands, *doing* according to their abomi-
nations, *even* of the Canaanites, the
Hittites, the Per'-iz-zites, the Jeb'-u-
sites, the Ammonites, the Moabites,
the Egyptians, and the Amorites.
2 For they have taken of their
daughters for themselves, and for their
sons: so that the holy seed have min-
gled themselves with the people of
those lands: yea, the hand of the prin-
ces and rulers hath been chief in this
trespass.
3 And when I heard this thing, I
rent my garment and my mantle, and
plucked off the hair of my head and of
my beard, and sat down astonied.
4 Then were assembled unto me
every one that trembled at the words
of the God of Israel, because of the
transgression of those that had been
carried away; and I sat astonied until
the evening sacrifice.
5 And at the evening sacrifice I
arose up from my heaviness; and hav-
ing rent my garment and my mantle, I
fell upon my knees, and spread out my
hands unto the LORD my God,
6 And said, O my God, I am asham-
ed and blush to lift up my face to thee,
my God: for our iniquities are in-
creased over *our* head, and our tres-
pass is grown up unto the heavens.
7 Since the days of our fathers *have*
we *been* in a great trespass unto this
day; and for our iniquities have we,
our kings, *and* our priests, been deliv-
ered into the hand of the kings of the
lands, to the sword, to captivity, and
to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as
it is this day.
8 And now for a little space grace
hath been *shewed* from the LORD our
God, to leave us a remnant to escape,
and to give us a nail in his holy place,
that our God may lighten our eyes,
and give us a little reviving in our
bondage.
9 For we *were* bondmen; yet our
God hath not forsaken us in our bond-
age, but hath extended mercy unto us
in the sight of the kings of Persia, to
give us a reviving, to set up the house
of our God, and to repair the desola-
tions thereof, and to give us a wall in
Judah and in Jerusalem.
10 And now, O our God, what shall
we say after this? for we have forsaken
thy commandments,
11 Which thou hast commanded by
thy servants the prophets, saying, The
land, unto which ye go to posse[illegible] is

an unclean land with the filthiness of
the people of the lands, with their
abominations, which have filled it
from one end to another with their un-
cleanness.
12 Now therefore give not your
daughters unto their sons, neither take
their daughters unto your sons, nor
seek their peace or their wealth for
ever: that ye may be strong, and eat
the good of the land, and leave *it* for
an inheritance to your children for
ever.
13 And after all that is come upon
us for our evil deeds, and for our great
trespass, seeing that thou our God hast
punished us less than our iniquities *de-
serve*, and hast given us *such* deliver-
ance as this;
14 Should we again break thy com-
mandments, and join in affinity with
the people of these abominations?
wouldest not thou be angry with us till
thou hadst consumed *us*, so that *there
should be* no remnant nor escaping?
15 O LORD God of Israel, thou *art*
righteous: for we remain yet escaped,
as *it is* this day: behold, we *are* before
thee in our trespasses: for we cannot
stand before thee because of this.

CHAPTER 10

NOW when Ezra had prayed, and
when he had confessed, weeping
and casting himself down before the
house of God, there assembled unto
him out of Israel a very great congre-
gation of men and women and chil-
dren: for the people wept very sore.
2 And Shech-a-ni´-ah the son of Je-
hi´-el, *one* of the sons of E´-lam, an-
swered and said unto Ezra, We have
trespassed against our God, and have
taken strange wives of the people of
the land: yet now there is hope in Is-
rael concerning this thing.
3 Now therefore let us make a cove-
nant with our God to put away all the
wives, and such as are born of them,
according to the counsel of my lord,
and of those that tremble at the com-
mandment of our God; and let it be
done according to the law.
4 Arise; for *this* matter *belongeth* un-
to thee: we also *will be* with thee: be of
good courage, and do *it*.
5 Then arose Ezra, and made the
chief priests, the Levites, and all Is-
rael, to swear that they should do ac-
cording to this word. And they sware.
6 Then Ezra rose up from before the
house of God, and went into the cham-
ber of Jo-ha´-nan the son of E-li´-a-shib:
and *when* he came thither, he did eat
no bread, nor drink water: for he
mourned because of the transgression
of them that had been carried away.
7 And they made proclamation
throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto
all the children of the captivity, that
they should gather themselves togeth-
er unto Jerusalem;
8 And that whosoever would not
come within three days, according to
the counsel of the princes and the eld-
ers, all his substance should be for-
feited, and himself separated from the
congregation of those that had been
carried away.
9 Then all the men of Judah and
Benjamin gathered themselves to-
gether unto Jerusalem within three
days. It *was* the ninth month, on the
twentieth *day* of the month; and all
the people sat in the street of the house
of God, trembling because of *this* mat-
ter, and for the great rain.
10 And Ezra the priest stood up,
and said unto them, Ye have trans-
gressed, and have taken strange wives,
to increase the trespass of Israel.
11 Now therefore make confession
unto the LORD God of your fathers,
and do his pleasure: and separate your-
selves from the people of the land, and
from the strange wives.
12 Then all the congregation an-
swered and said with a loud voice, As
thou hast said, so must we do.
13 But the people *are* many, and *it
is* a time of much rain, and we are not
able to stand without, neither *is this* a
work of one day or two: for we are
many that have transgressed in this
thing.
14 Let now our rulers of all the con-
gregation stand, and let all them which
have taken strange wives in our cities
come at appointed times, and with
them the elders of every city, and the
judges thereof, until the fierce wrath
of our God for this matter be turned
from us.
15 Only Jonathan the son of A´-sa-
hel and Ja-ha-zi´-ah the son of Tik´-vah
were employed about this *matter*: and
Me-shul´-lam and Shab´-be-thai the Le-
vite helped them.
16 And the children of the captivity
did so. And Ezra the priest, *with* cer-
tain chief of the fathers, after the
house of their fathers, and all of them

by *their* names, were separated, and sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter.
17 And they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month.
18 And among the sons of the priests there were found that had taken strange wives: *namely*, of the sons of Jesh'-u-a the son of Joz'-a-dak, and his brethren; Ma-a-se'-iah, and E-li-e'-zer, and Ja'-rib, and Ged-a-li'-ah.
19 And they gave their hands that they would put away their wives; and *being* guilty, *they offered* a ram of the flock for their trespass.
20 And of the sons of Im'-mer; Ha-na'-ni, and Zeb-a-di'-ah.
21 And of the sons of Ha'-rim; Ma-a-se'-iah, and E-li'-jah, and She-ma'-iah, and Je-hi'-el, and Uz-zi'-ah.
22 And of the sons of Pash'-ur; E-li-o-e'-na-i, Ma-a-se'-iah, Ish'-ma-el, Ne-than'-e-el, Joz'-a-bad, and El'-a-sah.
23 Also of the Levites; Joz'-a-bad, and Shim'-e-i, and Ke-la'-iah, (the same *is* Kel'-i-ta,) Peth-a-hi'-ah, Judah, and E-li-e'-zer.
24 Of the singers also; E-li'-a-shib: and of the porters; Shal'-lum, and Te'-lem, and U'-ri.
25 Moreover of Israel: of the sons of Pa'-rosh; Ra-mi'-ah, and Je-zi'-ah, and Mal-chi'-ah, and Mi'-a-min, and E-le-a'-zar, and Mal-chi'-jah, and Be-na'-iah.
26 And of the sons of E'-lam; Mat-ta-ni'-ah, Zech-a-ri'-ah, and Je-hi'-el, and Ab'-di, and Jer'-e-moth, and E-li'-ah.
27 And of the sons of Zat'-tu; E-li-o-e'-na-i, E-li'-a-shib, Mat-ta-ni'-ah, and Jer-e'-moth, and Za'-bad, and A-zi'-za.
28 Of the sons also of Beb'-a-i; Je-ho-ha'-nan, Han-a-ni'-ah, Zab'-bai, *and* Ath'-lai.
29 And of the sons of Ba'-ni; Me-shul'-lam, Mal'-luch, and Ad-a-i'-ah, Jash'-ub, and She'-al, and Ra'-moth.
30 And of the sons of Pa'-hath–mo'-ab; Ad'-na, and Che'-lal, Be-na'-iah, Ma-a-se'-iah, Mat-ta-ni'-ah, Be-zal'-e-el, and Bin'-nu-i, and Ma-nas'-seh.
31 And *of* the sons of Ha'-rim; E-li-e'-zer, I-shi'-jah, Mel-chi'-ah, She-ma'-iah, Shim'-e-on,
32 Benjamin, Mal'-luch, *and* Shem-a-ri'-ah.
33 Of the sons of Ha'-shum; Mat-te-na'-i, Mat-ta-thah, Za'-bad, E-liph'-e-let, Jer'-e-mai, Ma-nas'-seh, *and* Shim'-e-i.
34 Of the sons of Ba'-ni; Ma-ad'-ai, Amram, and U'-el,
35 Be-na'-iah, Be-de'-iah, Chel'-luh,
36 Va-ni'-ah, Mer'-e-moth, E-li'-a-shib,
37 Mat-ta-ni'-ah, Mat-te-na'-i, and Ja'-a-sau,
38 And Ba'-ni, and Bin'-nu-i, Shim'-e-i,
39 And Shel-e-mi'-ah, and Nathan, and Ad-a-i'-ah,
40 Mach-na-de'-bai, Shash'-a-i, Shar'-a-i,
41 A-zar'-e-el, and Shel-e-mi'-ah, Shem-a-ri'-ah,
42 Shal'-lum, Am-a-ri'-ah, *and* Joseph.
43 Of the sons of Nebo; Je-i'-el, Mat-ti-thi'-ah, Za'-bad, Ze-bi'-na, Ja-da'-u, and Jo'-el, Be-na'-iah.
44 All these had taken strange wives: and *some* of them had wives by whom they had children.

The Book of Nehemiah

CHAPTER 1

THE words of Ne-he-mi'-ah the son of Hach-a-li'-ah. And it came to pass in the month Chis'-leu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shu'-shan the palace,
2 That Ha-na'-ni, one of my brethren, came, he and *certain* men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.
3 And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province *are* in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also *is* broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.
4 And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned *certain* days, and fasted,

and prayed before the God of heaven,

5 And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:

6 Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.

7 We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, *nor the statutes*, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.

8 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, *If* ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations:

9 But *if* ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, *yet* will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.

10 Now these *are* thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand.

11 O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.

CHAPTER 2

AND it came to pass in the month Ni'-san, in the twentieth year of Ar-ta-xer'-xes the king, *that* wine *was* before him: and I took up the wine, and gave *it* unto the king. Now I had not been *beforetime* sad in his presence.

2 Wherefore the king said unto me, Why *is* thy countenance sad, seeing thou *art* not sick? this *is* nothing *else* but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid,

3 And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?

4 Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.

5 And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it.

6 And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.

7 Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah;

8 And a letter unto A'-saph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which *appertained* to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

9 Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me.

10 When San-bal'-lat the Hor'-o-nite, and To-bi'-ah the servant, the Ammonite, heard *of it*, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.

11 So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.

12 And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I *any* man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither *was there any* beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon.

13 And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.

14 Then I went on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool: but *there was* no place for the *beast that was* under me to pass.

15 Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and

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to the pool that was made, and unto
the house of the mighty.
17 After him repaired the Levites
Re'-hum the son of Ba'-ni
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of the half part of Kei'-lah, in his
part.
18 After him repaired their breth-
ren, Bav'-a-i the son of Hen'-a-dad, the
ruler of the half part of Kei'-lah.
19 And next to him repaired E'-zer
the son of Jesh'-u-a, the ruler of Miz-
pah, another piece over against the
going up to the armoury at the turning
of the wall.
20 After him Ba'-ruch the son of
Zab'-bai earnestly repaired the other
piece, from the turning *of the wall* unto
the door of the house of E-li'-a-shib the
high priest.
21 After him repaired Mer'-e-moth
the son of U-ri'-jah the son of Koz an-
other piece, from the door of the house
of E-li'-a-shib even to the end of the
house of E-li'-a-shib.
22 And after him repaired the
priests, the men of the plain.
23 After him repaired Benjamin
and Ha'-shub over against their house.
After him repaired Az-a-ri'-ah the son
of Ma-a-se'-iah the son of An-a-ni'-ah
by his house.
24 After him repaired Bin'-nu-i the
son of Hen'-a-dad another piece, from
the house of Az-a-ri'-ah unto the
turning of *the wall,* even unto the
corner.
25 Pa'-lal the son of U'-za-i, over
against the turning *of the wall,* and the
tower which lieth out from the king's
high house, that *was* by the court of
the prison. After him Pe-da'-iah the
son of Pa'-rosh.
26 Moreover the Neth'-i-nims dwelt
in O'-phel, unto *the place* over against
the water gate toward the east, and
the tower that lieth out.
27 After them the Te-ko'-ites re-
paired another piece, over against the
great tower that lieth out, even unto
the wall of O'-phel.
28 From above the horse gate re-
paired the priests, every one over
against the house.
29 After them repaired Za'-dok the
son of Im'-mer over against his house.
After him repaired also She-ma'-iah
the son of Shech-a-ni'-ah, the keeper of
the east gate.
30 After him repaired Han-a-ni'-ah
the son of Shel-e-mi'-ah, and Ha'-nun
the sixth son of Za'-laph, another
piece. After him repaired Me-shul'-lam
the son of Ber-e-chi'-ah over against
his chamber.
31 After him repaired Mal-chi'-ah
the goldsmith's son unto the place of
the Neth'-i-nims, and of the merchants,
over against the gate Miph'-kad, and to
the going up of the corner.
32 And between the going up of the
corner unto the sheep gate repaired
the goldsmiths and the merchants.

CHAPTER 4

BUT it came to pass, that when San-
bal'-lat heard that we builded the
wall, he was wroth, and took great in-
dignation, and mocked the Jews.
2 And he spake before his brethren
and the army of Sa-ma'-ri-a, and said,
What do these feeble Jews? will they
fortify themselves? will they sacrifice?
will they make an end in a day? will
they revive the stones out of the heaps
of the rubbish which are burned?
3 Now To-bi'-ah the Ammonite *was*
by him, and he said, Even that which
they build, if a fox go up, he shall even
break down their stone wall.
4 Hear, O our God; for we are de-
spised: and turn their reproach upon
their own head, and give them for a
prey in the land of captivity:
5 And cover not their iniquity, and
let not their sin be blotted out from be-
fore thee: for they have provoked *thee*
to anger before the builders.
6 So built we the wall; and all the
wall was joined together unto the half
thereof: for the people had a mind to
work.
7 But it came to pass, *that* when
San-bal'-lat, and To-bi'-ah, and the
Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the
Ash'-dod-ites, heard that the walls of
Jerusalem were made up, *and* that the
breaches began to be stopped, then
they were very wroth,
8 And conspired all of them to-
gether to come *and* to fight against
Jerusalem, and to hinder it.
9 Nevertheless we made our prayer
unto our God, and set a watch against
them day and night, because of
them.
10 And Judah said, The strength of
the bearers of burdens is decayed, and
there is much rubbish; so that we are
not able to build the wall.
11 And our adversaries said, They
shall not know, neither see, till we
come in the midst among them, and
slay them, and cause the work to
cease.
12 And it came to pass, that when
the Jews which dwelt by them came,

they said unto us ten times, From all
places whence ye shall return unto us
they will be upon you.
13 Therefore set I in the lower
places behind the wall, *and* on the
higher places, I even set the people
after their families with their swords,
their spears, and their bows.
14 And I looked, and rose up, and
said unto the nobles, and to the rulers,
and to the rest of the people, Be not
ye afraid of them: remember the Lord,
which is great and terrible, and fight
for your brethren, your sons, and your
daughters, your wives, and your
houses.
15 And it came to pass, when our
enemies heard that it was known unto
us, and God had brought their counsel
to nought, that we returned all of
us to the wall, every one unto his
work.
16 And it came to pass from that
time forth, *that* the half of my servants
wrought in the work, and the other
half of them held both the spears, the
shields, and the bows, and the haber-
geons; and the rulers *were* behind all
the house of Judah.
17 They which builded on the wall,
and they that bare burdens, with those
that laded, *every one* with one of his
hands wrought in the work, and with
the other *hand* held a weapon.
18 For the builders, every one had
his sword girded by his side, and *so*
builded. And he that sounded the
trumpet *was* by me.
19 And I said unto the nobles, and
to the rulers, and to the rest of the peo-
ple, The work *is* great and large, and
we are separated upon the wall, one
far from another.
20 In what place *therefore* ye hear
the sound of the trumpet, resort ye
thither unto us: our God shall fight
for us.
21 So we laboured in the work: and
half of them held the spears from the
rising of the morning till the stars ap-
peared.
22 Likewise at the same time said I
unto the people, Let every one with
his servant lodge within Jerusalem,
that in the night they may be a guard
to us, and labour on the day.
23 So neither I, nor my brethren,
nor my servants, nor the men of the
guard which followed me, none of us
put off our clothes, *saving that* every
one put them off for washing.

CHAPTER 5

AND there was a great cry of the
people and of their wives against
their brethren the Jews.
2 For there were that said, We, our
sons, and our daughters, *are* many:
therefore we take up corn *for them,*
that we may eat, and live.
3 *Some* also there were that said,
We have mortgaged our lands, vine-
yards, and houses, that we might buy
corn, because of the dearth.
4 There were also that said, We
have borrowed money for the king's
tribute, *and that upon* our lands and
vineyards.
5 Yet now our flesh *is* as the flesh of
our brethren, our children as their chil-
dren: and, lo, we bring into bondage
our sons and our daughters to be ser-
vants, and *some* of our daughters are
brought unto bondage *already:* neither
is it in our power *to redeem them;* for
other men have our lands and vine-
yards.
6 And I was very angry when I
heard their cry and these words.
7 Then I consulted with myself, and
I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers,
and said unto them, Ye exact usury,
every one of his brother. And I set a
great assembly against them.
8 And I said unto them, We after
our ability have redeemed our breth-
ren the Jews, which were sold unto the
heathen; and will ye even sell your
brethren? or shall they be sold unto
us? Then held they their peace, and
found nothing *to answer.*
9 Also I said, It *is* not good that ye
do: ought ye not to walk in the fear of
our God because of the reproach of the
heathen our enemies?
10 I likewise, *and* my brethren, and
my servants, might exact of them
money and corn: I pray you, let us
leave off this usury.
11 Restore, I pray you, to them,
even this day, their lands, their vine-
yards, their oliveyards, and their
houses, also the hundredth *part* of the
money, and of the corn, the wine, and
the oil, that ye exact of them.
12 Then said they, We will restore
them, and will require nothing of them;
so will we do as thou sayest. Then I
called the priests, and took an oath of
them, that they should do according
to this promise.
13 Also I shook my lap, and said,

So God shake out every man from his
house, and from his labour, that per-
formeth not this promise, even thus be
he shaken out, and emptied. And all
the congregation said, Amen, and
praised the LORD. And the people did
according to this promise.
14 Moreover from the time that I
was appointed to be their governor in
the land of Judah, from the twentieth
year even unto the two and thirtieth
year of Ar-ta-xer'-xes the king, *that is*,
twelve years, I and my brethren have
not eaten the bread of the governor.
15 But the former governors that
had been before me were chargeable un-
to the people, and had taken of them
bread and wine, beside forty shekels of
silver; yea, even their servants bare
rule over the people: but so did not I,
because of the fear of God.
16 Yea, also I continued in the
work of this wall, neither bought we
any land: and all my servants *were*
gathered thither unto the work.
17 Moreover *there were* at my table
an hundred and fifty of the Jews and
rulers, beside those that came unto us
from among the heathen that *are*
about us.
18 Now *that* which was prepared *for*
me daily *was* one ox *and* six choice
sheep; also fowls were prepared for me
and once in ten days store of all sorts
of wine: yet for all this required not I
the bread of the governor, because
the bondage was heavy upon this
people.
19 Think upon me, my God, for
good, *according* to all that I have done
for this people.

CHAPTER 6

NOW it came to pass, when San-
bal'-lat, and To-bi'-ah, and Ge'-
shem the Arabian, and the rest of our
enemies, heard that I had builded the
wall, and *that* there was no breach left
therein; (though at that time I had not
set up the doors upon the gates;)
2 That San-bal'-lat and Ge'-shem
sent unto me, saying, Come, let us
meet together in *some one* of the vil-
lages in the plain of O'-no. But they
thought to do me mischief.
3 And I sent messengers unto them,
saying, I *am* doing a great work, so
that I cannot come down: why should
the work cease, whilst I leave it, and
come down to you?
4 Yet they sent unto me four times
after this sort; and I answered them
after the same manner.
5 Then sent San-bal'-lat his servant
unto me in like manner the fifth time
with an open letter in his hand;
6 Wherein *was* written, It is re-
ported among the heathen, and Gash'-
mu *saith it*, *that* thou and the Jews
think to rebel: for which cause thou
buildest the wall, that thou mayest be
their king, according to these words.
7 And thou hast also appointed
prophets to preach of thee at Jerusa-
lem, saying, *There is* a king in Judah:
and now shall it be reported to the
king according to these words. Come
now therefore, and let us take counsel
together.
8 Then I sent unto him, saying,
There are no such things done as thou
sayest, but thou feignest them out of
thine own heart.
9 For they all made us afraid, say-
ing, Their hands shall be weakened
from the work, that it be not done.
Now therefore, O *God*, strengthen my
hands.
10 Afterward I came unto the house
of She-ma'-iah the son of Del-a-i'-ah
the son of Me-het'-a-beel, who *was* shut
up; and he said, Let us meet together
in the house of God, within the temple,
and let us shut the doors of the tem-
ple: for they will come to slay thee;
yea, in the night will they come to slay
thee.
11 And I said, Should such a man
as I flee? and who *is there*, that, *being*
as I *am*, would go into the temple to
save his life? I will not go in.
12 And, lo, I perceived that God
had not sent him; but that he pro-
nounced this prophecy against me: for
To-bi'-ah and San-bal'-lat had hired
him.
13 Therefore *was* he hired, that I
should be afraid, and do so, and sin,
and *that* they might have *matter* for an
evil report, that they might reproach
me.
14 My God, think thou upon To-bi'-
ah and San-bal'-lat according to these
their works, and on the prophetess
No-a-di'-ah, and the rest of the pro-
phets, that would have put me in fear.
15 So the wall was finished in the
twenty and fifth *day* of *the month*
E'-lul, in fifty and two days.
16 And it came to pass, that when
all our enemies heard *thereof*, and all
the heathen that *were* about us saw

these things, they were much cast down
in their own eyes: for they perceived
that this work was wrought of our
God.
17 Moreover in those days the
nobles of Judah sent many letters un-
to To-bi'-ah, and *the letters* of To-bi'-ah
came unto them.
18 For *there were* many in Judah
sworn unto him, because he *was* the
son in law of Shech-a-ni'-ah the son of
A'-rah; and his son Jo-ha'-nan had
taken the daughter of Me-shul'-lam the
son of Ber-e-chi'-ah.
19 Also they reported his good
deeds before me, and uttered my
words to him. *And* To-bi'-ah sent let-
ters to put me in fear.

CHAPTER 7

NOW it came to pass, when the
wall was built, and I had set up
the doors, and the porters and the
singers and the Levites were appoint-
ed,
2 That I gave my brother Ha-na'-ni,
and Han-a-ni'-ah the ruler of the pa-
lace, charge over Jerusalem: for he *was*
a faithful man, and feared God above
many.
3 And I said unto them, Let not the
gates of Jerusalem be opened until the
sun be hot; and while they stand by,
let them shut the doors, and bar *them*:
and appoint watches of the inhabit-
ants of Jerusalem, every one in his
watch, and every one *to be* over against
his house.
4 Now the city *was* large and great:
but the people *were* few therein, and
the houses *were* not builded.
5 And my God put into mine heart
to gather together the nobles, and the
rulers, and the people, that they might
be reckoned by genealogy. And I
found a register of the genealogy of
them which came up at the first and
found written therein,
6 These *are* the children of the pro-
vince, that went up out of the captiv-
ity, of those that had been carried
away, whom Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar the
king of Babylon had carried away, and
came again to Jerusalem and to Ju-
dah, every one unto his city;
7 Who came with Ze-rub'-ba-bel,
Jesh'-u-a, Ne-he-mi'-ah, Az-a-ri'-ah,
Ra-a-mi'-ah, Na-ham'-a-ni, Mor'-de-
cai, Bilshan, Mis'-pe-reth, Big'-va-i,
Ne'-hum, Ba'-a-nah. The number, I
say, of the men of the people of Israel
was this;
8 The children of Pa'-rosh, two
thousand an hundred seventy and
two.
9 The children of Sheph-a-ti'-ah,
three hundred seventy and two.
10 The children of A'-rah, six hun-
dred fifty and two.
11 The children of Pa'-hath-mo'-ab,
of the children of Jesh'-u-a and Jo'-ab,
two thousand and eight hundred *and*
eighteen.
12 The children of E'-lam, a thou-
sand two hundred fifty and four.
13 The children of Zat'-tu, eight
hundred forty and five.
14 The children of Zac'-ca-i, seven
hundred and threescore.
15 The children of Bin'-nu-i, six
hundred forty and eight.
16 The children of Beb'-a-i, six hun-
dred twenty and eight.
17 The children of Az'-gad, two
thousand three hundred twenty and
two.
18 The children of A-don'-i-kam, six
hundred threescore and seven.
19 The children of Big'-va-i, two
thousand threescore and seven.
20 The children of A'-din, six hun-
dred fifty and five.
21 The children of A'-ter of Hez-e-
ki'-ah, ninety and eight.
22 The children of Ha'-shum, three
hundred twenty and eight.
23 The children of Be'-zai, three
hundred twenty and four.
24 The children of Ha'-riph, an hun-
dred and twelve.
25 The children of Gibeon, ninety
and five.
26 The men of Beth-lehem and Ne-
to'-phah, an hundred fourscore and
eight.
27 The men of An'-a-thoth, an hun-
dred twenty and eight.
28 The men of Beth-az'-ma-veth,
forty and two.
29 The men of Kir'-jath-je'-a-rim,
Che-phi'-rah, and Be-e'-roth, seven
hundred forty and three.
30 The men of Ra'-mah and Ga'-ba,
six hundred twenty and one.
31 The men of Mich'-mas, an hun-
dred and twenty and two.
32 The men of Beth-el and A'-i, an
hundred twenty and three.
33 The men of the other Nebo, fifty
and two.
34 The children of the other E'-lam,

a thousand two hundred fifty and
four.
35 The children of Ha'-rim, three
hundred and twenty.
36 The children of Jericho, three
hundred forty and five.
37 The children of Lod, Ha'-did, and
O'-no, seven hundred twenty and one.
38 The children of Se-na'-ah, three
thousand nine hundred and thirty.
39 The priests: the children of Je-
da'-iah, of the house of Jesh'-u-a, nine
hundred seventy and three.
40 The children of Im'-mer, a thou-
sand fifty and two.
41 The children of Pash'-ur, a thou-
sand two hundred forty and seven.
42 The children of Ha'-rim, a thou-
sand and seventeen.
43 The Levites: the children of
Jesh'-u-a, of Kad'-mi-el, *and* of the
children of Ho-de'-vah, seventy and
four.
44 The singers: the children of
A'-saph, an hundred forty and eight.
45 The porters: the children of Shal'-
lum, the children of A'-ter, the children
of Talmon, the children of Ak'-kub, the
children of Hat'-i-ta, the children of
Sho'-ba-i, an hundred thirty and eight.
46 The Neth'-i-nims: the children of
Zi'-ha, the children of Ha-shu'-pha, the
children of Tab'-ba-oth,
47 The children of Ke'-ros, the chil-
dren of Si'-a, the children of Pa'-don,
48 The children of Leb'-a-na, the
[illegible]dren of Hag'-a-ba, the children of
[illegible]al'-ma-i,
49 The children of Ha'-nan, the chil-
dren of Gid'-del, the children of Ga'-
har,
50 The children of Re-a-i'-ah, the
children of Re'-zin, the children of Ne-
ko'-da,
51 The children of Gaz'-zam, the
children of Uz'-za, the children of Pha-
se'-ah,
52 The children of Be'-sai, the chil-
dren of Me-u'-nim, the children of Ne-
phish'-e-sim,
53 The children of Bak'-buk, the
children of Ha-ku'-pha, the children of
Har'-hur,
54 The children of Baz'-lith, the
children of Me-hi'-da, the children of
Har'-sha,
55 The children of Bar'-kos, the
children of Sis'-e-ra, the children of
Ta'-mah,
56 The children of Ne-zi'-ah, the
children of Hat'-i-pha.

57 The children of Solomon's ser-
vants: the children of So'-ta-i, the chil-
dren of Soph'-e-reth, the children of
Pe-ri'-da,
58 The children of Ja-a'-la, the chil-
dren of Dar'-kon, the children of Gid'-
del,
59 The children of Sheph-a-ti'-ah,
the children of Hat'-til, the children of
Poch'-e-reth of Ze-ba'-im, the children
of Amon.
60 All the Neth'-i-nims, and the
children of Solomon's servants, *were*
three hundred ninety and two.
61 And these *were* they which went
up *also* from Tel–me'-lah, Tel–ha-re'-
sha, Cherub, Ad'-don, and Im'-mer: but
they could not shew their father's
house, nor their seed, whether they
were of Israel.
62 The children of Del-a-i'-ah, the
children of To-bi'-ah, the children of
Ne-ko'-da, six hundred forty and
two.
63 And of the priests: the children
of Ha-ba'-iah, the children of Koz, the
children of Bar-zil'-la-i, which took *one*
of the daughters of Bar-zil'-la-i the
Gileadite to wife, and was called after
their name.
64 These sought their register
among those that were reckoned by
genealogy, but it was not found: there-
fore were they, as polluted, put from
the priesthood.
65 And the Tir'-sha-tha said unto
them, that they should not eat of the
most holy things, till there stood *up* a
priest with U'-rim and Thum'-mim.
66 The whole congregation together
was forty and two thousand three hun-
dred and threescore,
67 Beside their manservants and
their maidservants, of whom *there*
were seven thousand three hundred
thirty and seven: and they had two
hundred forty and five singing men
and singing women.
68 Their horses, seven hundred
thirty and six: their mules, two hun-
dred forty and five:
69 *Their* camels, four hundred thir-
ty and five: six thousand seven hun-
dred and twenty asses.
70 And some of the chief of the fa-
thers gave unto the work. The Tir'-sha-
tha gave to the treasure a thousand
drams of gold, fifty basons, five hun-
dred and thirty priests' garments.
71 And some of the chief of the fa-
thers gave to the treasure of the w

twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand and two hundred pound of silver.

72 And *that* which the rest of the people gave *was* twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand pound of silver, and threescore and seven priests' garments.

73 So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and *some* of the people, and the Neth'-i-nims, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities; and when the seventh month came, the children of Israel *were* in their cities.

CHAPTER 8

AND all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that *was* before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel.

2 And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month.

3 And he read therein before the street that *was* before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people *were attentive* unto the book of the law.

4 And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mat-ti-thi'-ah, and She'-ma, and An-a-i'-ah, and U-ri'-jah, and Hil-ki'-ah, and Ma-a-se'-iah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pe-da'-iah, and Mish'-a-el, and Mal-chi'-ah, and Ha'-shum, and Hash-bad'-a-na, Zech-a-ri'-ah, *and* Me-shul'-lam.

5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up:

6 And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with *their* faces to the ground.

7 Also Jesh'-u-a, and Ba'-ni, and Sher-e-bi'-ah, Ja'-min, Ak'-kub, Shab'-be-thai, Ho-di'-jah, Ma-a-se'-iah, Kel'-i-ta, Az-a-ri'-ah, Joz'-a-bad, Ha'-nan, Pel-a-i'-ah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people *stood* in their place.

8 So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused *them* to understand the reading.

9 And Ne-he-mi'-ah, which *is* the Tir'-sha-tha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, *said* unto all the people, This day *is* holy unto the LORD your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law.

10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for *this* day *is* holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD *is* your strength.

11 So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day *is* holy; neither be ye grieved.

12 And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

13 And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law.

14 And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month:

15 And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as *it is* written.

16 So the people went forth, and brought *them*, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of E'-phra-im.

17 And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the days of Jesh'-u-a the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness.

18 Also day by day, from t

day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day *was* a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.

CHAPTER 9

NOW in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them.

2 And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.

3 And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God *one* fourth part of the day; and *another* fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God.

4 Then stood up upon the stairs, of the Levites, Jesh'-u-a, and Ba'-ni, Kad'-mi-el, Sheb-a-ni'-ah, Bun'-ni, Sher-e-bi'-ah, Ba'-ni, *and* Chen'-a-ni, and cried with a loud voice unto the LORD their God.

5 Then the Levites, Jesh'-u-a, and Kad'-mi-el, Ba'-ni, Hash-ab-ni'-ah, Sher-e-bi'-ah, Ho-di'-jah, Sheb-a-ni'-ah, *and* Peth-a-hi'-ah, said, Stand up *and* bless the LORD your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

6 Thou, *even* thou, *art* LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all *things* that *are* therein, the seas, and all that *is* therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

7 Thou *art* the LORD the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chal-dees, and gavest him the name of Abraham;

8 And foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Per'-iz-zites, and the Jeb'-u-sites, and the Gir'-ga-shites, to give *it*, *I say*, to his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou *art* righteous:

9 And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red sea;

10 And shewedst signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land: for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them. So didst thou get thee a name, as *it is* this day.

11 And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters.

12 Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go.

13 Thou camest down also upon mount Si'-nai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments:

14 And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant:

15 And gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land *which* thou *hadst* sworn to give them.

16 But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments,

17 And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou *art* a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not.

18 Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This *is* thy god that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocations;

19 Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should go.

20 Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.

21 Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, *so that* they lacked nothing; their clothes

l not old, and their feet swelled

Moreover thou gavest them king-
and nations, and didst divide
t. into corners: so they possessed
th ld of Sihon, and the land of the
kii : Hesh'-bon, and the land of Og
kin f Ba'-shan.
23 Their children also multipliedst
thou as the stars of heaven, and
broughtest them into the land, con-
cerning which thou hadst promised to
their fathers, that they should go in to
possess *it*.
24 So the children went in and pos-
sessed the land, and thou subduedst
before them the inhabitants of the
land, the Canaanites, and gavest them
into their hands, with their kings, and
the people of the land, that they might
do *with them* as they would.
25 And they took strong cities, and
a fat land, and possessed houses full of
all goods, wells digged, vineyards, and
oliveyards, and fruit trees in abun-
dance: so they did eat, and were filled,
and became fat, and delighted them-
selves in thy great goodness.
26 Nevertheless they were disobedi-
ent, and rebelled against thee, and cast
thy law behind their backs, and slew
thy prophets which testified against
them to turn them to thee, and they
wrought great provocations.
27 Therefore thou deliveredst them
into the hand of their enemies, who
vexed them: and in the time of their
trouble, when they cried unto thee,
thou heardest *them* from heaven; and
according to thy manifold mercies
thou gavest them saviours, who saved
them out of the hand of their enemies.
28 But after they had rest, they did
evil again before thee: therefore leftest
thou them in the hand of their ene-
mies, so that they had the dominion
over them: yet when they returned,
and cried unto thee, thou heardest
them from heaven; and many times
didst thou deliver them according to
thy mercies;
29 And testifiedst against them,
that thou mightest bring them again
unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly,
and hearkened not unto thy command-
ments, but sinned against thy judg-
ments, (which if a man do, he shall live
in them;) and withdrew the shoulder,
and hardened their neck, and would
not hear.
30 Yet many years didst thou for-
bear them, and testifiedst against
them by thy spirit in thy prophets: yet
would they not give ear: therefore gav-
est thou them into the hand of the peo-
ple of the lands.
31 Nevertheless for thy great mer-
cies' sake thou didst not utterly con-
sume them, nor forsake them; for thou
art a gracious and merciful God.
32 Now therefore, our God, the
great, the mighty, and the terrible
God, who keepest covenant and mer-
cy, let not all the trouble seem little
before thee, that hath come upon us,
on our kings, on our princes, and on
our priests, and on our prophets, and
on our fathers, and on all thy people,
since the time of the kings of Assyria
unto this day.
33 Howbeit thou *art* just in all that
is brought upon us; for thou hast done
right, but we have done wickedly:
34 Neither have our kings, our
princes, our priests, nor our fathers,
kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy
commandments and thy testimonies,
wherewith thou didst testify against
them.
35 For they have not served thee in
their kingdom, and in thy great good-
ness that thou gavest them, and in the
large and fat land which thou gavest
before them, neither turned they from
their wicked works.
36 Behold, we *are* servants this day,
and *for* the land that thou gavest unto
our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and
the good thereof, behold, we *are* ser-
vants in it:
37 And it yieldeth much increase
unto the kings whom thou hast set
over us because of our sins: also they
have dominion over our bodies, and
over our cattle, at their pleasure, and
we *are* in great distress.
38 And because of all this we make
a sure *covenant*, and write *it*; and our
princes, Levites, *and* priests, seal *unto*
it.

CHAPTER 10

NOW those that sealed *were*, Ne-he-
mi'-ah, the Tir'-sha-tha, the son
of Hach-a-li'-ah, and Zid-ki'-jah,
2 Ser-a-i'-ah, Az-a-ri'-ah, Jeremiah,
3 Pash'-ur, Am-a-ri'-ah, Mal-chi'-jah,
4 Hat'-tush, Sheb-a-ni'-ah, Mal'-luch,
5 Ha'-rim, Mer'-e-moth, O-ba-di'-ah,
6 Daniel, Gin'-ne-thon, Ba-ruch,
7 Me-shul'-lam, A-b
min,

8 Ma-a-zi'-ah, Bil'-ga-i, She-ma'-iah:
these *were* the priests.
9 And the Levites: both Jesh'-u-a
the son of Az-a-ni'-ah, Bin'-nu-i of the
sons of Hen'-a-dad, Kad'-mi-el;
10 And their brethren, Sheb-a-ni'-
ah, Ho-di'-jah, Kel'-i-ta, Pel-a-i'-ah,
Ha'-nan,
11 Mi'-cha, Re'-hob, Hash-a-bi'-ah,
12 Zac'-cur, Sher-e-bi'-ah, Sheb-a-
ni'-ah,
13 Ho-di'-jah, Ba'-ni, Ben'-i-nu.
14 The chief of the people; Pa'-rosh,
Pa'-hath–mo'-ab, E'-lam, Zat'-thu, Ba'-
ni,
15 Bun'-ni, Az'-gad, Beb'-a-i,
16 Ad-o-ni'-jah, Big'-va-i, A'-din,
17 A'-ter, Hiz-ki'-jah, Az'-zur,
18 Ho-di'-jah, Ha'-shum, Be'-zai,
19 Ha'-riph, An'-a-thoth, Neb'-a-i,
20 Mag'-pi-ash, Me-shul'-lam, He'-
zir,
21 Me-shez'-a-beel, Za'-dok, Jad-
du'-a,
22 Pel-a-ti'-ah, Ha'-nan, An-a-i'-ah,
23 Ho-she'-a, Han-a-ni'-ah, Ha'-
shub,
24 Hal-lo'-hesh, Pil'-e-ha, Sho'-bek,
25 Re'-hum, Ha-shab'-nah, Ma-a-se'-
iah,
26 And A-hi'-jah, Ha'-nan, A'-nan,
27 Mal'-luch, Ha'-rim, Ba'-a-nah.
28 And the rest of the people, the
priests, the Levites, the porters, the
singers, the Neth'-i-nims, and all they
that had separated themselves from
the people of the lands unto the law of
God, their wives, their sons, and their
daughters, every one having knowl-
edge, and having understanding;
29 They clave to their brethren,
their nobles, and entered into a curse,
and into an oath, to walk in God's law,
which was given by Moses the servant
of God, and to observe and do all the
commandments of the LORD our Lord,
and his judgments and his statutes;
30 And that we would not give our
daughters unto the people of the land,
nor take their daughters for our sons:
31 And *if* the people of the land
bring ware or any victuals on the sab-
bath day to sell, *that* we would not buy
it of them on the sabbath, or on the
holy day: and *that* we would leave the
seventh year, and the exaction of
every debt.
32 Also we made ordinances for us,
to charge ourselves yearly with the
third part of a shekel for the service of
the house of our God;
33 For the shewbread, and for the
continual meat offering, and for the
continual burnt offering, of the sab-
baths, of the new moons, for the set
feasts, and for the holy *things*, and for
the sin offerings to make an atonement
for Israel, and *for* all the work of the
house of our God.
34 And we cast the lots among the
priests, the Levites, and the people,
for the wood offering, to bring *it* into
the house of our God, after the houses
of our fathers, at times appointed year
by year, to burn upon the altar of the
LORD our God, as *it is* written in the
law:
35 And to bring the firstfruits of our
ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit
of all trees, year by year, unto the
house of the LORD:
36 Also the firstborn of our sons,
and of our cattle, as *it is* written in the
law, and the firstlings of our herds and
of our flocks, to bring to the house of
our God, unto the priests that minister
in the house of our God:
37 And *that* we should bring the
firstfruits of our dough, and our offer-
ings, and the fruit of all manner of
trees, of wine and of oil, unto the
priests, to the chambers of the house
of our God; and the tithes of our
ground unto the Levites, that the
same Levites might have the tithes in
all the cities of our tillage.
38 And the priest the son of Aaron
shall be with the Levites, when the Le-
vites take tithes: and the Levites shall
bring up the tithe of the tithes unto
the house of our God, to the chambers,
unto the treasure house.
39 For the children of Israel and the
children of Levi shall bring the offering
of the corn, of the new wine, and the
oil, unto the chambers, where *are* the
vessels of the sanctuary, and the
priests that minister, and the porters,
and the singers: and we will not for-
sake the house of our God.

CHAPTER 11

AND the rulers of the people dwelt at
Jerusalem: the rest of the people
also cast lots, to bring one of ten to
dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and
nine parts *to dwell* in *other* cities.
2 And the people blessed all the
men, that willingly offered themselves
to dwell at Jerusalem.
3 Now these *are* the chief of the

province that dwelt in Jerusalem: but
in the cities of Judah dwelt every one
in his possession in their cities, *to wit*,
Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and
the Neth'-i-nims, and the children of
Solomon's servants.
4 And at Jerusalem dwelt *certain* of
the children of Judah, and of the chil-
dren of Benjamin. Of the children of
Judah; Ath-a-i'-ah the son of Uz-zi'-ah,
the son of Zech-a-ri'-ah, the son of Am-
a-ri'-ah, the son of Sheph-a-ti'-ah, the
son of Ma-ha'-la-le-el, of the children
of Pe'-rez;
5 And Ma'-a-se'-iah the son of Ba'-
ruch, the son of Col-ho'-zeh, the son of
Ha-za'-iah, the son of Ad-a-i'-ah, the
son of Joi'-a-rib, the son of Zech-a-ri'-
ah, the son of Shi-lo'-ni.
6 All the sons of Pe'-rez that dwelt
at Jerusalem *were* four hundred three-
score and eight valiant men.
7 And these *are* the sons of Benja-
min; Sal'-lu the son of Me-shul'-lam, the
son of Jo'-ed, the son of Pe-da'-iah, the
son of Kol-a-i'-ah, the son of Ma'-a-se'-
iah, the son of Ith'-i-el, the son of Je-
sa'-iah.
8 And after him Gab'-ba-i, Sal'-la-i,
nine hundred twenty and eight.
9 And Jo'-el the son of Zich'-ri *was*
their overseer: and Judah the son of
Se-nu'-ah *was* second over the city.
10 Of the priests: Je-da'-iah the son
of Joi'-a-rib, Ja'-chin.
11 Ser-a-i'-ah the son of Hil-ki'-ah,
the son of Me-shul'-lam, the son of Za'-
dok, the son of Me-ra'-ioth, the son of
A-hi'-tub, *was* the ruler of the house of
God.
12 And their brethren that did the
work of the house *were* eight hundred
twenty and two: and Ad-a-i'-ah the son
of Jer-o'-ham, the son of Pel-a-li'-ah,
the son of Amzi, the son of Zech-a-ri'-
ah, the son of Pash'-ur, the son of Mal-
chi'-ah,
13 And his brethren, chief of the fa-
thers, two hundred forty and two: and
A-mash'-a-i the son of A-zar'-e-el, the
son of A-has'-a-i, the son of Me-shil'-le-
moth, the son of Im'-mer,
14 And their brethren, mighty men
of valour, an hundred twenty and
eight: and their overseer *was* Zab'-di-
el, the son of *one of* the great men.
15 Also of the Levites: She-ma'-iah
the son of Ha'-shub, the son of Az'-ri-
kam, the son of Hash-a-bi'-ah, the son
of Bun'-ni;
16 And Shab'-be-thai and Joz'-a-
bad, of the chief of the Levites, *had* the
oversight of the outward business of
the house of God.
17 And Mat-ta-ni'-ah the son of Mi'-
cha, the son of Zab'-di, the son of
A'-saph *was* the principal to begin the
thanksgiving in prayer: and Bak-buk-
i'-ah the second among his brethren,
and Abda the son of Sham-mu'-a, the
son of Ga'-lal, the son of Jed-u'-thun.
18 All the Levites in the holy city
were two hundred fourscore and four.
19 Moreover the porters, Ak'-kub,
Tal'-mon, and their brethren that kept
the gates, *were* an hundred seventy
and two.
20 And the residue of Israel, of the
priests, *and* the Levites, *were* in all the
cities of Judah, every one in his in-
heritance.
21 But the Neth'-i-nims dwelt in
O'-phel: and Zi'-ha and Gis'-pa *were*
over the Neth'-i-nims.
22 The overseer also of the Levites
at Jerusalem *was* Uz'-zi the son of Ba'-
ni, the son of Hash-a-bi'-ah, the son of
Mat-ta-ni'-ah, the son of Mi'-cha. Of the
sons of A'-saph, the singers *were* over
the business of the house of God.
23 For *it was* the king's command-
ment concerning them, that a certain
portion should be for the singers, due
for every day.
24 And Peth-a-hi'-ah the son of Me-
shez'-a-beel, of the children of Ze'-rah
the son of Judah, *was* at the king's
hand in all matters concerning the
people.
25 And for the villages, with their
fields, *some* of the children of Judah
dwelt at Kir'-jath-ar'-ba, and *in* the
villages thereof, and at Di'-bon, and *in*
the villages thereof, and at Je-kab'-ze-
el, and *in* the villages thereof,
26 And at Jesh'-u-a, and at Mol'-a-
dah, and at Beth-phe'-let,
27 And at Ha'-zar-shu'-al, and at
Be'-er-she'-ba, and *in* the villages
thereof,
28 And at Ziklag, and at Mek'-o-
nah, and in the villages thereof,
29 And at En-rim'-mon, and at Za'-
re-ah, and at Jar'-muth,
30 Za-no'-ah, Adullam, and *in* their
villages, at La'-chish, and the fields
thereof, at A-ze'-kah, and *in* the vil-
lages thereof. And they dwelt from
Be'-er-she'-ba unto the valley of Hin'-
nom.
31 The children also of Benjamin
from Ge'-ba *dwelt* at Mich'-mash, and

A-i′-ja, and Beth-el, and *in* their villages,
32 *And* at An′-a-thoth, Nob, An-a-ni′-ah,
33 Ha′-zor, Ra′-mah, Git′-ta-im,
34 Ha′-did, Ze-bo′-im, Ne-bal′-lat,
35 Lod, and O′-no, the valley of craftsmen.
36 And of the Levites *were* divisions *in* Judah, *and* in Benjamin.

CHAPTER 12

NOW these *are* the priests and the Levites that went up with Ze-
rub′-ba-bel the son of She-al′-ti-el, and Jesh′-u-a: Ser-a-i′-ah, Jeremiah, Ezra,
2 Am-a-ri′-ah, Mal′-luch, Hat′-tush,
3 Shech-a-ni′-ah, Re′-hum, Mer′-e-moth,
4 Id′-do, Gin′-ne-tho, A-bi′-jah,
5 Mi′-a-min, Ma-a-di′-ah, Bil′-gah,
6 She-ma′-iah, and Joi′-a-rib, Je-da′-iah,
7 Sal′-lu, A′-mok, Hil-ki′-ah, Je-da′-iah. These *were* the chief of the priests and of their brethren in the days of Jesh′-u-a.
8 Moreover the Levites: Jesh′-u-a, Bin′-nu-i, Kad′-mi-el, Sher-e-bi′-ah, Judah, *and* Mat-ta-ni′-ah, *which was* over the thanksgiving, he and his brethren.
9 Also Bak-buk-i′-ah and Un′-ni, their brethren, *were* over against them in the watches.
10 And Jesh′-u-a begat Joi′-a-kim, Joi′-a-kim also begat E-li′-a-shib, and E-li′-a-shib begat Joi′-a-da,
11 And Joi′-a-da begat Jonathan, and Jonathan begat Jad-du′-a.
12 And in the days of Joi′-a-kim were priests, the chief of the fathers: of Ser-a-i′-ah, Mer-a-i′-ah; of Jeremiah, Han-a-ni′-ah;
13 Of Ezra, Me-shul′-lam; of Am-a-ri′-ah, Je-ho-ha′-nan;
14 Of Mel′-i-cu, Jonathan; of Sheb-a-ni′-ah, Joseph;
15 Of Ha′-rim, Ad′-na; of Me-ra′-ioth, Hel′-ka-i;
16 Of Id′-do, Zech-a-ri′-ah; of Gin′-ne-thon, Me-shul′-lam;
17 Of A-bi′-jah, Zich′-ri; of Min′-i-a-min, of Mo-a-di′-ah, Pil′-tai;
18 Of Bil′-gah, Sham-mu′-a; of She-ma′-iah, Je-hon′-a-than;
19 And of Joi′-a-rib, Mat-te-na′-i; of Je-da′-iah, Uz′-zi;
20 Of Sal′-la-i, Kal′-la-i; of A′-mok, E′-ber;
21 Of Hil-ki′-ah, Hash-a-bi′-ah; of Je-da′-iah, Ne-than′-e-el.
22 The Levites in the days of E-li′-a-shib, Joi′-a-da, and Jo-ha′-nan, and Jad-du′-a, *were* recorded chief of the fathers: also the priests, to the reign of Darius the Persian.
23 The sons of Levi the chief of the fathers, *were* written in the book of the chronicles, even until the days of Jo-ha′-nan the son of E-li′-a-shib.
24 And the chief of the Levites: Hash-a-bi′-ah, Sher-e-bi′-ah, and Jesh′-u-a the son of Kad′-mi-el, with their brethren over against them, to praise *and* to give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, ward over against ward.
25 Mat-ta-ni′-ah, and Bak-buk-i′-ah, O-ba-di′-ah, Me-shul′-lam, Tal′-mon, Ak′-kub, *were* porters keeping the ward at the thresholds of the gates.
26 These *were* in the days of Joi′-a-kim the son of Jesh′-u-a, the son of Joz′-a-dak, and in the days of Ne-he-mi′-ah the governor, and of Ezra the priest, *the scribe*.
27 And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, *with* cymbals, psalteries, and with harps.
28 And the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the plain country round about Jerusalem, and from the villages of Ne-toph′-a-thi;
29 Also from the house of Gilgal, and out of the fields of Ge′-ba and Az′-ma-veth: for the singers had builded them villages round about Jerusalem.
30 And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, and purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.
31 Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great *companies of them that gave* thanks, *whereof one* went on the right hand upon the wall toward the dung gate:
32 And after them went Hosh-a-i′-ah, and half of the princes of Judah,
33 And Az-a-ri′-ah, Ezra, and Me-shul′-lam,
34 Judah, and Benjamin, and She-ma′-iah, and Jeremiah,
35 And *certain* of the priests' sons with trumpets; *namely*, Zech-a-ri′-ah the son of Jonathan, the son of She-ma′-iah, the son of Mat-ta-ni′-ah, the son

of Mi-cha´-iah, the son of Zac´-cur, the son of A´-saph:

36 And his brethren, She-ma´-iah, and A-zar´-a-el, Mil´-a-la-i, Gil´-a-lai, Ma-a´-i, Ne-than´-e-el, and Judah, Ha-na´-ni, with the musical instruments of David the man of God, and Ezra the scribe before them.

37 And at the fountain gate, which was over against them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the house of David, even unto the water gate eastward.

38 And the other *company of them that gave* thanks went over against *them*, and I after them, and the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond the tower of the furnaces even unto the broad wall;

39 And from above the gate of E´-phra-im, and above the old gate, and above the fish gate, and the tower of Ha-nan´-e-el, and the tower of Me´-ah, even unto the sheep gate: and they stood still in the prison gate.

40 So stood the two *companies of them that gave* thanks in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me:

41 And the priests; E-li´-a-kim, Ma´-a-se´-iah, Min´-i-a-min, Mi-cha´-iah, E-li-o-e´-na-i, Zech-a-ri´-ah, *and* Han-a-ni´-ah, with trumpets;

42 And Ma´-a-se´-iah, and She-ma´-iah, and E-le-a´-zar, and Uz´-zi, and Je-ho-ha´-nan, and Mal-chi´-jah, and E´-lam, and E´-zer. And the singers sang loud, with Jez-ra-hi´-ah *their* overseer.

43 Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

44 And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites that waited.

45 And both the singers and the porters kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, according to the commandment of David, *and* of Solomon his son.

46 For in the days of David and A´-saph of old *there were* chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God.

47 And all Israel in the days of Ze-rub´-ba-bel, and in the days of Ne-he-mi´-ah, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, every day his portion: and they sanctified *holy things* unto the Levites; and the Levites sanctified *them* unto the children of Aaron.

CHAPTER 13

ON that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God for ever;

2 Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing.

3 Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.

4 And before this, E-li´-a-shib the priest, having the oversight of the chamber of the house of our God, *was* allied unto To-bi´-ah:

5 And he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine, and the oil, which was commanded *to be given* to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters; and the offerings of the priests.

6 But in all this *time* was not I at Jerusalem: for in the two and thirtieth year of Ar-ta-xer´-xes king of Babylon came I unto the king, and after certain days obtained I leave of the king:

7 And I came to Jerusalem, and understood of the evil that E-li´-a-shib did for To-bi´-ah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God.

8 And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth all the household stuff of To-bi´-ah out of the chamber.

9 Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers: and thither brought I again the vessels of the house of God, with the meat offering and the frankincense.

10 And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given *them*: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field.

11 Then contended I with the rul-
ers, and said, Why is the house of God
forsaken? And I gathered them to-
gether, and set them in their place.
12 Then brought all Judah the tithe
of the corn and the new wine and the
oil unto the treasuries.
13 And I made treasurers over the
treasuries, Shel-e-mi'-ah the priest, and
Za'-dok the scribe, and of the Levites,
Pe-da'-iah: and next to them *was* Ha-
nan the son of Zac'-cur, the son of Mat-
ta-ni'-ah: for they were counted faith-
ful, and their office *was* to distribute
unto their brethren.
14 Remember me, O my God, con-
cerning this, and wipe not out my good
deeds that I have done for the house
of my God, and for the offices thereof.
15 In those days saw I in Judah
some treading wine presses on the sab-
bath, and bringing in sheaves, and lad-
ing asses; as also wine, grapes, and
figs, and all *manner of* burdens, which
they brought into Jerusalem on the
sabbath day: and I testified *against*
them in the day wherein they sold
victuals.
16 There dwelt men of Tyre also
therein, which brought fish, and all
manner of ware, and sold on the sab-
bath unto the children of Judah, and
in Jerusalem.
17 Then I contended with the
nobles of Judah, and said unto them,
What evil thing *is* this that ye do, and
profane the sabbath day?
18 Did not your fathers thus, and
did not our God bring all this evil upon
us, and upon this city? yet ye bring
more wrath upon Israel by profaning
the sabbath.
19 And it came to pass, that when
the gates of Jerusalem began to be
dark before the sabbath, I commanded
that the gates should be shut, and
charged that they should not be
opened till after the sabbath: and
some of my servants set I at the gates,
that there should no burden be brought
in on the sabbath day.
20 So the merchants and sellers of
all kind of ware lodged without Jeru-
salem once or twice.
21 Then I testified against them,
and said unto them, Why lodge ye
about the wall? if ye do *so* again, I will
lay hands on you. From that time
forth came they no *more* on the sab-
bath.
22 And I commanded the Levites
that they should cleanse themselves,
and *that* they should come *and* keep
the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day.
Remember me, O my God, *concerning*
this also, and spare me according to
the greatness of thy mercy.
23 In those days also saw I Jews
that had married wives of Ash'-dod, of
Ammon, *and* of Moab:
24 And their children spake half in
the speech of Ash'-dod, and could not
speak in the Jews' language, but ac-
cording to the language of each peo-
ple.
25 And I contended with them, and
cursed them, and smote certain of
them, and plucked off their hair, and
made them swear by God, *saying*, Ye
shall not give your daughters unto
their sons, nor take their daughters
unto your sons, or for yourselves.
26 Did not Solomon king of Israel
sin by these things? yet among many
nations was there no king like him,
who was beloved of his God, and God
made him king over all Israel: never-
theless even him did outlandish women
cause to sin.
27 Shall we then hearken unto you
to do all this great evil, to transgress
against our God in marrying strange
wives?
28 And *one* of the sons of Joi'-a-da,
the son of E-li'-a-shib the high priest,
was son in law to San-bal'-lat the Hor'-
o-nite; therefore I chased him from
me.
29 Remember them, O my God, be-
cause they have defiled the priest-
hood, and the covenant of the priest-
hood, and of the Levites.
30 Thus cleansed I them from all
strangers, and appointed the wards of
the priests and the Levites, every one
in his business;
31 And for the wood offering, at
times appointed, and for the first-
fruits. Remember me, O my God, for
good.

The Book of

Esther

CHAPTER 1

NOW it came to pass in the days of A-has-u-e'-rus, (this *is* A-has-u-e'-rus which reigned, from India even unto E-thi-o'-pi-a, *over* an hundred and seven and twenty provinces:)

2 *That* in those days, when the king A-has-u-e'-rus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which *was* in Shu'-shan the palace,

3 In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Me'-di-a, the nobles and princes of the provinces, *being* before him:

4 When he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty many days, *even* an hundred and fourscore days.

5 And when these days were expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shu'-shan the palace, both unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace;

6 *Where were* white, green, and blue, *hangings*, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the beds *were of* gold and silver, upon a pavement of red, and blue, and white, and black, marble.

7 And they gave *them* drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and royal wine in abundance, according to the state of the king.

8 And the drinking *was* according to the law; none did compel; for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure.

9 Also Vash'-ti the queen made a feast for the women *in* the royal house which *belonged* to king A-has-u-e'-rus.

10 On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Me-hu'-man, Biz'-tha, Har-bo'-na, Big'-tha, and A-bag'-tha, Ze'-thar, and Car'-cas, the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of A-has-u-e'-rus the king,

11 To bring Vash'-ti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for she *was* fair to look on.

12 But the queen Vash'-ti refused to come at the king's commandment by *his* chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him.

13 Then the king said to the wise men, which knew the times, (for so *was* the king's manner toward all that knew law and judgment:

14 And the next unto him *was* Car-she'-na, She'-thar, Ad'-ma-tha, Tar-shish, Me'-res, Mar'-se-na, *and* Me-mu'-can, the seven princes of Persia and Me'-di-a, which saw the king's face, *and* which sat the first in the kingdom;)

15 What shall we do unto the queen Vash'-ti according to law because she hath not performed the commandment of the king A-has-u-e'-rus by the chamberlains?

16 And Me-mu'-can answered before the king and the princes, Vash'-ti the queen hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the people that *are* in all the provinces of the king A-has-u-e'-rus.

17 For *this* deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The king A-has-u-e'-rus commanded Vash'-ti the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not.

18 *Likewise* shall the ladies of Persia and Me'-di-a say this day unto all the king's princes, which have heard of the deed of the queen. Thus *shall there arise* too much contempt and wrath.

19 If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, That Vash'-ti come no more before king A-has-u-e'-rus; and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she.

20 And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be publ
throughout all his empire, (fo

great,) all the wives shall give to their husbands honour, both to great and small.

21 And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word of Me-mu′-can:

22 For he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and that *it* should be published according to the language of every people.

CHAPTER 2

AFTER these things, when the wrath of king A-has-u-e′-rus was appeased, he remembered Vash′-ti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her.

2 Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king:

3 And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shu′-shan the palace, to the house of the women, unto the custody of He′-ge the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given *them:*

4 And let the maiden which pleaseth the king be queen instead of Vash′-ti. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so.

5 *Now* in Shu′-shan the palace there was a certain Jew, whose name *was* Mor′-de-cai, the son of Ja′-ir, the son of Shim′-e-i, the son of Kish, a Benjamite;

6 Who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity which had been carried away with Jec-o-ni′-ah king of Judah, whom Neb-u-chad-nez′-zar the king of Babylon had carried away.

7 And he brought up Ha-das′-sah, that *is,* Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid *was* fair and beautiful; whom Mor′-de-cai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter.

8 So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shu′-shan the palace, to the custody of Heg′-a-i, that Esther was brought also unto the king's house, to the custody of Heg′-a-i, keeper of the women.

9 And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with such things as belonged to her, and seven maidens, *which were* meet to be given her, out of the king's house: and he preferred her and her maids unto the best *place* of the house of the women.

10 Esther had not shewed her people nor her kindred: for Mor′-de-cai had charged her that she should not shew *it.*

11 And Mor′-de-cai walked every day before the court of the women's house, to know how Esther did, and what should become of her.

12 Now when every maid's turn was come to go in to king A-has-u-e′-rus, after that she had been twelve months, according to the manner of the women, (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, *to wit,* six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours, and with *other* things for the purifying of the women;)

13 Then thus came *every* maiden unto the king; whatsoever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house.

14 In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Sha-ash′-gaz, the king's chamberlain, which kept the concubines: she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that she were called by name.

15 Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Ab-i-ha′-il the uncle of Mor′-de-cai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Heg′-a-i the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her.

16 So Esther was taken unto king A-has-u-e′-rus into his house royal in the tenth month, which *is* the month Te′-beth, in the seventh year of his reign.

17 And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal

crown upon her head, and made her
queen instead of Vash′-ti.
18 Then the king made a great feast
unto all his princes and his servants,
even Esther's feast; and he made a re-
lease to the provinces, and gave gifts,
according to the state of the king.
19 And when the virgins were ga-
thered together the second time, then
Mor′-de-cai sat in the king's gate.
20 Esther had not *yet* shewed her
kindred nor her people; as Mor′-de-cai
had charged her: for Esther did the
commandment of Mor′-de-cai, like as
when she was brought up with him.
21 In those days, while Mor′-de-cai
sat in the king's gate, two of the king's
chamberlains, Big′-than and Te′-resh,
of those which kept the door, were
wroth, and sought to lay hand on the
king A-has-u-e′-rus.
22 And the thing was known to
Mor′-de-cai, who told *it* unto Esther
the queen; and Esther certified the
king *thereof* in Mor′-de-cai's name.
23 And when inquisition was made
of the matter, it was found out; there-
fore they were both hanged on a tree:
and it was written in the book of the
chronicles before the king.

CHAPTER 3

AFTER these things did king A-has-
u-e′-rus promote Ha′-man the son
of Ham-med′-a-tha the A′-gag-ite, and
advanced him, and set his seat above
all the princes that *were* with him.
2 And all the king's servants, that
were in the king's gate, bowed, and
reverenced Ha′-man: for the king had
so commanded concerning him. But
Mor′-de-cai bowed not, nor did *him*
reverence.
3 Then the king's servants, which
were in the king's gate, said unto Mor′-
de-cai, Why transgressest thou the
king's commandment?
4 Now it came to pass, when they
spake daily unto him, and he heark-
ened not unto them, that they told
Ha′-man, to see whether Mor′-de-cai's
matters would stand: for he had told
them that he *was* a Jew.
5 And when Ha′-man saw that Mor′-
de-cai bowed not, nor did him rever-
ence, then was Ha′-man full of wrath.
6 And he thought scorn to lay
hands on Mor′-de-cai alone; for they
had shewed him the people of Mor′-de-
cai: wherefore Ha′-man sought to de-
stroy all the Jews that *were* through-
out the whole kingdom of A-has-u-
e′-rus, *even* the people of Mor′-de-cai.
7 In the first month, that *is*, the
month Ni′-san, in the twelfth year of
king A-has-u-e′-rus, they cast Pur, that
is, the lot, before Ha′-man from day to
day, and from month to month, *to* the
twelfth *month*, that *is*, the month
A′-dar.
8 And Ha′-man said unto king
A-has-u-e′-rus, There is a certain people
scattered abroad and dispersed among
the people in all the provinces of thy
kingdom; and their laws *are* diverse
from all people; neither keep they the
king's laws: therefore it *is* not for the
king's profit to suffer them.
9 If it please the king, let it be writ-
ten that they may be destroyed: and I
will pay ten thousand talents of silver
to the hands of those that have the
charge of the business, to bring *it* into
the king's treasuries.
10 And the king took his ring from
his hand, and gave it unto Ha′-man the
son of Ham-med′-a-tha the A′-gag-ite,
the Jews' enemy.
11 And the king said unto Ha′-man,
The silver *is* given to thee, the people
also, to do with them as it seemeth
good to thee.
12 Then were the king's scribes
called on the thirteenth day of the first
month, and there was written accord-
ing to all that Ha′-man had com-
manded unto the king's lieutenants,
and to the governors that *were* over
every province, and to the rulers of
every people of every province accord-
ing to the writing thereof, and *to* every
people after their language; in the
name of king A-has-u-e′-rus was it
written, and sealed with the king's
ring.
13 And the letters were sent by
posts into all the king's provinces, to
destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish,
all Jews, both young and old, little
children and women, in one day, *even*
upon the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth
month, which *is* the month A′-dar, and
to take the spoil of them for a prey.
14 The copy of the writing for a
commandment to be given in every
province was published unto all peo-
ple, that they should be ready against
that day.
15 The posts went out, being has-
tened by the king's commandment,
and the decree was given in Shu′-shan
the palace. And the ki[illegible]an

sat down to drink; but the city Shu'-
shan was perplexed.

CHAPTER 4

WHEN Mor'-de-cai perceived all
that was done, Mor'-de-cai rent
his clothes, and put on sackcloth with
ashes, and went out into the midst of
the city, and cried with a loud and a
bitter cry;
2 And came even before the king's
gate: for none *might* enter into the
king's gate clothed with sackcloth.
3 And in every province, whitherso-
ever the king's commandment and his
decree came, *there was* great mourning
among the Jews, and fasting, and
weeping, and wailing; and many lay in
sackcloth and ashes.
4 So Esther's maids and her cham-
berlains came and told *it* her. Then
was the queen exceedingly grieved;
and she sent raiment to clothe Mor'-de-
cai, and to take away his sackcloth
from him: but he received *it* not.
5 Then called Esther for Ha'-tach,
one of the king's chamberlains, whom
he had appointed to attend upon her,
and gave him a commandment to
Mor'-de-cai, to know what it *was*, and
why it *was*.
6 So Ha'-tach went forth to Mor'-de-
cai unto the street of the city, which
was before the king's gate.
7 And Mor'-de-cai told him of all
that had happened unto him, and of
the sum of the money that Ha'-man
had promised to pay to the king's trea-
suries for the Jews, to destroy them.
8 Also he gave him the copy of the
writing of the decree that was given at
Shu'-shan to destroy them, to shew *it*
unto Esther, and to declare *it* unto her,
and to charge her that she should go
in unto the king, to make supplication
unto him, and to make request before
him for her people.
9 And Ha'-tach came and told Es-
ther the words of Mor'-de-cai.
10 Again Esther spake unto Ha'-
tach, and gave him commandment un-
to Mor'-de-cai;
11 All the king's servants, and the
people of the king's provinces, do
know, that whosoever, whether man
or woman, shall come unto the king
into the inner court, who is not called,
there is one law of his to put *him* to
death, except such to whom the king
shall hold out the golden sceptre, that
he may live: but I have not been called
to come in unto the king these thirty
days.
12 And they told to Mor'-de-cai Es-
ther's words.
13 Then Mor'-de-cai commanded to
answer Esther, Think not with thyself
that thou shalt escape in the king's
house, more than all the Jews.
14 For if thou altogether holdest
thy peace at this time, *then* shall there
enlargement and deliverance arise to
the Jews from another place; but thou
and thy father's house shall be de-
stroyed: and who knoweth whether
thou art come to the kingdom for *such*
a time as this?
15 Then Esther bade *them* return
Mor'-de-cai *this answer*,
16 Go, gather together all the Jews
that are present in Shu'-shan, and fast
ye for me, and neither eat nor drink
three days, night or day: I also and my
maidens will fast likewise; and so will
I go in unto the king, which *is* not ac-
cording to the law: and if I perish, I
perish.
17 So Mor'-de-cai went his way, and
did according to all that Esther had
commanded him.

CHAPTER 5

NOW it came to pass on the third
day, that Esther put on *her* royal
apparel, and stood in the inner court
of the king's house, over against the
king's house: and the king sat upon his
royal throne in the royal house, over
against the gate of the house.
2 And it was so, when the king saw
Esther the queen standing in the
court, *that* she obtained favour in his
sight: and the king held out to Esther
the golden sceptre that *was* in his
hand. So Esther drew near, and
touched the top of the sceptre.
3 Then said the king unto her,
What wilt thou, queen Esther? and
what *is* thy request? it shall be even
given thee to the half of the kingdom.
4 And Esther answered, If *it seem*
good unto the king, let the king and
Ha'-man come this day unto the ban-
quet that I have prepared for him.
5 Then the king said, Cause Ha'-
man to make haste, that he may do as
Esther hath said. So the king and Ha'-
man came to the banquet that Esther
had prepared.
6 And the king said unto Esther at
the banquet of wine, What *is* thy peti-
tion? and it shall be granted thee: and

what *is* thy request? even to the half
of the kingdom it shall be performed.
7 Then answered Esther, and said,
My petition and my request *is;*
8 If I have found favour in the
sight of the king, and if it please the
king to grant my petition, and to per-
form my request, let the king and Ha'-
man come to the banquet that I shall
prepare for them, and I will do to mor-
row as the king hath said.
9 Then went Ha'-man forth that
day joyful and with a glad heart: but
when Ha'-man saw Mor'-de-cai in the
king's gate, that he stood not up, nor
moved for him, he was full of indigna-
tion against Mor'-de-cai.
10 Nevertheless Ha'-man refrained
himself: and when he came home, he
sent and called for his friends, and Ze'-
resh his wife.
11 And Ha'-man told them of the
glory of his riches, and the multitude
of his children, and all *the things* where-
in the king had promoted him, and
how he had advanced him above the
princes and servants of the king.
12 Ha'-man said moreover, Yea,
Esther the queen did let no man come
in with the king unto the banquet that
she had prepared but myself; and to
morrow am I invited unto her also
with the king.
13 Yet all this availeth me nothing,
so long as I see Mor'-de-cai the Jew
sitting at the king's gate.
14 Then said Ze'-resh his wife and
all his friends unto him, Let a gallows
be made of fifty cubits high, and to
morrow speak thou unto the king that
Mor'-de-cai may be hanged thereon:
then go thou in merrily with the king
unto the banquet. And the thing
pleased Ha'-man; and he caused the
gallows to be made.

CHAPTER 6

ON that night could not the king
sleep, and he commanded to
bring the book of records of the chroni-
cles; and they were read before the
king.
2 And it was found written, that
Mor'-de-cai had told of Big'-tha-na and
Te'-resh, two of the king's chamber-
lains, the keepers of the door, who
sought to lay hand on the king A-has-
u-e'-rus.
3 And the king said, What honour
and dignity hath been done to Mor'-de-
cai for this? Then said the king's ser-
vants that ministered unto him, There
is nothing done for him.
4 And the king said, Who *is* in the
court? Now Ha'-man was come into the
outward court of the king's house, to
speak unto the king to hang Mor'-de-
cai on the gallows that he had pre-
pared for him.
5 And the king's servants said unto
him, Behold, Ha'-man standeth in the
court. And the king said, Let him
come in.
6 So Ha'-man came in. And the king
said unto him, What shall be done
unto the man whom the king delight-
eth to honour? Now Ha'-man thought
in his heart, To whom would the king
delight to do honour more than to my-
self?
7 And Ha'-man answered the king,
For the man whom the king delighteth
to honour,
8 Let the royal apparel be brought
which the king *useth* to wear, and the
horse that the king rideth upon, and
the crown royal which is set upon his
head:
9 And let this apparel and horse be
delivered to the hand of one of the
king's most noble princes, that they
may array the man *withal* whom the
king delighteth to honour, and bring
him on horseback through the street
of the city, and proclaim before him,
Thus shall it be done to the man whom
the king delighteth to honour.
10 Then the king said to Ha'-man,
Make haste, *and* take the apparel and
the horse, as thou hast said, and do
even so to Mor'-de-cai the Jew, that
sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing
fail of all that thou hast spoken.
11 Then took Ha'-man the apparel
and the horse, and arrayed Mor'-de-
cai, and brought him on horseback
through the street of the city, and pro-
claimed before him, Thus shall it be
done unto the man whom the king de-
lighteth to honour.
12 And Mor'-de-cai came again to
the king's gate. But Ha'-man hasted to
his house mourning, and having his
head covered.
13 And Ha'-man told Ze'-resh his
wife and all his friends every *thing* that
had befallen him. Then said his wise
men and Ze'-resh his wife unto him, If
Mor'-de-cai *be* of the seed of the Jews,
before whom thou hast begun to fall,
thou shalt not prevail against him, but
shalt surely fall before him.

14 And while they *were* yet talking with him, came the king's chamberlains, and hasted to bring Ha'-man unto the banquet that Esther had prepared.

CHAPTER 7

SO the king and Ha'-man came to banquet with Esther the queen.

2 And the king said again unto Esther on the second day at the banquet of wine, What *is* thy petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted thee: and what *is* thy request? and it shall be performed, *even* to the half of the kingdom.

3 Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request:

4 For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my tongue, although the enemy could not countervail the king's damage.

5 Then the king A-has-u-e'-rus answered and said unto Esther the queen, Who is he, and where is he, that durst presume in his heart to do so?

6 And Esther said, The adversary and enemy *is* this wicked Ha'-man. Then Ha'-man was afraid before the king and the queen.

7 And the king arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath *went* into the palace garden: and Ha'-man stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king.

8 Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Ha'-man was fallen upon the bed whereon Esther *was*. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Ha'-man's face.

9 And Har-bo'-nah, one of the chamberlains, said before the king, Behold also, the gallows fifty cubits high, which Ha'-man had made for Mor'-de-cai, who had spoken good for the king, standeth in the house of Ha'-man. Then the king said, Hang him thereon.

10 So they hanged Ha'-man on the gallows that he had prepared for Mor'-de-cai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.

CHAPTER 8

ON that day did the king A-has-u-e'-rus give the house of Ha'-man the Jews' enemy unto Esther the queen. And Mor'-de-cai came before the king; for Esther had told what he *was* unto her.

2 And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Ha'-man, and gave it unto Mor'-de-cai. And Esther set Mor'-de-cai over the house of Ha'-man.

3 And Esther spake yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Ha'-man the A'-gag-ite, and his device that he had devised against the Jews.

4 Then the king held out the golden sceptre toward Esther. So Esther arose, and stood before the king,

5 And said, If it please the king, and if I have found favour in his sight, and the thing *seem* right before the king, and I *be* pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reverse the letters devised by Ha'-man the son of Ham-med'-a-tha the A'-gag-ite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews which *are* in all the king's provinces:

6 For how can I endure to see the evil that shall come unto my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?

7 Then the king A-has-u-e'-rus said unto Esther the queen and to Mor'-de-cai the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Ha'-man, and him they have hanged upon the gallows, because he laid his hand upon the Jews.

8 Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the king's name, and seal *it* with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse.

9 Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, that *is*, the month Si'-van, on the three and twentieth *day* thereof; and it was written according to all that Mor'-de-cai commanded unto the Jews, and to the lieutenants, and the deputies and rulers of the provinces which *are* from India unto E-thi-o'-pi-a, an hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writ-

ing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language.

10 And he wrote in the king A-has-u-e'-rus' name, and sealed *it* with the king's ring, and sent letters by posts on horseback, *and* riders on mules, camels, *and* young dromedaries:

11 Wherein the king granted the Jews which *were* in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, *both* little ones and women, and *to take* the spoil of them for a prey,

12 Upon one day in all the provinces of king A-has-u-e'-rus, *namely*, upon the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, which *is* the month A'-dar.

13 The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province *was* published unto all people, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies.

14 *So* the posts that rode upon mules *and* camels went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment. And the decree was given at Shu'-shan the palace.

15 And Mor'-de-cai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shu'-shan rejoiced and was glad.

16 The Jews had light, and gladness, and joy, and honour.

17 And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them.

CHAPTER 9

NOW in the twelfth month, that *is*, the month A'-dar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them;)

2 The Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king A-has-u-e'-rus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt: and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them fell upon all people.

3 And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants, and the deputies, and officers of the king, helped the Jews; because the fear of Mor'-de-cai fell upon them.

4 For Mor'-de-cai *was* great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces: for this man Mor'-de-cai waxed greater and greater.

5 Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would unto those that hated them.

6 And in Shu'-shan the palace the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men.

7 And Par-shan'-da-tha, and Dal'-phon, and As'-pa-tha,

8 And Por'-a-tha, and Ad-a-li'-a, and A-rid'-a-tha,

9 And Par-mash'-ta, and A-ris'-a-i, and A-rid'-a-i, and Va-jez'-a-tha,

10 The ten sons of Ha'-man the son of Ham-med'-a-tha, the enemy of the Jews, slew they; but on the spoil laid they not their hand.

11 On that day the number of those that were slain in Shu'-shan the palace was brought before the king.

12 And the king said unto Esther the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shu'-shan the palace, and the ten sons of Ha'-man; what have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? now what *is* thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: or what *is* thy request further? and it shall be done.

13 Then said Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews which *are* in Shu'-shan to do to morrow also according unto this day's decree, and let Ha'-man's ten sons *be hanged* upon the gallows.

14 And the king commanded it so to be done: and the decree was given at Shu'-shan; and they hanged Ha'-man's ten sons.

15 For the Jews that *were* in Shu'-shan gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month [illegible] men at A'-dar, and slew [illegible] Shu'-shan; but [illegible] not their hand.

16 But the other Jews that *were* in the king's provinces gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of their foes seventy and five thousand, but they laid not their hands on the prey,

17 On the thirteenth day of the month A'-dar; and on the fourteenth day of the same rested they, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

18 But the Jews that *were* at Shu'-shan assembled together on the thirteenth *day* thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth *day* of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

19 Therefore the Jews of the villages that dwelt in the unwalled towns, made the fourteenth day of the month A'-dar *a day of* gladness and feasting, and a good day, and of sending portions one to another.

20 And Mor'-de-cai wrote these things, and sent letters unto all the Jews that *were* in all the provinces of the king A-has-u-e'-rus, *both* nigh and far,

21 To stablish *this* among them, that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month A'-dar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly,

22 As the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day: that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor.

23 And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mor'-de-cai had written unto them;

24 Because Ha'-man the son of Ham-med'-a-tha, the A'-gag-ite, the enemy of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, *that is, the lot*, to consume them, and to destroy them;

25 But when *Esther* came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.

26 Wherefore they called these days Pu'-rim after the name of Pur. Therefore for all the words of this letter, and *of that* which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come unto them,

27 The Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their *appointed* time every year;

28 And *that* these days *should be* remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and *that* these days of Pu'-rim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them perish from their seed.

29 Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Ab-i-ha'-il, and Mor'-de-cai the Jew, wrote with all authority, to confirm this second letter of Pu'-rim.

30 And he sent the letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of A-has-u-e'-rus, *with* words of peace and truth,

31 To confirm these days of Pu'-rim in their times *appointed*, according as Mor'-de-cai the Jew and Esther the queen had enjoined them, and as they had decreed for themselves *and for* their seed, the matters of the fastings and their cry.

32 And the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Pu'-rim; and it was written in the book.

CHAPTER 10

AND the king A-has-u-e'-rus laid a tribute upon the land, and *upon* the isles of the sea.

2 And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mor'-de-cai, whereunto the king advanced him, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Me'-di-a and Persia?

3 For Mor'-de-cai the Jew *was* next unto king A-has-u-e'-rus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

The Book of

Job

CHAPTER 1

THERE was a man in the land of Uz, whose name *was* Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

2 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.

3 His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

4 And his sons went and feasted *in their* houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.

5 And it was so, when the days of *their* feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings *according* to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath *is* in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

13 And there was a day when his sons and his daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

14 And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them:

15 And the Sa-be'-ans fell *upon them*, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

16 While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

17 While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chalde'-ans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

18 While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

19 And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,

21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

CHAPTER 2

AGAIN there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan

came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

2 And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

3 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

4 And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.

5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

6 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he *is* in thine hand; but save his life.

7 So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.

9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; El'-i-phaz the Te'-man-ite, and Bildad the Shu'-hite, and Zo'-phar the Na'-a-math-ite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.

12 And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven.

13 So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that *his* grief was very great.

CHAPTER 3

AFTER this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day.

2 And Job spake, and said,

3 Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night *in which* it was said, There is a man child conceived.

4 Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it.

5 Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it.

6 As *for* that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months.

7 Lo, let that night be solitary, let no joyful voice come therein.

8 Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning.

9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but *have* none; neither let it see the dawning of the day:

10 Because it shut not up the doors of my *mother's* womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eyes.

11 Why died I not from the womb? *why* did I *not* give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?

12 Why did the knees prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck?

13 For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest,

14 With kings and counsellors of the earth, which built desolate places for themselves;

15 Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver:

16 Or as an hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants *which* never saw light.

17 There the wicked cease *from* troubling; and there the weary be at rest.

18 *There* the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor.

19 The small and great are there; and the servant *is* free from his master.

20 Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the bitter *in* soul;

21 Which long for death, but it *cometh* not; and dig for it more than for hid treasures;

22 Which rejoice exceedingly, *and*
are glad, when they can find the grave?
23 *Why is light given* to a man whose
way is hid, and whom God hath
hedged in?
24 For my sighing cometh before I
eat, and my roarings are poured out
like the waters.
25 For the thing which I greatly
feared is come upon me, and that
which I was afraid of is come unto
me.
26 I was not in safety, neither had
I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble
came.

CHAPTER 4

THEN El'-i-phaz the Te'-man-ite answered and said,
2 *If* we assay to commune with
thee, wilt thou be grieved? but who
can withhold himself from speaking?
3 Behold, thou hast instructed
many, and thou hast strengthened the
weak hands.
4 Thy words have upholden him
that was falling, and thou hast
strengthened the feeble knees.
5 But now it is come upon thee, and
thou faintest; it toucheth thee, and
thou art troubled.
6 *Is* not *this* thy fear, thy confidence, thy hope, and the uprightness
of thy ways?
7 Remember, I pray thee, who *ever*
perished, being innocent? or where
were the righteous cut off?
8 Even as I have seen, they that
plow iniquity, and sow wickedness,
reap the same.
9 By the blast of God they perish,
and by the breath of his nostrils are
they consumed.
10 The roaring of the lion, and the
voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth
of the young lions, are broken.
11 The old lion perisheth for lack of
prey, and the stout lion's whelps are
scattered abroad.
12 Now a thing was secretly
brought to me, and mine ear received
a little thereof.
13 In thoughts from the visions of
the night, when deep sleep falleth on
men,
14 Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to
shake.
15 Then a spirit passed before my
face; the hair of my flesh stood up:
16 It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image *was*
before mine eyes, *there was* silence, and
I heard a voice, *saying*,
17 Shall mortal man be more just
than God? shall a man be more pure
than his maker?
18 Behold, he put no trust in his
servants; and his angels he charged
with folly:
19 How much less *in* them that
dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation *is* in the dust, *which* are crushed
before the moth?
20 They are destroyed from morning to evening: they perish for ever
without any regarding *it*.
21 Doth not their excellency *which*
is in them go away? they die, even
without wisdom.

CHAPTER 5

CALL now, if there be any that will answer thee; and to which of the
saints wilt thou turn?
2 For wrath killeth the foolish man,
and envy slayeth the silly one.
3 I have seen the foolish taking
root: but suddenly I cursed his habitation.
4 His children are far from safety,
and they are crushed in the gate, neither *is there* any to deliver *them*.
5 Whose harvest the hungry eateth
up, and taketh it even out of the
thorns, and the robber swalloweth up
their substance.
6 Although affliction cometh not
forth of the dust, neither doth trouble
spring out of the ground;
7 Yet man is born unto trouble, as
the sparks fly upward.
8 I would seek unto God, and unto
God would I commit my cause:
9 Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without
number:
10 Who giveth rain upon the earth,
and sendeth waters upon the fields:
11 To set up on high those that be
low; that those which mourn may be
exalted to safety.
12 He disappointeth the devices of
the crafty, so that their hands cannot
perform *their* enterprise.
13 He taketh the wise in their own
craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong.
14 They meet with darkness in the
daytime, and grope in the noonday as
in the night.
15 But he saveth the poor from the

sword, from their mouth, and from the
hand of the mighty.
16 So the poor hath hope, and in-
iquity stoppeth her mouth.
17 Behold, happy *is* the man whom
God correcteth: therefore despise not
thou the chastening of the Almighty:
18 For he maketh sore, and bindeth
up: he woundeth, and his hands make
whole.
19 He shall deliver thee in six
troubles: yea, in seven there shall no
evil touch thee.
20 In famine he shall redeem thee
from death: and in war from the power
of the sword.
21 Thou shalt be hid from the
scourge of the tongue: neither shalt
thou be afraid of destruction when it
cometh.
22 At destruction and famine thou
shalt laugh: neither shalt thou be
afraid of the beasts of the earth.
23 For thou shalt be in league with
the stones of the field: and the beasts
of the field shall be at peace with thee.
24 And thou shalt know that thy
tabernacle *shall be* in peace; and thou
shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt
not sin.
25 Thou shalt know also that thy
seed *shall be* great, and thine offspring
as the grass of the earth.
26 Thou shalt come to *thy* grave in
a full age, like as a shock of corn com-
eth in in his season.
27 Lo this, we have searched it, so
it *is*; hear it, and know thou *it* for thy
good.

CHAPTER 6

BUT Job answered and said,
2 Oh that my grief were
throughly weighed, and my calamity
laid in the balances together!
3 For now it would be heavier than
the sand of the sea: therefore my words
are swallowed up.
4 For the arrows of the Almighty
are within me, the poison whereof
drinketh up my spirit: the terrors of
God do set themselves in array against
me.
5 Doth the wild ass bray when he
hath grass? or loweth the ox over his
fodder?
6 Can that which is unsavoury be
eaten without salt? or is there *any*
taste in the white of an egg?
7 The things *that* my soul refused to
touch *are* as my sorrowful meat.
8 Oh that I might have my request;
and that God would grant *me* the
thing that I long for!
9 Even that it would please God to
destroy me; that he would let loose his
hand, and cut me off!
10 Then should I yet have comfort;
yea, I would harden myself in sorrow:
let him not spare; for I have not con-
cealed the words of the Holy One.
11 What *is* my strength, that I
should hope? and what *is* mine end,
that I should prolong my life?
12 Is my strength the strength of
stones? or *is* my flesh of brass?
13 *Is* not my help in me? and is wis-
dom driven quite from me?
14 To him that is afflicted pity
should be shewed from his friend; but he
forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.
15 My brethren have dealt deceit-
fully as a brook, *and* as the stream of
brooks they pass away;
16 Which are blackish by reason of
the ice, *and* wherein the snow is hid:
17 What time they wax warm, they
vanish: when it is hot, they are con-
sumed out of their place.
18 The paths of their way are
turned aside; they go to nothing, and
perish.
19 The troops of Te´ma looked, the
companies of She´ba waited for them.
20 They were confounded because
they had hoped; they came thither,
and were ashamed.
21 For now ye are nothing; ye see
my casting down, and are afraid.
22 Did I say, Bring unto me? or,
Give a reward for me of your sub-
stance?
23 Or, Deliver me from the enemy's
hand? or, Redeem me from the hand
of the mighty?
24 Teach me, and I will hold my
tongue: and cause me to understand
wherein I have erred.
25 How forcible are right words!
but what doth your arguing reprove?
26 Do ye imagine to reprove words,
and the speeches of one that is desper-
ate, *which are* as wind?
27 Yea, ye overwhelm the father-
less, and ye dig *a pit* for your friend.
28 Now therefore be content, look
upon me; for *it is* evident unto you if
I lie.
29 Return, I pray you, let it not be
iniquity; yea, return again, my right-
eousness *is* in it.
30 Is there iniquity in my tongue?

cannot my taste discern perverse
things?

CHAPTER 7

IS *there* not an appointed time to
man upon earth? *are not* his days
also like the days of an hireling?
2 As a servant earnestly desireth
the shadow, and as an hireling looketh
for *the reward of* his work:
3 So am I made to possess months
of vanity, and wearisome nights are
appointed to me.
4 When I lie down, I say, When
shall I arise, and the night be gone?
and I am full of tossings to and fro
unto the dawning of the day.
5 My flesh is clothed with worms
and clods of dust; my skin is broken,
and become loathsome.
6 My days are swifter than a weav-
er's shuttle, and are spent without
hope.
7 O remember that my life *is* wind:
mine eye shall no more see good.
8 The eye of him that hath seen me
shall see me no *more:* thine eyes *are*
upon me, and I *am* not.
9 As the cloud is consumed and
vanisheth away: so he that goeth down
to the grave shall come up no *more.*
10 He shall return no more to his
house, neither shall his place know
him any more.
11 Therefore I will not refrain my
mouth; I will speak in the anguish of
my spirit; I will complain in the bitter-
ness of my soul.
12 *Am* I a sea, or a whale, that thou
settest a watch over me?
13 When I say, My bed shall com-
fort me, my couch shall ease my com-
plaint;
14 Then thou scarest me with
dreams, and terrifiest me through
visions:
15 So that my soul chooseth strang-
ling, *and* death rather than my life.
16 I loathe *it;* I would not live al-
way: let me alone; for my days *are*
vanity.
17 What *is* man, that thou should-
est magnify him? and that thou
shouldest set thine heart upon him?
18 And *that* thou shouldest visit
him every morning, *and* try him every
moment?
19 How long wilt thou not depart
from me, nor let me alone till I swal-
low down my spittle?
20 I have sinned; what shall I do
unto thee, O thou preserver of men?
why hast thou set me as a mark
against thee, so that I am a burden to
myself?
21 And why dost thou not pardon
my transgression, and take away mine
iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the
dust; and thou shalt seek me in the
morning, but I *shall* not be.

CHAPTER 8

THEN answered Bildad the Shu-
hite, and said,
2 How long wilt thou speak these
things? and *how long shall* the words of
thy mouth *be like* a strong wind?
3 Doth God pervert judgment? or
doth the Almighty pervert justice?
4 If thy children have sinned
against him, and he have cast them
away for their transgression;
5 If thou wouldest seek unto God
betimes, and make thy supplication to
the Almighty;
6 If thou *wert* pure and upright;
surely now he would awake for thee,
and make the habitation of thy right-
eousness prosperous.
7 Though thy beginning was small,
yet thy latter end should greatly in-
crease.
8 For enquire, I pray thee, of the
former age, and prepare thyself to the
search of their fathers:
9 (For we *are but of* yesterday, and
know nothing, because our days upon
earth *are* a shadow:)
10 Shall not they teach thee, *and*
tell thee, and utter words out of their
heart?
11 Can the rush grow up without
mire? can the flag grow without water?
12 Whilst it *is* yet in his greenness,
and not cut down, it withereth before
any *other* herb.
13 So *are* the paths of all that forget
God; and the hypocrite's hope shall
perish:
14 Whose hope shall be cut off, and
whose trust *shall be* a spider's web.
15 He shall lean upon his house, but
it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast,
but it shall not endure.
16 He *is* green before the sun, and
his branch shooteth forth in his gar-
den.
17 His roots are wrapped about the
heap, *and* seeth the place of stones.
18 If he destroy him from his place,
then *it* shall deny him, *saying,* I have
not seen thee.

19 Behold, this *is* the joy of his way,
and out of the earth shall others grow.
20 Behold, God will not cast away
a perfect *man*, neither will he help the
evil doers:
21 Till he fill thy mouth with laugh-
ing, and thy lips with rejoicing.
22 They that hate thee shall be
clothed with shame; and the dwelling
place of the wicked shall come to
nought.

CHAPTER 9

THEN Job answered and said,
2 I know *it is* so of a truth: but
how should man be just with God?
3 If he will contend with him, he
cannot answer him one of a thousand.
4 *He is* wise in heart, and mighty in
strength: who hath hardened *himself*
against him, and hath prospered?
5 Which removeth the mountains,
and they know not: which overturneth
them in his anger.
6 Which shaketh the earth out of
her place, and the pillars thereof trem-
ble.
7 Which commandeth the sun, and
it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars.
8 Which alone spreadeth out the
heavens, and treadeth upon the waves
of the sea.
9 Which maketh Arc-tu'-rus, O-ri'-
on, and Ple'-ia-des, and the chambers
of the south.
10 Which doeth great things past
finding out; yea, and wonders without
number.
11 Lo, he goeth by me, and I see
him not: he passeth on also, but I per-
ceive *him not*.
12 Behold, he taketh away, who can
hinder him? who will say unto him,
What doest thou?
13 *If* God will not withdraw his an-
ger, the proud helpers do stoop under
him.
14 How much less shall I answer
him, *and* choose out my words *to rea-
son* with him?
15 Whom, though I were righteous,
yet would I not answer, *but* I would
make supplication to my judge.
16 If I had called, and he had an-
swered me; *yet* would I not believe that
he had hearkened unto my voice.
17 For he breaketh me with a tem-
pest, and multiplieth my wounds with-
out cause.
18 He will not suffer me to take my
breath, but filleth me with bitterness.
19 If *I speak* of strength, lo, *he is*
strong: and if of judgment, who shall
set me a time *to plead?*
20 If I justify myself, mine own
mouth shall condemn me: *if I say*, I
am perfect, it shall also prove me per-
verse.
21 *Though* I *were* perfect, *yet* would
I not know my soul: I would despise
my life.
22 This *is* one *thing*, therefore I said
it, He destroyeth the perfect and the
wicked.
23 If the scourge slay suddenly, he
will laugh at the trial of the innocent.
24 The earth is given into the hand
of the wicked: he covereth the faces of
the judges thereof; if not, where, *and*
who *is* he?
25 Now my days are swifter than a
post: they flee away, they see no good.
26 They are passed away as the
swift ships: as the eagle *that* hasteth to
the prey.
27 If I say, I will forget my com-
plaint, I will leave off my heaviness,
and comfort *myself:*
28 I am afraid of all my sorrows, I
know that thou wilt not hold me inno-
cent.
29 *If* I be wicked, why then labour
I in vain?
30 If I wash myself with snow wa-
ter, and make my hands never so
clean;
31 Yet shalt thou plunge me in the
ditch, and mine own clothes shall ab-
hor me.
32 For *he is* not a man, as I *am, that*
I should answer him, *and* we should
come together in judgment.
33 Neither is there any daysman
betwixt us, *that* might lay his hand up-
on us both.
34 Let him take his rod away from
me, and let not his fear terrify me:
35 *Then* would I speak, and not
fear him; but *it is* not so with me.

CHAPTER 10

MY soul is weary of my life; I will
leave my complaint upon my-
self; I will speak in the bitterness of
my soul.
2 I will say unto God, Do not con-
demn me; shew me wherefore thou
contendest with me.
3 Is it good unto thee that thou
shouldest oppress, that thou shouldest
despise the work of thine hands, and
shine upon the counsel of the wicked?

4 Hast thou eyes of flesh? or seest
thou as man seeth?
5 *Are* thy days as the days of man?
are thy years as man's days,
6 That thou enquirest after mine
iniquity, and searchest after my sin?
7 Thou knowest that I am not
wicked; and *there is* none that can deliver out of thine hand.
8 Thine hands have made me and
fashioned me together round about;
yet thou dost destroy me.
9 Remember, I beseech thee, that
thou hast made me as the clay; and
wilt thou bring me into dust again?
10 Hast thou not poured me out as
milk, and curdled me like cheese?
11 Thou hast clothed me with skin
and flesh, and hast fenced me with
bones and sinews.
12 Thou hast granted me life and
favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.
13 And these *things* hast thou hid in
thine heart: I know that this *is* with
thee.
14 If I sin, then thou markest me,
and thou wilt not acquit me from mine
iniquity.
15 If I be wicked, woe unto me; and
if I be righteous, *yet* will I not lift up
my head. *I am* full of confusion; therefore see thou mine affliction;
16 For it increaseth. Thou huntest
me as a fierce lion: and again thou
shewest thyself marvellous upon me.
17 Thou renewest thy witnesses
against me, and increasest thine indignation upon me; changes and war *are*
against me.
18 Wherefore then hast thou
brought me forth out of the womb? Oh
that I had given up the ghost, and no
eye had seen me!
19 I should have been as though I
had not been; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave.
20 *Are* not my days few? cease *then,*
and let me alone, that I may take comfort a little,
21 Before I go *whence* I shall not return, *even* to the land of darkness and
the shadow of death;
22 A land of darkness, as darkness
itself; and of the shadow of death,
without any order, and *where* the light
is as darkness.

CHAPTER 11

THEN answered Zo'phar the Na'a-math-ite, and said,
2 Should not the multitude of words
be answered? and should a man full of
talk be justified?
3 Should thy lies make men hold
their peace? and when thou mockest,
shall no man make thee ashamed?
4 For thou hast said, My doctrine
is pure, and I am clean in thine eyes.
5 But oh that God would speak, and
open his lips against thee;
6 And that he would shew thee the
secrets of wisdom, that *they are* double
to that which is! Know therefore that
God exacteth of thee *less* than thine
iniquity *deserveth.*
7 Canst thou by searching find out
God? canst thou find out the Almighty
unto perfection?
8 *It is* as high as heaven; what canst
thou do? deeper than hell; what canst
thou know?
9 The measure thereof *is* longer than
the earth, and broader than the sea.
10 If he cut off, and shut up, or
gather together, then who can hinder
him?
11 For he knoweth vain men: he
seeth wickedness also; will he not then
consider *it?*
12 For vain man would be wise,
though man be born *like* a wild ass's
colt.
13 If thou prepare thine heart, and
stretch out thine hands toward him;
14 If iniquity *be* in thine hand, put
it far away, and let not wickedness
dwell in thy tabernacles.
15 For then shalt thou lift up thy
face without spot; yea, thou shalt be
stedfast, and shalt not fear:
16 Because thou shalt forget *thy*
misery, *and* remember *it* as waters *that*
pass away:
17 And *thine* age shall be clearer
than the noonday; thou shalt shine
forth, thou shalt be as the morning.
18 And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; yea, thou shalt dig
about thee, and thou shalt take thy rest
in safety.
19 Also thou shalt lie down, and
none shall make *thee* afraid; yea, many
shall make suit unto thee.
20 But the eyes of the wicked shall
fail, and they shall not escape, and
their hope *shall be as* the giving up of
the ghost.

CHAPTER 12

AND Job answered and said,
2 No doubt but ye *are* the peo-

ple, and wisdom shall die with you.
3 But I have understanding as well
as you; I *am* not inferior to you: yea,
who knoweth not such things as these?
4 I am *as* one mocked of his neigh-
bour, who calleth upon God, and he
answereth him: the just upright *man*
is laughed to scorn.
5 He that is ready to slip with *his*
feet *is as* a lamp despised in the
thought of him that is at ease.
6 The tabernacles of robbers pros-
per, and they that provoke God are
secure; into whose hand God bringeth
abundantly.
7 But ask now the beasts, and they
shall teach thee; and the fowls of the
air, and they shall tell thee:
8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall
teach thee: and the fishes of the sea
shall declare unto thee.
9 Who knoweth not in all these that
the hand of the LORD hath wrought
this?
10 In whose hand *is* the soul of
every living thing, and the breath of
all mankind.
11 Doth not the ear try words? and
the mouth taste his meat?
12 With the ancient *is* wisdom; and
in length of days understanding.
13 With him *is* wisdom and
strength, he hath counsel and under-
standing.
14 Behold, he breaketh down, and
it cannot be built again: he shutteth
up a man, and there can be no open-
ing.
15 Behold, he withholdeth the wa-
ters, and they dry up: also he sendeth
them out, and they overturn the earth.
16 With him *is* strength and wis-
dom: the deceived and the deceiver
are his.
17 He leadeth counsellors away
spoiled, and maketh the judges fools.
18 He looseth the bond of kings,
and girdeth their loins with a girdle.
19 He leadeth princes away spoiled,
and overthroweth the mighty.
20 He removeth away the speech of
the trusty, and taketh away the under-
standing of the aged.
21 He poureth contempt upon prin-
ces, and weakeneth the strength of the
mighty.
22 He discovereth deep things out
of darkness, and bringeth out to light
the shadow of death.
23 He increaseth the nations, and
destroyeth them: he enlargeth the
nations, and straiteneth them *again*.
24 He taketh away the heart of the
chief of the people of the earth, and
causeth them to wander in a wilder-
ness *where there is* no way.
25 They grope in the dark without
light, and he maketh them to stagger
like *a* drunken *man*.

CHAPTER 13

Lo, mine eye hath seen all *this*, mine
ear hath heard and understood it.
2 What ye know, *the same* do I
know also: I *am* not inferior unto you.
3 Surely I would speak to the Al-
mighty, and I desire to reason with
God.
4 But ye *are* forgers of lies, ye *are* all
physicians of no value.
5 O that ye would altogether hold
your peace! and it should be your wis-
dom.
6 Hear now my reasoning, and
hearken to the pleadings of my lips.
7 Will ye speak wickedly for God?
and talk deceitfully for him?
8 Will ye accept his person? will ye
contend for God?
9 Is it good that he should search
you out? or as one man mocketh an-
other, do ye *so* mock him?
10 He will surely reprove you, if ye
do secretly accept persons.
11 Shall not his excellency make
you afraid? and his dread fall upon
you?
12 Your remembrances *are* like unto
ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay.
13 Hold your peace, let me alone,
that I may speak, and let come on me
what *will*.
14 Wherefore do I take my flesh in
my teeth, and put my life in mine
hand?
15 Though he slay me, yet will I
trust in him: but I will maintain mine
own ways before him.
16 He also *shall be* my salvation: for
an hypocrite shall not come before
him.
17 Hear diligently my speech, and
my declaration with your ears.
18 Behold now, I have ordered *my*
cause; I know that I shall be justified.
19 Who *is* he *that* will plead with
me? for now, if I hold my tongue, I
shall give up the ghost.
20 Only do not two *things* unto me:
then will I not hide myself from thee.
21 Withdraw thine hand far from

me: and let not thy dread make me afraid.
22 Then call thou, and I will answer: or let me speak, and answer thou me.
23 How many *are* mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin.
24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and holdest me for thine enemy?
25 Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?
26 For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth.
27 Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, and lookest narrowly unto all my paths; thou settest a print upon the heels of my feet.
28 And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth eaten.

CHAPTER 14

MAN *that is* born of a woman *is* of few days, and full of trouble.
2 He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.
3 And dost thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee?
4 Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean? not one.
5 Seeing his days *are* determined, the number of his months *are* with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;
6 Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day.
7 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.
8 Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground;
9 *Yet* through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.
10 But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where *is* he?
11 *As* the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up:
12 So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens *be* no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.
13 O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!
14 If a man die, shall he live *again?* all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.
15 Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.
16 For now thou numberest my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin?
17 My transgression *is* sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine iniquity.
18 And surely the mountain falling cometh to nought, and the rock is removed out of his place.
19 The waters wear the stones: thou washest away the things which grow *out* of the dust of the earth; and thou destroyest the hope of man.
20 Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth: thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away.
21 His sons come to honour, and he knoweth *it* not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth *it* not of them.
22 But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.

CHAPTER 15

THEN answered El'-i-phaz the Te'-man-ite, and said,
2 Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?
3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches wherewith he can do no good?
4 Yea, thou castest off fear, and restrainest prayer before God.
5 For thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity, and thou choosest the tongue of the crafty.
6 Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I: yea, thine own lips testify against thee.
7 *Art* thou the first man *that* was born? or wast thou made before the hills?
8 Hast thou heard the secret of God? and dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself?
9 What knowest thou, that we know not? *what* understandest thou, which *is* not in us?
10 With us *are* both the gray headed

and very aged men, much elder than thy father.

11 *Are* the consolations of God small with thee? is there any secret thing with thee?

12 Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what do thy eyes wink at,

13 That thou turnest thy spirit against God, and lettest *such* words go out of thy mouth?

14 What *is* man, that he should be clean? and *he which is* born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

15 Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.

16 How much more abominable and filthy *is* man, which drinketh iniquity like water?

17 I will shew thee, hear me; and that *which* I have seen I will declare;

18 Which wise men have told from their fathers, and have not hid *it*:

19 Unto whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them.

20 The wicked man travaileth with pain all *his* days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor.

21 A dreadful sound *is* in his ears: in prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him.

22 He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for of the sword.

23 He wandereth abroad for bread, *saying*, Where *is it*? he knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand.

24 Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle.

25 For he stretcheth out his hand against God, and strengtheneth himself against the Almighty.

26 He runneth upon him, *even* on *his* neck, upon the thick bosses of his bucklers:

27 Because he covereth his face with his fatness, and maketh collops of fat on *his* flanks.

28 And he dwelleth in desolate cities, *and* in houses which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to become heaps.

29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall he prolong the perfection thereof upon the earth.

30 He shall not depart out of darkness; the flame shall dry up his branches, and by the breath of his mouth shall he go away.

31 Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity: for vanity shall be his recompence.

32 It shall be accomplished before his time, and his branch shall not be green.

33 He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive.

34 For the congregation of hypocrites *shall be* desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery.

35 They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit.

CHAPTER 16

THEN Job answered and said,

2 I have heard many such things: miserable comforters *are* ye all.

3 Shall vain words have an end? or what emboldeneth thee that thou answerest?

4 I also could speak as ye *do*: if your soul were in my soul's stead, I could heap up words against you, and shake mine head at you.

5 *But* I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should asswage *your grief*.

6 Though I speak, my grief is not asswaged: and *though* I forbear, what am I eased?

7 But now he hath made me weary: thou hast made desolate all my company.

8 And thou hast filled me with wrinkles, *which* is a witness *against me*: and my leanness rising up in me beareth witness to my face.

9 He teareth *me* in his wrath, who hateth me: he gnasheth upon me with his teeth; mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes upon me.

10 They have gaped upon me with their mouth; they have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together against me.

11 God hath delivered me to the ungodly, and turned me over into the hands of the wicked.

12 I was at ease, but he hath broken me asunder: he hath also taken *me* by my neck, and shaken me to pieces, and set me up for his mark.

13 His archers compass me round about, he cleaveth my reins asunder,

and doth not spare; he poureth out my
gall upon the ground.
14 He breaketh me with breach up-
on breach, he runneth upon me like a
giant.
15 I have sewed sackcloth upon my
skin, and defiled my horn in the dust.
16 My face is foul with weeping, and
on my eyelids *is* the shadow of death;
17 Not for *any* injustice in mine
hands: also my prayer *is* pure.
18 O earth, cover not thou my
blood, and let my cry have no place.
19 Also now, behold, my witness *is*
in heaven, and my record *is* on high.
20 My friends scorn me: *but* mine
eye poureth out *tears* unto God.
21 O that one might plead for a
man with God, as a man *pleadeth* for
his neighbour!
22 When a few years are come, then
I shall go the way *whence* I shall not
return.

CHAPTER 17

MY breath is corrupt, my days are
extinct, the graves *are ready* for
me.
2 *Are there* not mockers with me?
and doth not mine eye continue in
their provocation?
3 Lay down now, put me in a surety
with thee; who *is* he *that* will strike
hands with me?
4 For thou hast hid their heart from
understanding: therefore shalt thou
not exalt *them*.
5 He that speaketh flattery to *his*
friends, even the eyes of his children
shall fail.
6 He hath made me also a byword
of the people; and aforetime I was as
a tabret.
7 Mine eye also is dim by reason of
sorrow, and all my members *are* as a
shadow.
8 Upright *men* shall be astonied at
this, and the innocent shall stir up
himself against the hypocrite.
9 The righteous also shall hold on
his way, and he that hath clean hands
shall be stronger and stronger.
10 But as for you all, do ye return,
and come now: for I cannot find *one*
wise *man* among you.
11 My days are past, my purposes
are broken off, *even* the thoughts of
my heart.
12 They change the night into day:
the light *is* short because of darkness.
13 If I wait, the grave *is* mine
house: I have made my bed in the
darkness.
14 I have said to corruption, Thou
art my father: to the worm, *Thou art*
my mother, and my sister.
15 And where *is* now my hope? as
for my hope, who shall see it?
16 They shall go down to the bars
of the pit, when *our* rest together *is* in
the dust.

CHAPTER 18

THEN answered Bildad the Shu-
hite, and said,
2 How long *will it be ere* ye make an
end of words? mark, and afterwards
we will speak.
3 Wherefore are we counted as
beasts, *and* reputed vile in your sight?
4 He teareth himself in his anger:
shall the earth be forsaken for thee?
and shall the rock be removed out of
his place?
5 Yea, the light of the wicked shall
be put out, and the spark of his fire
shall not shine.
6 The light shall be dark in his tab-
ernacle, and his candle shall be put out
with him.
7 The steps of his strength shall be
straitened, and his own counsel shall
cast him down.
8 For he is cast into a net by his
own feet, and he walketh upon a snare.
9 The gin shall take *him* by the heel,
and the robber shall prevail against
him.
10 The snare *is* laid for him in the
ground, and a trap for him in the way.
11 Terrors shall make him afraid on
every side, and shall drive him to his
feet.
12 His strength shall be hungerbit-
ten, and destruction *shall be* ready at
his side.
13 It shall devour the strength of
his skin: *even* the firstborn of death
shall devour his strength.
14 His confidence shall be rooted
out of his tabernacle, and it shall bring
him to the king of terrors.
15 It shall dwell in his tabernacle,
because *it is* none of his: brimstone
shall be scattered upon his habitation.
16 His roots shall be dried up be-
neath, and above shall his branch be
cut off.
17 His remembrance shall perish
from the earth, and [illegible]
name in the street.
18 He shall be

into darkness, and chased out of the
world.
19 He shall neither have son nor
nephew among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings.
20 They that come after *him* shall
be astonied at his day, as they that
went before were affrighted.
21 Surely such *are* the dwellings of
the wicked, and this *is* the place *of him*
that knoweth not God.

CHAPTER 19

THEN Job answered and said,
2 How long will ye vex my soul,
and break me in pieces with words?
3 These ten times have ye reproached me: ye are not ashamed *that*
ye make yourselves strange to me.
4 And be it indeed *that* I have erred,
mine error remaineth with myself.
5 If indeed ye will magnify *yourselves* against me, and plead against
me my reproach:
6 Know now that God hath overthrown me, and hath compassed me
with his net.
7 Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I
am not heard: I cry aloud, but *there is*
no judgment.
8 He hath fenced up my way that
I cannot pass, and he hath set darkness in my paths.
9 He hath stripped me of my glory,
and taken the crown *from* my head.
10 He hath destroyed me on every
side, and I am gone: and mine hope
hath he removed like a tree.
11 He hath also kindled his wrath
against me, and he counteth me unto
him as *one of* his enemies.
12 His troops come together, and
raise up their way against me, and encamp round about my tabernacle.
13 He hath put my brethren far
from me, and mine acquaintance are
verily estranged from me.
14 My kinsfolk have failed, and my
familiar friends have forgotten me.
15 They that dwell in mine house,
and my maids, count me for a stranger: I am an alien in their sight.
16 I called my servant, and he gave
me no answer; I intreated him with my
mouth.
17 My breath is strange to my wife,
though I intreated for the children's
sake of mine own body.
18 Yea, young children despised
me; I arose, and they spake against
me.
19 All my inward friends abhorred
me: and they whom I loved are turned
against me.
20 My bone cleaveth to my skin and
to my flesh, and I am escaped with the
skin of my teeth.
21 Have pity upon me, have pity
upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand
of God hath touched me.
22 Why do ye persecute me as God,
and are not satisfied with my flesh?
23 Oh that my words were now
written! oh that they were printed in
a book!
24 That they were graven with an
iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!
25 For I know *that* my redeemer
liveth, and *that* he shall stand at the
latter *day* upon the earth:
26 And *though* after my skin *worms*
destroy this *body*, yet in my flesh shall
I see God:
27 Whom I shall see for myself, and
mine eyes shall behold, and not another; *though* my reins be consumed
within me.
28 But ye should say, Why persecute we him, seeing the root of the
matter is found in me?
29 Be ye afraid of the sword: for
wrath *bringeth* the punishments of the
sword, that ye may know *there is* a
judgment.

CHAPTER 20

THEN answered Zo'-phar the Na'-a-math-ite, and said,
2 Therefore do my thoughts cause
me to answer, and for *this* I make
haste.
3 I have heard the check of my reproach, and the spirit of my understanding causeth me to answer.
4 Knowest thou *not* this of old,
since man was placed upon earth,
5 That the triumphing of the
wicked *is* short, and the joy of the
hypocrite *but* for a moment?
6 Though his excellency mount up
to the heavens, and his head reach unto the clouds;
7 *Yet* he shall perish for ever like his
own dung: they which have seen him
shall say, Where *is* he?
8 He shall fly away as a dream, and
shall not be found: yea, he shall be
chased away as a vision of the night.
9 The eye also *which* saw him shall
see him no more; neither shall his place
any more behold him.
10 His children shall seek to please

the poor, and his hands shall restore
their goods.
11 His bones are full *of the sin* of his
youth, which shall lie down with him
in the dust.
12 Though wickedness be sweet in
his mouth, *though* he hide it under his
tongue;
13 *Though* he spare it, and forsake
it not; but keep it *still* within his
mouth:
14 *Yet* his meat in his bowels is
turned, *it is* the gall of asps within
him.
15 He hath swallowed down riches,
and he shall vomit them up again: God
shall cast them out of his belly.
16 He shall suck the poison of asps:
the viper's tongue shall slay him.
17 He shall not see the rivers, the
floods, the brooks of honey and butter.
18 That which he laboured for shall
he restore, and shall not swallow *it*
down: according to *his* substance *shall*
the restitution *be*, and he shall not re-
joice *therein*.
19 Because he hath oppressed *and*
hath forsaken the poor; *because* he
hath violently taken away an house
which he builded not;
20 Surely he shall not feel quietness
in his belly, he shall not save of that
which he desired.
21 There shall none of his meat be
left; therefore shall no man look for his
goods.
22 In the fulness of his sufficiency
he shall be in straits: every hand of the
wicked shall come upon him.
23 *When* he is about to fill his belly,
God shall cast the fury of his wrath
upon him, and shall rain *it* upon him
while he is eating.
24 He shall flee from the iron wea-
pon, *and* the bow of steel shall strike
him through.
25 It is drawn, and cometh out of
the body; yea, the glittering sword
cometh out of his gall: terrors *are* upon
him.
26 All darkness *shall be* hid in his
secret places: a fire not blown shall
consume him; it shall go ill with him
that is left in his tabernacle.
27 The heaven shall reveal his in-
iquity; and the earth shall rise up
against him.
28 The increase of his house shall
depart, *and his goods* shall flow away
in the day of his wrath.
29 This *is* the portion of a wicked
man from God, and the heritage ap-
pointed unto him by God.

CHAPTER 21

BUT Job answered and said,
2 Hear diligently my speech,
and let this be your consolations.
3 Suffer me that I may speak; and
after that I have spoken, mock on.
4 As for me, *is* my complaint to
man? and if *it were so*, why should not
my spirit be troubled?
5 Mark me, and be astonished, and
lay *your* hand upon *your* mouth.
6 Even when I remember I am
afraid, and trembling taketh hold on
my flesh.
7 Wherefore do the wicked live, be-
come old, yea, are mighty in power?
8 Their seed is established in their
sight with them, and their offspring
before their eyes.
9 Their houses *are* safe from fear,
neither *is* the rod of God upon them.
10 Their bull gendereth, and faileth
not; their cow calveth, and casteth not
her calf.
11 They send forth their little ones
like a flock, and their children dance.
12 They take the timbrel and harp,
and rejoice at the sound of the organ.
13 They spend their days in wealth,
and in a moment go down to the grave.
14 Therefore they say unto God,
Depart from us; for we desire not the
knowledge of thy ways.
15 What *is* the Almighty, that we
should serve him? and what profit
should we have, if we pray unto him?
16 Lo, their good *is* not in their
hand: the counsel of the wicked is far
from me.
17 How oft is the candle of the
wicked put out! and *how oft* cometh
their destruction upon them! *God* dis-
tributeth sorrows in his anger.
18 They are as stubble before the
wind, and as chaff that the storm car-
rieth away.
19 God layeth up his iniquity for
his children: he rewardeth him, and he
shall know *it*.
20 His eyes shall see his destruction,
and he shall drink of the wrath of the
Almighty.
21 For what pleasure *hath* he in his
house after him, when the number of
his months is cut off in the midst?
22 Shall *any* teach God knowledge?
seeing he judgeth those t

23 One dieth in his full strength,
being wholly at ease and quiet.
24 His breasts are full of milk, and
his bones are moistened with marrow.
25 And another dieth in the bitter-
ness of his soul, and never eateth with
pleasure.
26 They shall lie down alike in the
dust, and the worms shall cover them.
27 Behold, I know your thoughts,
and the devices *which* ye wrongfully
imagine against me.
28 For ye say, Where *is* the house of
the prince? and where *are* the dwelling
places of the wicked?
29 Have ye not asked them that go
by the way? and do ye not know their
tokens,
30 That the wicked is reserved to
the day of destruction? they shall be
brought forth to the day of wrath.
31 Who shall declare his way to his
face? and who shall repay him *what* he
hath done?
32 Yet shall he be brought to the
grave, and shall remain in the tomb.
33 The clods of the valley shall be
sweet unto him, and every man shall
draw after him, as *there are* innumer-
able before him.
34 How then comfort ye me in vain,
seeing in your answers there remaineth
falsehood?

CHAPTER 22

THEN El'-i-phaz the Te'-man-ite an-
swered and said,
2 Can a man be profitable unto
God, as he that is wise may be profit-
able unto himself?
3 *Is it* any pleasure to the Almighty,
that thou art righteous? or *is it* gain *to*
him, that thou makest thy ways per-
fect?
4 Will he reprove thee for fear of
thee? will he enter with thee into judg-
ment?
5 *Is* not thy wickedness great? and
thine iniquities infinite?
6 For thou hast taken a pledge from
thy brother for nought, and stripped
the naked of their clothing.
7 Thou hast not given water to the
weary to drink, and thou hast with-
holden bread from the hungry.
8 But *as for* the mighty man, he had
the earth; and the honourable man
dwelt in it.
9 Thou hast sent widows away
empty, and the arms of the fatherless
have been broken.
10 Therefore snares *are* round about
thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee;
11 Or darkness, *that* thou canst not
see; and abundance of waters cover
thee.
12 Is not God in the height of heav-
en? and behold the height of the
stars, how high they are!
13 And thou sayest, How doth God
know? can he judge through the dark
cloud?
14 Thick clouds *are* a covering to
him, that he seeth not; and he walketh
in the circuit of heaven.
15 Hast thou marked the old way
which wicked men have trodden?
16 Which were cut down out of
time, whose foundation was overflown
with a flood:
17 Which said unto God, Depart
from us: and what can the Almighty
do for them?
18 Yet he filled their houses with
good *things*: but the counsel of the
wicked is far from me.
19 The righteous see *it*, and are
glad: and the innocent laugh them to
scorn.
20 Whereas our substance is not cut
down, but the remnant of them the fire
consumeth.
21 Acquaint now thyself with him,
and be at peace: thereby good shall
come unto thee.
22 Receive, I pray thee, the law
from his mouth, and lay up his words
in thine heart.
23 If thou return to the Almighty,
thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put
away iniquity far from thy taber-
nacles.
24 Then shalt thou lay up gold as
dust, and the *gold* of O'-phir as the
stones of the brooks.
25 Yea, the Almighty shall be thy
defence, and thou shalt have plenty of
silver.
26 For then shalt thou have thy de-
light in the Almighty, and shalt lift up
thy face unto God.
27 Thou shalt make thy prayer un-
to him, and he shall hear thee, and
thou shalt pay thy vows.
28 Thou shalt also decree a thing,
and it shall be established unto thee:
and the light shall shine upon thy
ways.
29 When *men* are cast down, then
thou shalt say, *There is* lifting up; and
he shall save the humble person.
30 He shall deliver the island of the

that beareth not: and doeth not good to the widow.

22 He draweth also the mighty with his power: he riseth up, and no *man* is sure of life.

23 *Though* it be given him *to be* in safety, whereon he resteth; yet his eyes *are* upon their ways.

24 They are exalted for a little while, but are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all *other*, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.

25 And if *it be* not *so* now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?

CHAPTER 25

THEN answered Bildad the Shu'hite, and said,

2 Dominion and fear *are* with him, he maketh peace in his high places.

3 Is there any number of his armies? and upon whom doth not his light arise?

4 How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean *that is* born of a woman?

5 Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure in his sight.

6 How much less man, *that is* a [illegible]? and the son of man, *which is* a worm?

CHAPTER 26

BUT Job answered and said,

2 How hast thou helped *him that is* without power? *how* savest thou the arm *that hath* no strength?

3 How hast thou counselled *him that hath* no wisdom? and *how* hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is?

4 To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee?

5 Dead *things* are formed from under the waters, and the inhabitants thereof.

6 Hell *is* naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.

7 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, *and* hangeth the earth upon nothing.

8 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them.

9 He holdeth back the face of his throne, *and* spreadeth his cloud upon it.

10 He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end.

11 The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof.

12 He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud.

13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

14 Lo, these *are* parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of *him? but the thunder of his* power who can understand?

CHAPTER 27

MOREOVER Job continued his parable, and said,

2 *As* God liveth, *who* hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, *who* hath vexed my soul;

3 All the while my breath *is* in me, and the spirit of God *is* in my nostrils;

4 My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.

5 God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.

6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach *me* so long as I live.

7 Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous.

8 For what *is the hope of the hypo*crite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?

9 Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him?

10 Will he delight himself in the Almighty? will he always call upon God?

11 I will teach you by the hand of God: *that* which *is* with the Almighty will I not conceal.

12 Behold, all ye yourselves have seen *it*; why then are ye thus altogether vain?

13 This *is* the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppressors, *which* they shall receive of the Almighty.

14 If his children be multiplied, *it is for the sword:* and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.

15 Those that remain of him shall be buried in death: and his widows shall not weep.

16 Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay;

17 He may prepare *it*, but the just

shall put *it* on, and the innocent shall divide the silver.

18 He buildeth his house as a moth, and as a booth *that* the keeper maketh.

19 The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he *is* not.

20 Terrors take hold on him as waters, a tempest stealeth him away in the night.

21 The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth: and as a storm hurleth him out of his place.

22 For *God* shall cast upon him, and not spare: he would fain flee out of his hand.

23 *Men* shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.

CHAPTER 28

SURELY there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold *where* they fine *it*.

2 Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass *is* molten *out of* the stone.

3 He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection: the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death.

4 The flood breaketh out from the inhabitant; *even the waters* forgotten of the foot: they are dried up, they are gone away from men.

5 *As for* the earth, out of it cometh bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire.

6 The stones of it *are* the place of sapphires: and it hath dust of gold.

7 *There is* a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen:

8 The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it.

9 He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots.

10 He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing.

11 He bindeth the floods from overflowing; and *the thing that is* hid bringeth he forth to light.

12 But where shall wisdom be found? and where *is* the place of understanding?

13 Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.

14 The depth saith, It *is* not in me: and the sea saith, *It is* not with me.

15 It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed *for* the price thereof.

16 It cannot be valued with the gold of O'-phir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.

17 The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it *shall not be for* jewels of fine gold.

18 No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom *is* above rubies.

19 The topaz of E-thi-o'-pi-a shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

20 Whence then cometh wisdom? and where *is* the place of understanding?

21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air.

22 Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.

23 God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.

24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth, *and* seeth under the whole heaven;

25 To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.

26 When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder:

27 Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out.

28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom; and to depart from evil *is* understanding.

CHAPTER 29

MOREOVER Job continued his parable, and said,

2 Oh that I were as *in* months past, as *in* the days *when* God preserved me;

3 When his candle shined upon my head, *and when* by his light I walked *through* darkness;

4 As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God *was* upon my tabernacle;

5 When the Almighty *was* yet with me, *when* my children *were* about me;

6 When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil;

7 When I went out to the gate

through the city, *when* I prepared my
seat in the street!
8 The young men saw me, and hid
themselves: and the aged arose, *and*
stood up.
9 The princes refrained talking, and
laid *their* hand on their mouth.
10 The nobles held their peace, and
their tongue cleaved to the roof of
their mouth.
11 When the ear heard *me*, then it
blessed me; and when the eye saw *me*,
it gave witness to me:
12 Because I delivered the poor
that cried, and the fatherless, and *him
that had* none to help him.
13 The blessing of him that was
ready to perish came upon me: and I
caused the widow's heart to sing for
joy.
14 I put on righteousness, and it
clothed me: my judgment *was* as a
robe and a diadem.
15 I was eyes to the blind, and feet
was I to the lame.
16 I *was* a father to the poor: and
the cause *which* I knew not I searched
out.
17 And I brake the jaws of the
wicked, and plucked the spoil out of
his teeth.
18 Then I said, I shall die in my
nest, and I shall multiply *my* days as
the sand.
19 My root *was* spread out by the
waters, and the dew lay all night upon
my branch.
20 My glory *was* fresh in me, and
my bow was renewed in my hand.
21 Unto me *men* gave ear, and
waited, and kept silence at my coun-
sel.
22 After my words they spake not
again; and my speech dropped upon
them.
23 And they waited for me as for
the rain; and they opened their mouth
wide *as* for the latter rain.
24 *If* I laughed on them, they be-
lieved *it* not; and the light of my
countenance they cast not down.
25 I chose out their way, and sat
chief, and dwelt as a king in the army,
as one *that* comforteth the mourners.

CHAPTER 30

BUT now *they that are* younger than
I have me in derision, whose fa-
thers I would have disdained to have
set with the dogs of my flock.
2 Yea, whereto *might* the strength
of their hands *profit* me, in whom old
age was perished?
3 For want and famine *they were*
solitary; fleeing into the wilderness in
former time desolate and waste.
4 Who cut up mallows by the bush-
es, and juniper roots *for* their meat.
5 They were driven forth from
among *men*, (they cried after them as
after a thief;)
6 To dwell in the cliffs of the val-
leys, *in* caves of the earth, and *in* the
rocks.
7 Among the bushes they brayed;
under the nettles they were gathered
together.
8 *They were* children of fools, yea,
children of base men: they were viler
than the earth.
9 And now am I their song, yea, I
am their byword.
10 They abhor me, they flee far
from me, and spare not to spit in my
face.
11 Because he hath loosed my cord,
and afflicted me, they have also let
loose the bridle before me.
12 Upon *my* right *hand* rise the
youth; they push away my feet, and
they raise up against me the ways of
their destruction.
13 They mar my path, they set for-
ward my calamity, they have no
helper.
14 They came *upon me* as a wide
breaking in *of waters:* in the desolation
they rolled themselves *upon me*.
15 Terrors are turned upon me: they
pursue my soul as the wind: and my
welfare passeth away as a cloud.
16 And now my soul is poured out
upon me; the days of affliction have
taken hold upon me.
17 My bones are pierced in me in
the night season: and my sinews take
no rest.
18 By the great force *of my disease*
is my garment changed: it bindeth me
about as the collar of my coat.
19 He hath cast me into the mire,
and I am become like dust and ashes.
20 I cry unto thee, and thou dost
not hear me: I stand up, and thou re-
gardest me *not*.
21 Thou art become cruel to me:
with thy strong hand thou opposest
thyself against me.
22 Thou liftest me up to the wind;
thou causest me to ride *upon it*, and
dissolvest my substance.
23 For I know *that* thou wilt bring

33 If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom:
34 Did I fear a great multitude, or did the contempt of families terrify me, that I kept silence, *and* went not out of the door?
35 Oh that one would hear me! behold, my desire *is*, *that* the Almighty would answer me, and *that* mine adversary had written a book.
36 Surely I would take it upon my shoulder, *and* bind it *as* a crown to me.
37 I would declare unto him the number of my steps; as a prince would I go near unto him.
38 If my land cry against me, or that the furrows likewise thereof complain;
39 If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life:
40 Let thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley. The words of Job are ended.

CHAPTER 32

SO these three men ceased to answer Job, because he *was* righteous in his own eyes.
2 Then was kindled the wrath of E-li'-hu the son of Bar'-a-chel the Bu'-zite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God.
3 Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and *yet* had condemned Job.
4 Now E-li'-hu had waited till Job had spoken, because they *were* elder than he.
5 When E-li'-hu saw that *there was* no answer in the mouth of *these* three men, then his wrath was kindled.
6 And E-li'-hu the son of Bar'-a-chel the Bu'-zite answered and said, I *am* young, and ye *are* very old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not shew you mine opinion.
7 I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.
8 But *there is* a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.
9 Great men are not *always* wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.
10 Therefore I said, Hearken to me; I also will shew mine opinion.
11 Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye searched out what to say.
12 Yea, I attended unto you, and, behold, *there was* none of you that convinced Job, *or* that answered his words:
13 Lest ye should say, We have found out wisdom: God thrusteth him down, not man.
14 Now he hath not directed *his* words against me: neither will I answer him with your speeches.
15 They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking.
16 When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, *and* answered no more;)
17 *I said*, I will answer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion.
18 For I am full of matter, the spirit within me constraineth me.
19 Behold, my belly *is* as wine *which* hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles.
20 I will speak, that I may be refreshed: I will open my lips and answer.
21 Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man.
22 For I know not to give flattering titles; *in so doing* my maker would soon take me away.

CHAPTER 33

WHEREFORE, Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches, and hearken to all my words.
2 Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue hath spoken in my mouth.
3 My words *shall be of* the uprightness of my heart: and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly.
4 The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.
5 If thou canst answer me, set *thy words* in order before me, stand up.
6 Behold, I *am* according to thy wish in God's stead: I also am formed out of the clay.
7 Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy upon thee.
8 Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing, and I have heard the voice of *thy* words, *saying*,
9 I am clean without transgression,

I *am* innocent; neither *is there* iniquity
in me.
10 Behold, he findeth occasions
against me, he counteth me for his ene-
my,
11 He putteth my feet in the stocks,
he marketh all my paths.
12 Behold, *in* this thou art not just:
I will answer thee, that God is greater
than man.
13 Why dost thou strive against
him? for he giveth not account of any
of his matters.
14 For God speaketh once, yea
twice, *yet man* perceiveth it not.
15 In a dream, in a vision of the
night, when deep sleep falleth upon
men, in slumberings upon the bed;
16 Then he openeth the ears of men,
and sealeth their instruction,
17 That he may withdraw man *from*
his purpose, and hide pride from man.
18 He keepeth back his soul from
the pit, and his life from perishing by
the sword.
19 He is chastened also with pain
upon his bed, and the multitude of his
bones with strong *pain:*
20 So that his life abhorreth bread,
and his soul dainty meat.
21 His flesh is consumed away, that
it cannot be seen; and his bones *that*
were not seen stick out.
22 Yea, his soul draweth near unto
the grave, and his life to the destroy-
ers.
23 If there be a messenger with him,
an interpreter, one among a thousand,
to shew unto man his uprightness:
24 Then he is gracious unto him,
and saith, Deliver him from going
down to the pit: I have found a ran-
som.
25 His flesh shall be fresher than a
child's: he shall return to the days of
his youth:
26 He shall pray unto God, and he
will be favourable unto him: and he
shall see his face with joy: for he will
render unto man his righteousness.
27 He looketh upon men, and *if any*
say, I have sinned, and perverted *that*
which was right, and it profited me not;
28 He will deliver his soul from
going into the pit, and his life shall see
the light.
29 Lo, all these *things* worketh God
oftentimes with man,
30 To bring back his soul from the
pit, to be enlightened with the light of
the living.
31 Mark well, O Job, hearken unto
me: hold thy peace, and I will speak.
32 If thou hast anything to say, an-
swer me: speak, for I desire to justify
thee.
33 If not, hearken unto me: hold
thy peace, and I shall teach thee wis-
dom.

CHAPTER 34

FURTHERMORE E-li'hu answer-
ed and said,
2 Hear my words, O ye wise *men;*
and give ear unto me, ye that have
knowledge.
3 For the ear trieth words, as the
mouth tasteth meat.
4 Let us choose to us judgment: let
us know among ourselves what *is* good.
5 For Job hath said, I am righteous:
and God hath taken away my judg-
ment.
6 Should I lie against my right? my
wound *is* incurable without transgres-
sion.
7 What man *is* like Job, *who* drink-
eth up scorning like water?
8 Which goeth in company with the
workers of iniquity, and walketh with
wicked men.
9 For he hath said, It profiteth a
man nothing that he should delight
himself with God.
10 Therefore hearken unto me ye
men of understanding: far be it from
God, *that he should do* wickedness; and
from the Almighty, *that he should com-*
mit iniquity.
11 For the work of a man shall he
render unto him, and cause every man
to find according to *his* ways.
12 Yea, surely God will not do wick-
edly, neither will the Almighty pervert
judgment.
13 Who hath given him a charge
over the earth? or who hath disposed
the whole world?
14 If he set his heart upon man *if* he
gather unto himself his spirit and his
breath;
15 All flesh shall perish together,
and man shall turn again unto dust.
16 If now *thou hast* understanding,
hear this: hearken to the voice of my
words.
17 Shall even he that hateth right
govern? and wilt thou condemn him
that is most just?
18 *Is it fit* to say to a king, *Thou art*
wicked? *and* to princes, *Ye are* un-
godly?

19 *How much less to him* that accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? for they all *are* the work of his hands.
20 In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away: and the mighty shall be taken away without hand.
21 For his eyes *are* upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings.
22 *There is* no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.
23 For he will not lay upon man more *than right;* that he should enter into judgment with God.
24 He shall break in pieces mighty men without number, and set others in their stead.
25 Therefore he knoweth their works, and he overturneth *them* in the night, so that they are destroyed.
26 He striketh them as wicked men in the open sight of others;
27 Because they turned back from him, and would not consider any of his ways:
28 So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he heareth the cry of the afflicted.
29 When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth *his* face, who then can behold him? whether *it be done* against a nation, or against a man only:
30 That the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared.
31 Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne *chastisement,* I will not offend *any more:*
32 *That which* I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.
33 *Should it be* according to thy mind? he will recompense it, whether thou refuse, or whether thou choose; and not I: therefore speak what thou knowest.
34 Let men of understanding tell me, and let a wise man hearken unto me.
35 Job hath spoken without knowledge, and his words *were* without wisdom.
36 My desire *is that* Job may be tried unto the end because of *his* answers for wicked men.
37 For he addeth rebellion unto his sin, he clappeth *his hands* among us, and multiplieth his words against God.

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ELI'HU spake moreover, and said,
2 Thinkest thou this to be right, *that* thou saidst, My righteousness *is* more than God's?
3 For thou saidst, What advantage will it be unto thee? *and,* What profit shall I have, *if I be cleansed* from my sin?
4 I will answer thee, and thy companions with thee.
5 Look unto the heavens, and see; and behold the clouds *which* are higher than thou.
6 If thou sinnest, what doest thou against him? or *if* thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou unto him?
7 If thou be righteous, what givest thou him? or what receiveth he of thine hand?
8 Thy wickedness *may hurt* a man as thou *art;* and thy righteousness *may profit* the son of man.
9 By reason of the multitude of oppressions they make *the oppressed* to cry: they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty.
10 But none saith, Where *is* God my maker, who giveth songs in the night;
11 Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?
12 There they cry, but none giveth answer, because of the pride of evil men.
13 Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it.
14 Although thou sayest thou shalt not see him, *yet* judgment *is* before him; therefore trust thou in him.
15 But now, because *it is* not *so,* he hath visited in his anger; yet he knoweth *it* not in great extremity:
16 Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vain; he multiplieth words without knowledge.

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ELI'HU also proceeded, and said,
2 Suffer me a little, and I will shew thee that I *have* yet to speak on God's behalf.
3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.
4 For truly my words *shall* not *be* false: he that is perfect in knowledge *is* with thee.

5 Behold, God *is* mighty, and de-
spiseth not *any: he is* mighty in
strength *and* wisdom.
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the righteous: but with kings *are they*
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lish them for ever, and they are ex-
alted.
8 And if *they be* bound in fetters,
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9 Then he sheweth them their work,
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24 Remember that thou magnify
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posed them, and caused the light of his
cloud to shine?
16 Dost thou know the balancings
of the clouds, the wondrous works of
him which is perfect in knowledge?
17 How thy garments *are* warm,
when he quieteth the earth by the
south *wind?*
18 Hast thou with him spread out
the sky, *which is* strong, *and* as a mol-
ten looking glass?
19 Teach us what we shall say unto
him; *for* we cannot order *our speech* by
reason of darkness.
20 Shall it be told him that I speak?
if a man speak, surely he shall be swal-
lowed up.
21 And now *men* see not the bright
light which *is* in the clouds: but the
wind passeth, and cleanseth them.
22 Fair weather cometh out of the
north: with God *is* terrible majesty.
23 *Touching* the Almighty, we can-
not find him out: *he is* excellent in
power, and in judgment, and in plenty
of justice: he will not afflict.
24 Men do therefore fear him: he re-
specteth not any *that are* wise of heart.

CHAPTER 38

THEN the LORD answered Job out
of the whirlwind, and said,
2 Who *is* this that darkeneth coun-
sel by words without knowledge?
3 Gird up now thy loins like a man:
for I will demand of thee, and answer
thou me.
4 Where wast thou when I laid the
foundations of the earth? declare, if
thou hast understanding.
5 Who hath laid the measures
thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath
stretched the line upon it?
6 Whereupon are the foundations
thereof fastened? or who laid the cor-
ner stone thereof;
7 When the morning stars sang to-
gether, and all the sons of God shouted
for joy?
8 Or *who* shut up the sea with doors,
when it brake forth, *as if* it had issued
out of the womb?
9 When I made the cloud the gar-
ment thereof, and thick darkness a
swaddlingband for it,
10 And brake up for it my decreed
place, and set bars and doors,
11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou
come, but no further: and here shall
thy proud waves be stayed?
12 Hast thou commanded the
morning since thy days; *and* caused
the dayspring to know his place;
13 That it might take hold of the
ends of the earth, that the wicked
might be shaken out of it?
14 It is turned as clay *to* the seal;
and they stand as a garment.
15 And from the wicked their light
is withholden, and the high arm shall
be broken.
16 Hast thou entered into the
springs of the sea? or hast thou walked
in the search of the depth?
17 Have the gates of death been
opened unto thee? or hast thou seen
the doors of the shadow of death?
18 Hast thou perceived the breadth
of the earth? declare if thou knowest
it all.
19 Where *is* the way *where* light
dwelleth? and *as for* darkness, where
is the place thereof,
20 That thou shouldest take it to
the bound thereof, and that thou
shouldest know the paths *to* the house
thereof?
21 Knowest thou *it*, because thou
wast then born? or *because* the number
of thy days *is* great?
22 Hast thou entered into the trea-
sures of the snow? or hast thou seen
the treasures of the hail,
23 Which I have reserved against
the time of trouble, against the day of
battle and war?
24 By what way is the light parted,
which scattereth the east wind upon
the earth?
25 Who hath divided a watercourse
for the overflowing of waters, or a way
for the lightning of thunder;
26 To cause it to rain on the earth,
where no man *is; on* the wilderness,
wherein *there is* no man;
27 To satisfy the desolate and
waste *ground;* and to cause the bud of
the tender herb to spring forth?
28 Hath the rain a father? or who
hath begotten the drops of dew?
29 Out of whose womb came the
ice? and the hoary frost of heaven,
who hath gendered it?
30 The waters are hid as *with* a
stone, and the face of the deep is
frozen.
31 Canst thou bind the sweet influ-
ences of Plé-ia-des, or loose the bands
of O-rí-on?

32 Canst thou bring forth Maz'-za-
roth in his season? or canst thou guide
Arc-tu'-rus with his sons?
33 Knowest thou the ordinances of
heaven? canst thou set the dominion
thereof in the earth?
34 Canst thou lift up thy voice to
the clouds, that abundance of waters
may cover thee?
35 Canst thou send lightnings, that
they may go, and say unto thee, Here
we *are?*
36 Who hath put wisdom in the in-
ward parts? or who hath given under-
standing to the heart?
37 Who can number the clouds in
wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of
heaven,
38 When the dust groweth into
hardness, and the clods cleave fast to-
gether?
39 Wilt thou hunt the prey for the
lion? or fill the appetite of the young
lions,
40 When they couch in *their* dens,
and abide in the covert to lie in wait?
41 Who provideth for the raven his
food? when his young ones cry unto
God, they wander for lack of meat.

CHAPTER 39

KNOWEST thou the time when the
wild goats of the rock bring
forth? *or* canst thou mark when the
hinds do calve?
2 Canst thou number the months
that they fulfil? or knowest thou the
time when they bring forth?
3 They bow themselves, they bring
forth their young ones, they cast out
their sorrows.
4 Their young ones are in good lik-
ing, they grow up with corn; they go
forth, and return not unto them.
5 Who hath sent out the wild ass
free? or who hath loosed the bands of
the wild ass?
6 Whose house I have made the
wilderness, and the barren land his
dwellings.
7 He scorneth the multitude of the
city, neither regardeth he the crying
of the driver.
8 The range of the mountains *is* his
pasture, and he searcheth after every
green thing.
9 Will the unicorn be willing to
serve thee, or abide by thy crib?
10 Canst thou bind the unicorn
with his band in the furrow? or will he
harrow the valleys after thee?
11 Wilt thou trust him, because his
strength *is* great? or wilt thou leave
thy labour to him?
12 Wilt thou believe him, that he
will bring home thy seed, and gather
it into thy barn?
13 *Gavest thou* the goodly wings un-
to the peacocks? or wings and feathers
unto the ostrich?
14 Which leaveth her eggs in the
earth, and warmeth them in dust,
15 And forgetteth that the foot
may crush them, or that the wild
beast may break them.
16 She is hardened against her
young ones, as though *they were* not
hers: her labour is in vain without fear;
17 Because God hath deprived her
of wisdom, neither hath he imparted
to her understanding.
18 What time she lifteth up herself
on high, she scorneth the horse and
his rider.
19 Hast thou given the horse
strength? hast thou clothed his neck
with thunder?
20 Canst thou make him afraid as a
grasshopper? the glory of his nostrils
is terrible.
21 He paweth in the valley, and re-
joiceth in *his* strength: he goeth on to
meet the armed men.
22 He mocketh at fear, and is not
affrighted; neither turneth he back
from the sword.
23 The quiver rattleth against him,
the glittering spear and the shield.
24 He swalloweth the ground with
fierceness and rage: neither believeth
he that *it is* the sound of the trumpet.
25 He saith among the trumpets,
Ha, ha; and he smelleth the battle afar
off, the thunder of the captains, and
the shouting.
26 Doth the hawk fly by thy wis-
dom, *and* stretch her wings toward the
south?
27 Doth the eagle mount up at thy
command, and make her nest on high?
28 She dwelleth and abideth on the
rock, upon the crag of the rock, and
the strong place.
29 From thence she seeketh the
prey, *and* her eyes behold afar off.
30 Her young ones also suck up
blood: and where the slain *are,* there
is she.

CHAPTER 40

MOREOVER the LORD answered
Job, and said,

2 Shall he that contendeth with the
Almighty instruct *him?* he that re-
proveth God, let him answer it.
3 Then Job answered the LORD, and
said,
4 Behold, I am vile; what shall I an-
swer thee? I will lay mine hand upon
my mouth.
5 Once have I spoken; but I will not
answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed
no further.
6 Then answered the LORD unto
Job out of the whirlwind, and said,
7 Gird up thy loins now like a man:
I will demand of thee, and declare thou
unto me.
8 Wilt thou also disannul my judg-
ment? wilt thou condemn me, that
thou mayest be righteous?
9 Hast thou an arm like God? or
canst thou thunder with a voice like
him?
10 Deck thyself now *with* majesty
and excellency; and array thyself with
glory and beauty.
11 Cast abroad the rage of thy
wrath: and behold every one *that is*
proud, and abase him.
12 Look on every one *that is* proud,
and bring him low; and tread down the
wicked in their place.
13 Hide them in the dust together;
and bind their faces in secret.
14 Then will I also confess unto thee
that thine own right hand can save
thee.
15 Behold now behemoth, which I
made with thee; he eateth grass as an
ox.
16 Lo now, his strength *is* in his
loins, and his force *is* in the navel of
his belly.
17 He moveth his tail like a cedar:
the sinews of his stones are wrapped
together.
18 His bones *are as* strong pieces of
brass; his bones *are* like bars of iron.
19 He *is* the chief of the ways of
God: he that made him can make his
sword to approach *unto him.*
20 Surely the mountains bring him
forth food, where all the beasts of the
field play.
21 He lieth under the shady trees,
in the covert of the reed, and fens.
22 The shady trees cover him *with*
their shadow; the willows of the brook
compass him about.
23 Behold, he drinketh up a river,
and hasteth not: he trusteth that he
can draw up Jordan into his mouth.
24 He taketh it with his eyes: *his*
nose pierceth through snares.

CHAPTER 41

CANST thou draw out leviathan
with an hook? or his tongue with
a cord *which* thou lettest down?
2 Canst thou put an hook into his
nose? or bore his jaw through with a
thorn?
3 Will he make many supplications
unto thee? will he speak soft *words* un-
to thee?
4 Will he make a covenant with
thee? wilt thou take him for a servant
for ever?
5 Wilt thou play with him as *with*
a bird? or wilt thou bind him for thy
maidens?
6 Shall the companions make a ban-
quet of him? shall they part him
among the merchants?
7 Canst thou fill his skin with
barbed irons? or his head with fish
spears?
8 Lay thine hand upon him, remem-
ber the battle, do no more.
9 Behold, the hope of him is in
vain: shall not *one* be cast down even
at the sight of him?
10 None *is so* fierce that dare stir
him up: who then is able to stand be-
fore me?
11 Who hath prevented me, that I
should repay *him? whatsoever is* under
the whole heaven is mine.
12 I will not conceal his parts, nor
his power, nor his comely proportion.
13 Who can discover the face of his
garment? *or* who can come *to him* with
his double bridle?
14 Who can open the doors of his
face? his teeth *are* terrible round about.
15 *His* scales *are his* pride, shut up
together *as with* a close seal.
16 One is so near to another, that no
air can come between them.
17 They are joined one to another,
they stick together, that they cannot
be sundered.
18 By his neesings a light doth
shine, and his eyes *are* like the eyelids
of the morning.
19 Out of his mouth go burning
lamps, *and* sparks of fire leap out.
20 Out of his nostrils goeth smoke,
as *out* of a seething pot or caldron.
21 His breath kindleth coals, and a
flame goeth out of his mouth.
22 In his neck remaineth strength,

and sorrow is turned into joy before
him.
23 The flakes of his flesh are joined
together: they are firm in themselves;
they cannot be moved.
24 His heart is as firm as a stone;
yea, as hard as a piece of the nether
millstone.
25 When he raiseth up himself, the
mighty are afraid: by reason of break-
ings they purify themselves.
26 The sword of him that layeth at
him cannot hold: the spear, the dart,
nor the habergeon.
27 He esteemeth iron as straw, *and*
brass as rotten wood.
28 The arrow cannot make him flee:
slingstones are turned with him into
stubble.
29 Darts are counted as stubble: he
laugheth at the shaking of a spear.
30 Sharp stones *are* under him: he
spreadeth sharp pointed things upon
the mire.
31 He maketh the deep to boil like
a pot: he maketh the sea like a pot of
ointment.
32 He maketh a path to shine after
him; *one* would think the deep *to be*
hoary.
33 Upon earth there is not his like,
who is made without fear.
34 He beholdeth all high *things*: he
is a king over all the children of pride.

CHAPTER 42

THEN Job answered the LORD, and
said,
2 I know that thou canst do every
thing, and *that* no thought can be with-
holden from thee.
3 Who *is* he that hideth counsel
without knowledge? therefore have I
uttered that I understood not; things
too wonderful for me, which I knew
not.
4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will
speak: I will demand of thee, and de-
clare thou unto me.
5 I have heard of thee by the hear-
ing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth
thee.
6 Wherefore I abhor *myself*, and re-
pent in dust and ashes.
7 And it was *so*, that after the LORD
had spoken these words unto Job, the
LORD said to El'i-phaz the Te'man-
ite, My wrath is kindled against thee,
and against thy two friends: for ye
have not spoken of me *the thing that is*
right, as my servant Job *hath*.
8 Therefore take unto you now sev-
en bullocks and seven rams, and go to
my servant Job, and offer up for your-
selves a burnt offering; and my servant
Job shall pray for you: for him will I
accept: lest I deal with you *after your*
folly, in that ye have not spoken of me
the thing which is right, like my servant
Job.
9 So El'i-phaz the Te'man-ite and
Bildad the Shu'hite *and* Zo'phar the
Na'a-math-ite went, and did accord-
ing as the LORD commanded them: the
LORD also accepted Job.
10 And the LORD turned the cap-
tivity of Job, when he prayed for his
friends: also the LORD gave Job twice
as much as he had before.
11 Then came there unto him all his
brethren, and all his sisters, and all
they that had been of his acquaintance
before, and did eat bread with him in
his house: and they bemoaned him,
and comforted him over all the evil
that the LORD had brought upon him:
every man also gave him a piece of
money, and every one an earring of
gold.
12 So the LORD blessed the latter
end of Job more than his beginning:
for he had fourteen thousand sheep,
and six thousand camels, and a thou-
sand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she
asses.
13 He had also seven sons and three
daughters.
14 And he called the name of
the first, Je-mi'ma; and the name
of the second, Ke-zi'a; and the
name of the third, Ker'en-hap'puch.
15 And in all the land were no wom-
en found *so* fair as the daughters of
Job: and their father gave them in-
heritance among their brethren.
16 After this lived Job an hundred
and forty years, and saw his sons, and
his sons' sons, *even* four generations.
17 So Job died, *being* old and full of
days.

The Book of

Psalms

PSALM 1

BLESSED *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
4 The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM 2

WHY do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?
2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying*,
3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.
4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.
5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.
6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.
7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee.
8 Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession.
9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.
11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.

PSALM 3

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many *are* they that rise up against me.
2 Many *there be* which say of my soul, *There is* no help for him in God. Se'lah.
3 But thou, O LORD, *art* a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.
4 I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Se'lah.
5 I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.
6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set *themselves* against me round about.
7 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies *upon* the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.
8 Salvation *belongeth* unto the LORD: thy blessing *is* upon thy people. Se'lah.

PSALM 4

To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm of David

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me *when I was* in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.
2 O ye sons of men, how long *will ye turn* my glory into shame? *how long* will ye love vanity, *and* seek after leasing? Se'lah.
3 But know that the LORD hath set

apart him that is godly for himself: the
LORD will hear when I call unto him.
4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your
bed, and be still. Se'lah.
5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.
6 *There be* many that say, Who will
shew us *any* good? LORD, lift thou up
the light of thy countenance upon us.
7 Thou hast put gladness in my
heart, more than in the time *that* their
corn and their wine increased.
8 I will both lay me down in peace,
and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest
me dwell in safety.

PSALM 5

To the chief Musician upon Nehiloth, A Psalm of David

GIVE ear to my words, O LORD,
consider my meditation.
2 Hearken unto the voice of my
cry, my King, and my God: for unto
thee will I pray.
3 My voice shalt thou hear in the
morning, O LORD; in the morning will
I direct *my prayer* unto thee, and will
look up.
4 For thou *art* not a God that hath
pleasure in wickedness: neither shall
evil dwell with thee.
5 The foolish shall not stand in thy
sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.
6 Thou shalt destroy them that
speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the
bloody and deceitful man.
7 But as for me, I will come *into* thy
house in the multitude of thy mercy:
and in thy fear will I worship toward
thy holy temple.
8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies;
make thy way straight before my face.
9 For *there is* no faithfulness in their
mouth; their inward part *is* very wickedness; their throat *is* an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.
10 Destroy thou them, O God; let
them fall by their own counsels; cast
them out in the multitude of their
transgressions; for they have rebelled
against thee.
11 But let all those that put their
trust in thee rejoice: let them ever
shout for joy, because thou defendest
them: let them also that love thy name
be joyful in thee.
12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the
righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as *with* a shield.

PSALM 6

To the chief Musician on Neginoth upon Sheminith, A Psalm of David

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine
anger, neither chasten me in thy
hot displeasure.
2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD;
for I *am* weak: O LORD, heal me; for
my bones are vexed.
3 My soul is also sore vexed: but
thou, O LORD, how long?
4 Return, O LORD, deliver my soul:
oh save me for thy mercies' sake.
5 For in death *there is* no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall
give thee thanks?
6 I am weary with my groaning; all
the night make I my bed to swim; I
water my couch with my tears.
7 Mine eye is consumed because of
grief; it waxeth old because of all mine
enemies.
8 Depart from me, all ye workers of
iniquity; for the LORD hath heard the
voice of my weeping.
9 The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my
prayer.
10 Let all mine enemies be ashamed
and sore vexed: let them return *and* be
ashamed suddenly.

PSALM 7

Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the LORD, concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite

O LORD my God, in thee do I put
my trust: save me from all them
that persecute me, and deliver me:
2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion,
rending *it* in pieces, while *there is* none
to deliver.
3 O LORD my God, if I have done
this; if there be iniquity in my hands;
4 If I have rewarded evil unto him
that was at peace with me; (yea, I have
delivered him that without cause is
mine enemy:)
5 Let the enemy persecute my soul,
and take *it*; yea, let him tread down
my life upon the earth, and lay mine
honour in the dust. Se'lah.
6 Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift
up thyself because of the rage of mine
enemies: and awake for me *to* the judgment *that* thou hast commanded.

7 So shall the congregation of the
people compass thee about: for their
sakes therefore return thou on high.
8 The LORD shall judge the people:
judge me, O LORD, according to my
righteousness, and according to mine
integrity *that is* in me.
9 Oh let the wickedness of the wick-
ed come to an end; but establish the
just: for the righteous God trieth the
hearts and reins.
10 My defence *is* of God, which sav-
eth the upright in heart.
11 God judgeth the righteous, and
God is angry *with the wicked* every day.
12 If he turn not, he will whet his
sword; he hath bent his bow, and made
it ready.
13 He hath also prepared for him
the instruments of death; he ordaineth
his arrows against the persecutors.
14 Behold, he travaileth with in-
iquity, and hath conceived mischief,
and brought forth falsehood.
15 He made a pit, and digged it,
and is fallen into the ditch *which* he
made.
16 His mischief shall return upon
his own head, and his violent dealing
shall come down upon his own pate.
17 I will praise the LORD according
to his righteousness: and will sing
praise to the name of the LORD most
high.

PSALM 8

To the chief *Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm* of David

O LORD our Lord, how excellent
is thy name in all the earth! who
hast set thy glory above the heavens.
2 Out of the mouth of babes and
sucklings hast thou ordained strength
because of thine enemies, that thou
mightest still the enemy and the aven-
ger.
3 When I consider thy heavens, the
work of thy fingers, the moon and the
stars, which thou hast ordained;
4 What is man, that thou art mind-
ful of him? and the son of man, that
thou visitest him?
5 For thou hast made him a little
lower than the angels, and hast crown-
ed him with glory and honour.
6 Thou madest him to have domin-
ion over the works of thy hands: thou
hast put all *things* under his feet:
7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the
beasts of the field;
8 The fowl of the air, and the fish
of the sea, *and whatsoever* passeth
through the paths of the seas.
9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent
is thy name in all the earth!

PSALM 9

To the chief *Musician upon Muth-labben,* A Psalm of David

I WILL praise *thee*, O LORD, with my
whole heart; I will shew forth all
thy marvellous works.
2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee:
I will sing praise to thy name, O thou
most High.
3 When mine enemies are turned
back, they shall fall and perish at thy
presence.
4 For thou hast maintained my
right and my cause; thou satest in the
throne judging right.
5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen,
thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou
hast put out their name for ever and
ever.
6 O thou enemy, destructions are
come to a perpetual end: and thou hast
destroyed cities; their memorial is per-
ished with them.
7 But the LORD shall endure for
ever: he hath prepared his throne for
judgment.
8 And he shall judge the world in
righteousness, he shall minister judg-
ment to the people in uprightness.
9 The LORD also will be a refuge for
the oppressed, a refuge in times of
trouble.
10 And they that know thy name
will put their trust in thee: for thou,
LORD, hast not forsaken them that
seek thee.
11 Sing praises to the LORD, which
dwelleth in Zion: declare among the
people his doings.
12 When he maketh inquisition for
blood, he remembereth them: he for-
getteth not the cry of the humble.
13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD;
consider my trouble *which I suffer* of
them that hate me, thou that liftest
me up from the gates of death:
14 That I may shew forth all thy
praise in the gates of the daughter of
Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.
15 The heathen are sunk down in
the pit *that* they made: in the net
which they hid is their own foot taken.
16 The LORD is known *by* the judg-

ment *which* he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Hig-ga'-ion. Se'-lah.

17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall *not* perish for ever.

19 Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

20 Put them in fear, O LORD: *that* the nations may know themselves *to be but* men. Se'-lah.

PSALM 10

WHY standest thou afar off, O LORD? *why* hidest thou *thyself* in times of trouble?

2 The wicked in *his* pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, *whom* the LORD abhorreth.

4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after God:* God *is* not in all his thoughts.

5 His ways are always grievous; thy judgments *are* far above out of his sight: *as for* all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

6 He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for *I shall* never *be* in adversity.

7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue *is* mischief and vanity.

8 He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor.

9 He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.

10 He croucheth, *and* humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.

11 He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see *it*.

12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.

13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require *it*.

14 Thou hast seen *it;* for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite *it* with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.

15 Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil *man:* seek out his wickedness *till* thou find none.

16 The LORD *is* King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.

17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

PSALM 11

To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David

IN the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee *as* a bird to your mountain?

2 For, lo, the wicked bend *their* bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.

3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

4 The LORD *is* in his holy temple, the LORD's throne *is* in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

5 The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: *this shall be* the portion of their cup.

7 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

PSALM 12

To the chief Musician upon Sheminith, A Psalm of David

HELP, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

2 They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: *with* flattering lips *and* with a double heart do they speak.

3 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, *and* the tongue that speaketh proud things:

4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips *are* our own: who *is* lord over us?

5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the n[illegible] now will

I arise, saith the LORD; I will set *him*
in safety *from him that* puffeth at him.
6 The words of the LORD *are* pure
words: *as* silver tried in a furnace of
earth, purified seven times.
7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD,
thou shalt preserve them from *this*
generation for ever.
8 The wicked walk on every side,
when the vilest men are exalted.

PSALM 13

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David

HOW long wilt thou forget me, O
LORD? for ever? how long wilt
thou hide thy face from me?
2 How long shall I take counsel in
my soul, *having* sorrow in my heart
daily? how long shall mine enemy be
exalted over me?
3 Consider *and* hear me, O LORD my
God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the
sleep of death;
4 Lest mine enemy say, I have pre-
vailed against him; *and* those that
trouble me rejoice when I am moved.
5 But I have trusted in thy mercy;
my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.
6 I will sing unto the LORD, because
he hath dealt bountifully with me.

PSALM 14

To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David

THE fool hath said in his heart,
There is no God. They are corrupt,
they have done abominable works,
there is none that doeth good.
2 The LORD looked down from heav-
en upon the children of men, to see
if there were any that did understand,
and seek God.
3 They are all gone aside, they are
all together become filthy: *there is* none
that doeth good, no, not one.
4 Have all the workers of iniquity
no knowledge? who eat up my people
as they eat bread, and call not upon
the LORD.
5 There were they in great fear: for
God *is* in the generation of the right-
eous.
6 Ye have shamed the counsel of
the poor, because the LORD *is* his ref-
uge.
7 Oh that the salvation of Israel
were come out of Zion! when the LORD
bringeth back the captivity of his peo-
ple, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall
be glad.

PSALM 15

A Psalm of David

LORD, who shall abide in thy taber-
nacle? who shall dwell in thy holy
hill?
2 He that walketh uprightly, and
worketh righteousness, and speaketh
the truth in his heart.
3 *He that* backbiteth not with his
tongue, nor doeth evil to his neigh-
bour, nor taketh up a reproach against
his neighbour.
4 In whose eyes a vile person is con-
temned; but he honoureth them that
fear the LORD. *He that* sweareth to *his
own* hurt, and changeth not.
5 *He that* putteth not out his money
to usury, nor taketh reward against
the innocent. He that doeth these
things shall never be moved.

PSALM 16

Michtam of David

PRESERVE me, O God: for in thee
do I put my trust.
2 *O my soul,* thou hast said unto
the LORD, Thou *art* my Lord: my good-
ness *extendeth* not to thee;
3 *But* to the saints that *are* in the
earth, and *to* the excellent, in whom *is*
all my delight.
4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied
that hasten *after* another *god:* their
drink offerings of blood will I not offer,
nor take up their names into my
lips.
5 The LORD *is* the portion of mine
inheritance and of my cup: thou main-
tainest my lot.
6 The lines are fallen unto me in
pleasant *places;* yea, I have a goodly
heritage.
7 I will bless the LORD, who hath
given me counsel: my reins also in-
struct me in the night seasons.
8 I have set the LORD always before
me: because *he is* at my right hand, I
shall not be moved.
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and
my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall
rest in hope.
10 For thou wilt not leave my soul
in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine
Holy One to see corruption.
11 Thou wilt shew me the path of
life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy;
at thy right hand *there are* pleasures
for evermore.

PSALM 17

A Prayer of David

HEAR the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, *that goeth* not out of feigned lips.

2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal.

3 Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited *me* in the night; thou hast tried me, *and* shalt find nothing; I am purposed *that* my mouth shall not transgress.

4 Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept *me from* the paths of the destroyer.

5 Hold up my goings in thy paths, *that* my footsteps slip not.

6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, *and hear* my speech.

7 Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust *in thee* from those that rise up *against them.*

8 Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

9 From the wicked that oppress me, *from* my deadly enemies, *who* compass me about.

10 They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.

11 They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth;

12 Like as a lion *that* is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, *which is* thy sword:

14 From men *which are* thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, *which have* their portion in *this* life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid *treasure:* they are full of children, and leave the rest of their *substance* to their babes.

15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

PSALM 18

To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David, the servant of the LORD, who spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day *that* the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: And he said,

I WILL love thee, O LORD, my strength.

2 The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.

3 I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

4 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears.

7 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.

8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness *was* under his feet.

10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

11 He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him *were* dark waters *and* thick clouds of the skies.

12 At the brightness *that was* before him his thick clouds passed, hail *stones* and coals of fire.

13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail *stones* and coals of fire.

14 Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.

15 Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

16 He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.

17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated

me: *for they* were too strong for
me.
18 They prevented me in the day of
my calamity: but the LORD was my
stay.
19 He brought me forth also into a
large place; he delivered me, because
he delighted in me.
20 The LORD rewarded me accord-
ing to my righteousness; according to
the cleanness of my hands hath he re-
compensed me.
21 For I have kept the ways of the
LORD, and have not wickedly departed
from my God.
22 For all his judgments *were* before
me, and I did not put away his stat-
utes from me.
23 I was also upright before him,
and I kept myself from mine iniquity.
24 Therefore hath the LORD recom-
pensed me according to my righteous-
ness, according to the cleanness of my
hands in his eyesight.
25 With the merciful thou wilt
shew thyself merciful; with an upright
man thou wilt shew thyself upright;
26 With the pure thou wilt shew
thyself pure; and with the froward
thou wilt shew thyself froward.
27 For thou wilt save the afflicted
people; but wilt bring down high looks.
28 For thou wilt light my candle:
the LORD my God will enlighten my
darkness.
29 For by thee I have run through
a troop; and by my God have I leaped
over a wall.
30 *As for* God, his way *is* perfect:
the word of the LORD is tried: he *is* a
buckler to all those that trust in him.
31 For who *is* God save the LORD?
or who *is* a rock save our God?
32 *It is* God that girdeth me with
strength, and maketh my way perfect.
33 He maketh my feet like hinds'
feet, and setteth me upon my high
places.
34 He teacheth my hands to war, so
that a bow of steel is broken by mine
arms.
35 Thou hast also given me the
shield of thy salvation: and thy right
hand hath holden me up, and thy gen-
tleness hath made me great.
36 Thou hast enlarged my steps un-
der me, that my feet did not slip.
37 I have pursued mine enemies,
and overtaken them: neither did I
turn again till they were consumed.
38 I have wounded them that they
were not able to rise: they are fallen
under my feet.
39 For thou hast girded me with
strength unto the battle: thou hast
subdued under me those that rose up
against me.
40 Thou hast also given me the
necks of mine enemies; that I might
destroy them that hate me.
41 They cried, *but there was* none to
save *them: even* unto the LORD, but he
answered them not.
42 Then did I beat them small as
the dust before the wind: I did cast
them out as the dirt in the streets.
43 Thou hast delivered me from the
strivings of the people; *and* thou hast
made me the head of the heathen: a
people *whom* I have not known shall
serve me.
44 As soon as they hear of me, they
shall obey me: the strangers shall sub-
mit themselves unto me.
45 The strangers shall fade away,
and be afraid out of their close places.
46 The LORD liveth; and blessed *be*
my rock; and let the God of my salva-
tion be exalted.
47 *It is* God that avengeth me, and
subdueth the people under me.
48 He delivereth me from mine ene-
mies: yea, thou liftest me up above
those that rise up against me: thou
hast delivered me from the violent
man.
49 Therefore will I give thanks unto
thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and
sing praises unto thy name.
50 Great deliverance giveth he to
his king; and sheweth mercy to his
anointed, to David, and to his seed for
evermore.

PSALM 19

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David

THE heavens declare the glory of
God; and the firmament sheweth
his handywork.
2 Day unto day uttereth speech,
and night unto night sheweth knowl-
edge.
3 *There is* no speech nor language,
where their voice is not heard.
4 Their line is gone out through all
the earth, and their words to the end
of the world. In them hath he set a
tabernacle for the sun,
5 Which *is* as a bridegroom coming
out of his chamber, *and* rejoiceth as a
strong man to run a race.

6 His going forth *is* from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7 The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.

8 The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: *and* in keeping of them *there is* great reward.

12 Who can understand *his* errors? cleanse thou me from secret *faults*.

13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous *sins;* let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

PSALM 20

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David

THE LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

2 Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;

3 Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; Se'lah.

4 Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up *our* banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.

6 Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

7 Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

8 They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.

9 Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call.

PSALM 21

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David

THE king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Se'lah.

3 For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.

4 He asked life of thee, *and* thou gavest *it* him, *even* length of days for ever and ever.

5 His glory *is* great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him.

6 For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

7 For the king trusteth in the LORD, and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be moved.

8 Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.

9 Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

10 Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men.

11 For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, *which* they are not able *to perform*.

12 Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back, *when* thou shalt make ready *thine arrows* upon thy strings against the face of them.

13 Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: *so* will we sing and praise thy power.

PSALM 22

To the chief Musician upon Aijeleth Shahar, A Psalm of David

MY God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? *why art thou so* far from helping me, *and from* the words of my roaring?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.

3 But thou *art* holy, *O thou* that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They cried unto thee, and were
delivered: they trusted in thee, and
were not confounded.
6 But I *am* a worm, and no man; a
reproach of men, and despised of the
people.
7 All they that see me laugh me to
scorn: they shoot out the lip, they
shake the head, *saying*,
8 He trusted on the LORD *that* he
would deliver him: let him deliver him,
seeing he delighted in him.
9 But thou *art* he that took me out
of the womb: thou didst make me hope
when I was upon my mother's breasts.
10 I was cast upon thee from the
womb: thou *art* my God from my
mother's belly.
11 Be not far from me; for trouble
is near; for *there is* none to help.
12 Many bulls have compassed me:
strong *bulls* of Ba'-shan have beset me
round.
13 They gaped upon me *with* their
mouths, *as* a ravening and a roaring
lion.
14 I am poured out like water, and
all my bones are out of joint: my heart
is like wax; it is melted in the midst of
my bowels.
15 My strength is dried up like a
potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to
my jaws; and thou hast brought me
into the dust of death.
16 For dogs have compassed me:
the assembly of the wicked have in-
closed me: they pierced my hands and
my feet.
17 I may tell all my bones: they
look *and* stare upon me.
18 They part my garments among
them, and cast lots upon my vesture.
19 But be not thou far from me, O
LORD: O my strength, haste thee to
help me.
20 Deliver my soul from the sword;
my darling from the power of the dog.
21 Save me from the lion's mouth:
for thou hast heard me from the horns
of the unicorns.
22 I will declare thy name unto my
brethren: in the midst of the congrega-
tion will I praise thee.
23 Ye that fear the LORD, praise
him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify
him; and fear him, all ye the seed of
Israel.
24 For he hath not despised nor ab-
horred the affliction of the afflicted;
neither hath he hid his face from him;
but when he cried unto him, he heard.
25 My praise *shall be* of thee in the
great congregation: I will pay my
vows before them that fear him.
26 The meek shall eat and be satis-
fied: they shall praise the LORD that
seek him: your heart shall live for ever.
27 All the ends of the world shall
remember and turn unto the LORD:
and all the kindreds of the nations
shall worship before thee.
28 For the kingdom *is* the LORD's:
and he *is* the governor among the na-
tions.
29 All *they that be* fat upon earth
shall eat and worship: all they that go
down to the dust shall bow before him:
and none can keep alive his own soul.
30 A seed shall serve him; it shall be
accounted to the Lord for a genera-
tion.
31 They shall come, and shall de-
clare his righteousness unto a people
that shall be born, that he hath done
this.

PSALM 23

A Psalm of David

THE LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall
not want.
2 He maketh me to lie down in
green pastures: he leadeth me beside
the still waters.
3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth
me in the paths of righteousness for
his name's sake.
4 Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy
rod and thy staff they comfort me.
5 Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies: thou
anointest my head with oil; my cup
runneth over.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life: and
I will dwell in the house of the LORD
for ever.

PSALM 24

A Psalm of David

THE earth *is* the LORD's, and the
fulness thereof; the world, and
they that dwell therein.
2 For he hath founded it upon the
seas, and established it upon the
floods.
3 Who shall ascend into the hill of
the LORD? or who shall stand in his
holy place?
4 He that hath clean hands, and a

pure heart; who hath not lifted up his
soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceit-
fully.
5 He shall receive the blessing from
the LORD, and righteousness from the
God of his salvation.
6 This *is* the generation of them
that seek him, that seek thy face, O
Jacob. Se'-lah.
7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
8 Who *is* this King of glory? The
LORD strong and mighty, the LORD
mighty in battle.
9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.
10 Who is this King of glory? The
LORD of hosts, he *is* the King of glory.
Se'-lah.

PSALM 25

A *Psalm* of David

UNTO thee, O LORD, do I lift up
my soul.
2 O my God, I trust in thee: let me
not be ashamed, let not mine enemies
triumph over me.
3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be
ashamed: let them be ashamed which
transgress without cause.
4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach
me thy paths.
5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach
me: for thou *art* the God of my salva-
tion; on thee do I wait all the day.
6 Remember, O LORD, thy tender
mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for
they *have been* ever of old.
7 Remember not the sins of my
youth, nor my transgressions: accord-
ing to thy mercy remember thou me
for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.
8 Good and upright *is* the LORD:
therefore will he teach sinners in the
way.
9 The meek will he guide in judg-
ment: and the meek will he teach his
way.
10 All the paths of the LORD *are*
mercy and truth unto such as keep his
covenant and his testimonies.
11 For thy name's sake, O LORD,
pardon mine iniquity; for it *is* great.
12 What man *is* he that feareth the
LORD? him shall he teach in the way
that he shall choose.
13 His soul shall dwell at ease; and
his seed shall inherit the earth.
14 The secret of the LORD *is* with
them that fear him; and he will shew
them his covenant.
15 Mine eyes *are* ever toward the
LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of
the net.
16 Turn thee unto me, and have
mercy upon me; for I *am* desolate and
afflicted.
17 The troubles of my heart are en-
larged: O bring thou me out of my dis-
tresses.
18 Look upon mine affliction and
my pain; and forgive all my sins.
19 Consider mine enemies; for they
are many; and they hate me with cruel
hatred.
20 O keep my soul, and deliver me:
let me not be ashamed; for I put my
trust in thee.
21 Let integrity and uprightness
preserve me; for I wait on thee.
22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all
his troubles.

PSALM 26

A *Psalm* of David

JUDGE me, O LORD; for I have
walked in mine integrity: I have
trusted also in the LORD; *therefore* I
shall not slide.
2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove
me; try my reins and my heart.
3 For thy lovingkindness *is* before
mine eyes: and I have walked in thy
truth.
4 I have not sat with vain persons,
neither will I go in with dissemblers.
5 I have hated the congregation of
evil doers; and will not sit with the
wicked.
6 I will wash mine hands in inno-
cency: so will I compass thine altar,
O LORD:
7 That I may publish with the voice
of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy
wondrous works.
8 LORD, I have loved the habitation
of thy house, and the place where thine
honour dwelleth.
9 Gather not my soul with sinners,
nor my life with bloody men:
10 In whose hands *is* mischief, and
their right hand is full of bribes.
11 But as for me, I will walk in
mine integrity: redeem me, and be
merciful unto me.
12 My foot standeth in an even
place: in the congregations will I bless
the LORD.

PSALM 27

A Psalm of David

THE LORD *is* my light and my sal-
vation; whom shall I fear? the
LORD *is* the strength of my life; of
whom shall I be afraid?
2 When the wicked, *even* mine ene-
mies and my foes, came upon me to eat
up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.
3 Though an host should encamp
against me, my heart shall not fear:
though war should rise against me, in
this *will* I *be* confident.
4 One *thing* have I desired of the
LORD, that will I seek after; that I may
dwell in the house of the LORD all the
days of my life, to behold the beauty of
the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.
5 For in the time of trouble he shall
hide me in his pavilion: in the secret
of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he
shall set me up upon a rock.
6 And now shall mine head be lifted
up above mine enemies round about
me: therefore will I offer in his taber-
nacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea,
I will sing praises unto the LORD.
7 Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with
my voice: have mercy also upon me,
and answer me.
8 *When thou saidst*, Seek ye my face;
my heart said unto thee, Thy face,
LORD, will I seek.
9 Hide not thy face *far* from me;
put not thy servant away in anger:
thou hast been my help; leave me not,
neither forsake me, O God of my sal-
vation.
10 When my father and my mother
orsake me, then the LORD will take
e up.
11 Teach me thy way, O LORD, and
d me in a plain path, because of
ne enemies.
2 Deliver me not over unto the
of mine enemies: for false wit-
es are risen up against me, and
as breathe out cruelty.
I had fainted, unless I had be-
d to see the goodness of the LORD
e land of the living.
Wait on the LORD: be of good
ge, and he shall strengthen thine
wait, I say, on the LORD.

PSALM 28

A Psalm of David

O thee will I cry, O LORD my
k; be not silent to me: lest, *if*
thou be silent to me, I becom
them that go down into the pit.
2 Hear the voice of my sup
tions, when I cry unto thee, w
lift up my hands toward thy
oracle.
3 Draw me not away with the w
ed, and with the workers of iniqu
which speak peace to their neighbo
but mischief *is* in their hearts.
4 Give them according to th
deeds, and according to the wicke
ness of their endeavours: give the
after the work of their hands; rend
to them their desert.
5 Because they regard not th
works of the LORD, nor the operation
of his hands, he shall destroy them,
and not build them up.
6 Blessed *be* the LORD, because he
hath heard the voice of my supplica-
tions.
7 The LORD *is* my strength and my
shield; my heart trusted in him, and I
am helped: therefore my heart greatly
rejoiceth; and with my song will I
praise him.
8 The LORD *is* their strength, and he
is the saving strength of his anointed.
9 Save thy people, and bless thine
inheritance: feed them also, and lift
them up for ever.

PSALM 29

A Psalm of David

GIVE unto the LORD, O ye mighty,
give unto the LORD glory and
strength.
2 Give unto the LORD the glory due
unto his name; worship the LORD in
the beauty of holiness.
3 The voice of the LORD *is* upon the
waters: the God of glory thundereth:
the LORD *is* upon many waters.
4 The voice of the LORD *is* powerful;
the voice of the LORD *is* full of maj-
esty.
5 The voice of the LORD breaketh
the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the
cedars of Lebanon.
6 He maketh them also to skip like
a calf; Lebanon and Sir´-i-on like a
young unicorn.
7 The voice of the LORD divideth
the flames of fire.
8 The voice of the LORD shaketh the
wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wil-
derness of Ka´-desh.
9 The voice of the LORD maketh the
hinds to calve, and discovereth the

forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of *his* glory.

10 The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.

11 The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

PSALM 30

A Psalm *and* Song *at* the dedication of the house of David

I WILL extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

3 O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

4 Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his anger *endureth but* a moment; in his favour *is* life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy *cometh* in the morning.

6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.

7 LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, *and* I was troubled.

8 I cried to thee, O LORD; and unto the LORD I made supplication.

9 What profit *is there* in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?

10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.

11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

12 To the end that *my* glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

PSALM 31

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David

IN thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

3 For thou *art* my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

4 Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou *art* my strength.

5 Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

6 I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the LORD.

7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities;

8 And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my feet in a large room.

9 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, *yea* my soul and my belly.

10 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed.

11 I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without fled from me.

12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel.

13 For I have heard the slander of many: fear *was* on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.

14 But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my God.

15 My times *are* in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

16 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake.

17 Let me not be ashamed, O LORD; for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, *and* let them be silent in the grave.

18 Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

19 *Oh* how great *is* thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; *which* thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of

man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed *be* the LORD: for he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.

22 For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

23 O love the LORD, all ye his saints: *for* the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.

PSALM 32

A Psalm of David, *Maschil*

BLESSED *is he whose* transgression *is* forgiven, *whose* sin *is* covered.

2 Blessed *is* the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit *there is* no guile.

3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Se'lah.

5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Se'lah.

6 For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

7 Thou *art* my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Se'lah.

8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

9 Be ye not as the horse, *or* as the mule, *which* have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

10 Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all *ye that are* upright in heart.

PSALM 33

REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous: *for* praise is comely for the upright.

2 Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.

4 For the word of the LORD *is* right; and all his works *are done* in truth.

5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

9 For he spake, and it was *done;* he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

11 The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

12 Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD: *and* the people *whom* he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

13 The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

14 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

15 He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.

16 There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

17 An horse *is* a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver *any* by his great strength.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he *is* our help and our shield.

21 For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

PSALM 34

A Psalm of David, when he changed his behaviour before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed

I WILL bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear *thereof*, and be glad.

3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard *him*, and saved him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

8 O taste and see that the LORD *is* good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.

9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for *there is* no want to them that fear him.

10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good *thing*.

11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 What man *is he that* desireth life, *and* loveth *many* days, that he may see good?

13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their cry.

16 The face of the LORD *is* against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 *The righteous* cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

18 The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

19 Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

20 He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

PSALM 35

A Psalm of David

PLEAD *my cause*, O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.

2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.

3 Draw out also the spear, and stop *the way* against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I *am* thy salvation.

4 Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.

5 Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase *them*.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD persecute them.

7 For without cause have they hid for me their net *in* a pit, *which* without cause they have digged for my soul.

8 Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.

9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.

10 All my bones shall say, LORD, who *is* like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?

11 False witnessses did rise up; they laid to my charge *things* that I knew not.

12 They rewarded me evil for good *to* the spoiling of my soul.

13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing *was* sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

14 I behaved myself as though *he had been* my friend *or* brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth *for his* mother.

15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: *yea*, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew *it* not; they did tear *me*, and ceased not:

16 With hypocritical mockers in
feasts, they gnashed upon me with
their teeth.
17 Lord, how long wilt thou look
on? rescue my soul from their destruc-
tions, my darling from the lions.
18 I will give thee thanks in the
great congregation: I will praise thee
among much people.
19 Let not them that are mine ene-
mies wrongfully rejoice over me: *nei-
ther* let them wink with the eye that
hate me without a cause.
20 For they speak not peace: but
they devise deceitful matters against
them that are quiet in the land.
21 Yea, they opened their mouth
wide against me, *and* said, Aha, aha,
our eye hath seen *it*.
22 *This* thou hast seen, O LORD:
keep not silence: O Lord, be not far
from me.
23 Stir up thyself, and awake to my
judgment, *even* unto my cause, my
God and my Lord.
24 Judge me, O LORD my God, ac-
cording to thy righteousness; and let
them not rejoice over me.
25 Let them not say in their hearts,
Ah, so would we have it: let them not
say, We have swallowed him up.
26 Let them be ashamed and
brought to confusion together that re-
joice at mine hurt: let them be clothed
with shame and dishonour that mag-
nify *themselves* against me.
27 Let them shout for joy, and be
glad, that favour my righteous cause:
yea, let them say continually, Let the
LORD be magnified, which hath pleas-
ure in the prosperity of his servant.
28 And my tongue shall speak of
thy righteousness *and* of thy praise all
the day long.

PSALM 36

To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David the servant of the LORD

THE transgression of the wicked
saith within my heart, *that there is*
no fear of God before his eyes.
2 For he flattereth himself in his
own eyes, until his iniquity be found
to be hateful.
3 The words of his mouth *are* in-
iquity and deceit: he hath left off to
be wise, *and* to do good.
4 He deviseth mischief upon his
bed; he setteth himself in a way *that is*
not good; he abhorreth not evil.
5 Thy mercy, O LORD, *is* in the heav-
ens; *and* thy faithfulness *reacheth* un-
to the clouds.
6 Thy righteousness *is* like the
great mountains; thy judgments *are* a
great deep: O LORD, thou preservest
man and beast.
7 How excellent *is* thy lovingkind-
ness, O God! therefore the children of
men put their trust under the shadow
of thy wings.
8 They shall be abundantly satisfied
with the fatness of thy house; and thou
shalt make them drink of the river of
thy pleasures.
9 For with thee *is* the fountain of
life: in thy light shall we see light.
10 O continue thy lovingkindness
unto them that know thee; and thy
righteousness to the upright in heart.
11 Let not the foot of pride come
against me, and let not the hand of the
wicked remove me.
12 There are the workers of iniquity
fallen: they are cast down, and shall
not be able to rise.

PSALM 37

A Psalm of David

FRET not thyself because of evil-
doers, neither be thou envious
against the workers of iniquity.
2 For they shall soon be cut down
like the grass, and wither as the green
herb.
3 Trust in the LORD, and do good;
so shalt thou dwell in the land, and
verily thou shalt be fed.
4 Delight thyself also in the LORD;
and he shall give thee the desires of
thine heart.
5 Commit thy way unto the LORD;
trust also in him; and he shall bring *it*
to pass.
6 And he shall bring forth thy right-
eousness as the light, and thy judg-
ment as the noonday.
7 Rest in the LORD, and wait pa-
tiently for him: fret not thyself be-
cause of him who prospereth in his
way, because of the man who bringeth
wicked devices to pass.
8 Cease from anger, and forsake
wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to
do evil.
9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but
those that wait upon the LORD, they
shall inherit the earth.
10 For yet a little while, and the

wicked *shall* not *be*: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it *shall* not *be*.
11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
12 The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
13 The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.
14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, *and* to slay such as be of upright conversation.
15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.
16 A little that a righteous man hath *is* better than the riches of many wicked.
17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.
18 The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.
19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.
20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD *shall be* as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.
21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.
22 For *such as be* blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and *they that be* cursed of him shall be cut off.
23 The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.
24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth *him with* his hand.
25 I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.
26 *He is* ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed *is* blessed.
27 Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.
28 For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.
29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.
30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.
31 The law of his God *is* in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.
32 The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.
33 The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.
34 Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shall see *it*.
35 I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.
36 Yet he passed away, and, lo, he *was* not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.
37 Mark the perfect *man*, and behold the upright: for the end of *that* man *is* peace.
38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.
39 But the salvation of the righteous *is* of the LORD: *he is* their strength in the time of trouble.
40 And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

PSALM 38

A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance

O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
2 For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.
3 *There is* no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither *is there any* rest in my bones because of my sin.
4 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
5 My wounds stink *and* are corrupt because of my foolishness.
6 I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.
7 For my loins are filled with a loathsome *disease*: and *there is* no soundness in my flesh.
8 I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.
9 Lord, all my desire *is* before thee; [illegible] thee.
and my groaning is not [illegible]

10 My heart panteth, my strength
faileth me: as for the light of mine
eyes, it also is gone from me.
11 My lovers and my friends stand
aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen
stand afar off.
12 They also that seek after my life
lay snares *for me:* and they that seek
my hurt speak mischievous things, and
imagine deceits all the day long.
13 But I, as a deaf *man*, heard not;
and I *was* as a dumb man *that* openeth
not his mouth.
14 Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth *are* no reproofs.
15 For in thee, O LORD, do I hope:
thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.
16 For I said, *Hear me*, lest *otherwise* they should rejoice over me: when
my foot slippeth, they magnify *themselves* against me.
17 For I *am* ready to halt, and my
sorrow *is* continually before me.
18 For I will declare mine iniquity;
I will be sorry for my sin.
19 But mine enemies *are* lively, *and*
they are strong: and they that hate me
wrongfully are multiplied.
20 They also that render evil for
good are mine adversaries; because I
follow *the thing that* good *is*.
21 Forsake me not, O LORD: O my
God, be not far from me.
22 Make haste to help me, O Lord
my salvation.

PSALM 39

To the chief Musician, *even* to Jeduthun, A Psalm of David

I SAID, I will take heed to my ways,
that I sin not with my tongue: I
will keep my mouth with a bridle,
while the wicked is before me.
2 I was dumb with silence, I held
my peace, *even* from good; and my sorrow was stirred.
3 My heart was hot within me,
while I was musing the fire burned:
then spake I with my tongue,
4 LORD, make me to know mine
end, and the measure of my days,
what it *is: that* I may know how frail
I *am*.
5 Behold, thou hast made my days
as an handbreadth; and mine age *is* as
nothing before thee: verily every man
at his best state *is* altogether vanity.
Se'lah.
6 Surely every man walketh in a
vain shew: surely they are disquieted
in vain: he heapeth up *riches*, and
knoweth not who shall gather them.
7 And now, Lord, what wait I for?
my hope *is* in thee.
8 Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the
foolish.
9 I was dumb, I opened not my
mouth; because thou didst *it*.
10 Remove thy stroke away from
me: I am consumed by the blow of
thine hand.
11 When thou with rebukes dost
correct man for iniquity, thou makest
his beauty to consume away like a
moth: surely every man *is* vanity.
Se'lah.
12 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and
give ear unto my cry; hold not thy
peace at my tears: for I *am* a stranger
with thee, *and* a sojourner, as all my
fathers *were*.
13 O spare me, that I may recover
strength, before I go hence, and be no
more.

PSALM 40

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David

I WAITED patiently for the LORD;
and he inclined unto me, and heard
my cry.
2 He brought me up also out of an
horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and
set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings.
3 And he hath put a new song in my
mouth, *even* praise unto our God:
many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall
trust in the LORD.
4 Blessed *is* that man that maketh
the LORD his trust, and respecteth not
the proud, nor such as turn aside to
lies.
5 Many, O LORD my God, *are* thy
wonderful works *which* thou hast done,
and thy thoughts *which are* to usward:
they cannot be reckoned up in order
unto thee: *if* I would declare and speak
of them, they are more than can be
numbered.
6 Sacrifice and offering thou didst
not desire; mine ears hast thou opened:
burnt offering and sin offering hast
thou not required.
7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the
volume of the book *it is* written of me,
8 I delight to do thy will, O my
God: yea, thy law *is* within my heart.
9 I have preached righteousness in
the great congregation: lo, I have not

refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.
10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.
11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.
12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.
13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me.
14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.
15 Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha.
16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.
17 But I *am* poor and needy; *yet* the Lord thinketh upon me: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

PSALM 41

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David

BLESSED *is* he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.
2 The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; *and* he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.
3 The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.
4 I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.
5 Mine enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish?
6 And if he come to see *me*, he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; *when* he goeth abroad, he telleth *it*.
7 All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.
8 An evil disease, *say they*, cleaveth fast unto him: and *now* that he lieth he shall rise up no more.
9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up *his* heel against me.
10 But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.
11 By this I know that thou favourest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.
12 And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face for ever.
13 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

PSALM 42

To the chief Musician, Maschil, for the sons of Korah

AS the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.
2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?
3 My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where *is* thy God?
4 When I remember these *things*, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.
5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and *why* art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him *for* the help of his countenance.
6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Her'-mon-ites, from the hill Mi'-zar.
7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.
8 *Yet* the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song *shall be* with me, *and* my prayer unto the God of my life.
9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
10 *As* with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they

say daily unto me, Where *is* thy God?
11 Why art thou cast down, O my
soul? and why art thou disquieted
within me? hope thou in God: for I
shall yet praise him, *who is* the health
of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM 43

JUDGE me, O God, and plead my
cause against an ungodly nation: O
deliver me from the deceitful and un-
just man.
2 For thou *art* the God of my
strength: why dost thou cast me off?
why go I mourning because of the op-
pression of the enemy?
3 O send out thy light and thy
truth: let them lead me; let them bring
me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tab-
ernacles.
4 Then will I go unto the altar of
God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea,
upon the harp will I praise thee, O God
my God.
5 Why art thou cast down, O my
soul? and why art thou disquieted
within me? hope in God: for I shall yet
praise him, *who is* the health of my
countenance, and my God.

PSALM 44

To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, Maschil

WE have heard with our ears, O
God, our fathers have told us,
what work thou didst in their days, in
the times of old.
2 *How* thou didst drive out the
heathen with thy hand, and plantedst
them; *how* thou didst afflict the people,
and cast them out.
3 For they got not the land in pos-
session by their own sword, neither did
their own arm save them: but thy
right hand, and thine arm, and the
light of thy countenance, because thou
hadst a favour unto them.
4 Thou art my King, O God: com-
mand deliverances for Jacob.
5 Through thee will we push down
our enemies: through thy name will
we tread them under that rise up
against us.
6 For I will not trust in my bow,
neither shall my sword save me.
7 But thou hast saved us from our
enemies, and hast put them to shame
that hated us.
8 In God we boast all the day long,
and praise thy name for ever. Se'lah.
9 But thou hast cast off, and put us
to shame; and goest not forth with our
armies.
10 Thou makest us to turn back
from the enemy: and they which hate
us spoil for themselves.
11 Thou hast given us like sheep *ap-
pointed* for meat; and hast scattered us
among the heathen.
12 Thou sellest thy people for
nought, and dost not increase *thy
wealth* by their price.
13 Thou makest us a reproach to
our neighbours, a scorn and a derision
to them that are round about us.
14 Thou makest us a byword among
the heathen, a shaking of the head
among the people.
15 My confusion *is* continually be-
fore me, and the shame of my face
hath covered me,
16 For the voice of him that re-
proacheth and blasphemeth; by reason
of the enemy and avenger.
17 All this is come upon us; yet
have we not forgotten thee, neither
have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.
18 Our heart is not turned back,
neither have our steps declined from
thy way;
19 Though thou hast sore broken us
in the place of dragons, and covered us
with the shadow of death.
20 If we have forgotten the name of
our God, or stretched out our hands to
a strange god;
21 Shall not God search this out?
for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.
22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all
the day long; we are counted as sheep
for the slaughter.
23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O
Lord? arise, cast *us* not off for ever.
24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face,
and forgettest our affliction and our
oppression?
25 For our soul is bowed down to
the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the
earth.
26 Arise for our help, and redeem us
for thy mercies' sake.

PSALM 45

To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim, for the sons of Korah, Maschil, A Song of loves

MY heart is inditing a good matter:
I speak of the things which I
have made touching the king: my
tongue *is* the pen of a ready writer.
2 Thou art fairer than the children

of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.
3 Gird thy sword upon *thy* thigh, O *most* mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.
4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness *and* righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
5 Thine arrows *are* sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; *whereby* the people fall under thee.
6 Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom *is* a right sceptre.
7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
8 All thy garments *smell* of myrrh, and aloes, *and* cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.
9 Kings' daughters *were* among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of O'-phir.
10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;
11 So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he *is* thy Lord; and worship thou him.
12 And the daughter of Tyre *shall be there* with a gift; *even* the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour.
13 The king's daughter *is* all glorious within: her clothing *is* of wrought gold.
14 She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.
15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace.
16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.
17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

PSALM 46

To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, A Song upon Alamoth

GOD *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;
3 *Though* the waters thereof roar *and* be troubled, *though* the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Se'-lah.
4 *There is* a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy *place* of the tabernacles of the most High.
5 God *is* in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, *and that* right early.
6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.
7 The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Se'-lah.
8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.
9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.
10 Be still, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.
11 The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Se'-lah.

PSALM 47

To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah

O CLAP your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
2 For the LORD most high *is* terrible; *he is* a great King over all the earth.
3 He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.
4 He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Se'-lah.
5 God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
6 Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
7 For God *is* the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.
8 God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.
9 The princes of the people are gathered together, *even* the people of

the God of Abraham: for the shields of
the earth *belong* unto God: he is greatly
exalted.

PSALM 48

A Song and Psalm for the sons of Korah

GREAT *is* the LORD, and greatly to
be praised in the city of our God,
in the mountain of his holiness.
2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of
the whole earth, *is* mount Zion, *on* the
sides of the north, the city of the great
King.
3 God is known in her palaces for a
refuge.
4 For, lo, the kings were assembled,
they passed by together.
5 They saw *it, and* so they marvelled;
they were troubled, *and* hasted away.
6 Fear took hold upon them there,
and pain, as of a woman in travail.
7 Thou breakest the ships of Tar-
shish with an east wind.
8 As we have heard, so have we seen
in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the
city of our God: God will establish it
for ever. Se'lah.
9 We have thought of thy loving-
kindness, O God, in the midst of thy
temple.
10 According to thy name, O God,
so *is* thy praise unto the ends of the
earth: thy right hand is full of right-
eousness.
11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the
daughters of Judah be glad, because of
thy judgments.
12 Walk about Zion, and go round
about her: tell the towers thereof.
13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, con-
sider her palaces; that ye may tell *it* to
the generation following.
14 For this God *is* our God for ever
and ever: he will be our guide *even* unto
death.

PSALM 49

To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons
of Korah

HEAR this, all *ye* people; give ear,
all *ye* inhabitants of the world:
2 Both low and high, rich and poor,
together.
3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom;
and the meditation of my heart *shall
be* of understanding.
4 I will incline mine ear to a par-
able: I will open my dark saying upon
the harp.
5 Wherefore should I fear in the
days of evil, *when* the iniquity of my
heels shall compass me about?
6 They that trust in their wealth,
and boast themselves in the multitude
of their riches;
7 None *of them* can by any means
redeem his brother, nor give to God a
ransom for him:
8 (For the redemption of their soul
is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)
9 That he should still live for ever,
and not see corruption.
10 For he seeth *that* wise men die,
likewise the fool and the brutish per-
son perish, and leave their wealth to
others.
11 Their inward thought *is, that*
their houses *shall continue* for ever, *and*
their dwelling places to all generations;
they call *their* lands after their own
names.
12 Nevertheless man *being* in hon-
our abideth not: he is like the beasts
that perish.
13 This their way *is* their folly: yet
their posterity approve their sayings.
Se'lah.
14 Like sheep they are laid in the
grave; death shall feed on them; and
the upright shall have dominion over
them in the morning; and their beauty
shall consume in the grave from their
dwelling.
15 But God will redeem my soul
from the power of the grave: for he
shall receive me. Se'lah.
16 Be not thou afraid when one is
made rich, when the glory of his house
is increased;
17 For when he dieth he shall carry
nothing away: his glory shall not de-
scend after him.
18 Though while he lived he blessed
his soul: and *men* will praise thee,
when thou doest well to thyself.
19 He shall go to the generation of
his fathers; they shall never see light.
20 Man *that is* in honour, and under-
standeth not, is like the beasts *that*
perish.

PSALM 50

A Psalm of Asaph

THE mighty God, *even* the LORD,
hath spoken, and called the earth
from the rising of the sun unto the
going down thereof.
2 Out of Zion, the perfection of
beauty, God hath shined.
3 Our God shall come, and shall not
keep silence: a fire shall devour before

him, and it shall be very tempestuous
round about him.
4 He shall call to the heavens from
above, and to the earth, that he may
judge his people.
5 Gather my saints together unto
me; those that have made a covenant
with me by sacrifice.
6 And the heavens shall declare his
righteousness: for God *is* judge him-
self. Se'-lah.
7 Hear, O my people, and I will
speak; O Israel, and I will testify
against thee: I *am* God, *even* thy God.
8 I will not reprove thee for thy sac-
rifices or thy burnt offerings, *to have
been* continually before me.
9 I will take no bullock out of thy
house, *nor* he goats out of thy folds.
10 For every beast of the forest *is*
mine, *and* the cattle upon a thousand
hills.
11 I know all the fowls of the moun-
tains: and the wild beasts of the field
are mine.
12 If I were hungry, I would not tell
thee: for the world *is* mine, and the ful-
ness thereof.
13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or
drink the blood of goats?
14 Offer unto God thanksgiving;
and pay thy vows unto the most High:
15 And call upon me in the day of
trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou
shalt glorify me.
16 But unto the wicked God saith,
What hast thou to do to declare my
statutes, or *that* thou shouldest take
my covenant in thy mouth?
17 Seeing thou hatest instruction,
and casteth my words behind thee.
18 When thou sawest a thief, then
thou consentedst with him, and hast
been partaker with adulterers.
19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil,
and thy tongue frameth deceit.
20 Thou sittest *and* speakest against
thy brother; thou slanderest thine own
mother's son.
21 These *things* hast thou done, and
I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I
was altogether *such an one* as thyself:
but I will reprove thee, and set *them* in
order before thine eyes.
22 Now consider this, ye that forget
God, lest I tear *you* in pieces, and
there be none to deliver.
23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth
me: and to him that ordereth *his* con-
versation *aright* will I shew the salva-
tion of God.

PSALM 51

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bath-sheba

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, ac-
cording to thy lovingkindness:
according unto the multitude of thy
tender mercies blot out my transgres-
sions.
2 Wash me throughly from mine in-
iquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
3 For I acknowledge my transgres-
sions: and my sin *is* ever before me.
4 Against thee, thee only, have I
sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight:
that thou mightest be justified when
thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou
judgest.
5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity;
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the
inward parts: and in the hidden *part*
thou shalt make me to know wisdom.
7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall
be clean: wash me, and I shall be whit-
er than snow.
8 Make me to hear joy and gladness;
that the bones *which* thou hast broken
may rejoice.
9 Hide thy face from my sins, and
blot out all mine iniquities.
10 Create in me a clean heart, O
God; and renew a right spirit within
me.
11 Cast me not away from thy pres-
ence; and take not thy holy spirit from
me.
12 Restore unto me the joy of thy
salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free
spirit.
13 *Then* will I teach transgressors
thy ways; and sinners shall be con-
verted unto thee.
14 Deliver me from bloodguilti-
ness, O God, thou God of my salva-
tion: *and* my tongue shall sing aloud
of thy righteousness.
15 O Lord, open thou my lips; and
my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
16 For thou desirest not sacrifice;
else would I give *it:* thou delightest not
in burnt offering.
17 The sacrifices of God *are* a bro-
ken spirit: a broken and a contrite
heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.
18 Do good in thy good pleasure un-
to Zion: build thou the walls of Jeru-
salem.
19 Then shalt thou be pleased with
the sacrifices of righteousness, with

burnt offering and whole burnt offer-
ing: then shall they offer bullocks upon
thine altar.

PSALM 52

To the chief Musician, Maschil, *A Psalm* of David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said unto him, David is come to the house of Ahimelech

WHY boastest thou thyself in
mischief, O mighty man? the
goodness of God *endureth* continually.
2 Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs;
like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.
3 Thou lovest evil more than good;
and lying rather than to speak right-
eousness. Se'lah.
4 Thou lovest all devouring words,
O *thou* deceitful tongue.
5 God shall likewise destroy thee
for ever, he shall take thee away, and
pluck thee out of *thy* dwelling place,
and root thee out of the land of the
living. Se'lah.
6 The righteous also shall see, and
fear, and shall laugh at him:
7 Lo, *this is* the man *that* made not
God his strength; but trusted in the
abundance of his riches, *and* strength-
ened himself in his wickedness.
8 But I *am* like a green olive tree in
the house of God: I trust in the mercy
of God for ever and ever.
9 I will praise thee for ever, because
thou hast done *it:* and I will wait on
thy name; for *it is* good before thy
saints.

PSALM 53

To the chief Musician upon Mahalath, Maschil, *A Psalm* of David

THE fool hath said in his heart,
There is no God. Corrupt are they,
and have done abominable iniquity:
there is none that doeth good.
2 God looked down from heaven up-
on the children of men, to see if there
were *any* that did understand, that did
seek God.
3 Every one of them is gone back:
they are altogether become filthy;
there is none that doeth good, no, not
one.
4 Have the workers of iniquity no
knowledge? who eat up my people *as*
they eat bread: they have not called
upon God.
5 There were they in great fear,
where no fear was: for God hath scat-
tered the bones of him that encampeth
against thee: thou hast put *them* to
shame, because God hath despised
them.
6 Oh that the salvation of Israel
were come out of Zion! When God
bringeth back the captivity of his peo-
ple, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall
be glad.

PSALM 54

To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil, *A Psalm* of David, when the Ziphims came and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with us?

SAVE me, O God, by thy name, and
judge me by thy strength.
2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear
to the words of my mouth.
3 For strangers are risen up against
me, and oppressors seek after my soul:
they have not set God before them.
Se'lah.
4 Behold, God *is* mine helper: the
Lord *is* with them that uphold my
soul.
5 He shall reward evil unto mine
enemies: cut them off in thy truth.
6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I
will praise thy name, O LORD; for *it* is
good.
7 For he hath delivered me out of
all trouble: and mine eye hath seen *his*
desire upon mine enemies.

PSALM 55

To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil, *A Psalm* of David.

GIVE ear to my prayer, O God; and
hide not thyself from my suppli-
cation.
2 Attend unto me, and hear me: I
mourn in my complaint, and make a
noise;
3 Because of the voice of the enemy,
because of the oppression of the wick-
ed: for they cast iniquity upon me, and
in wrath they hate me.
4 My heart is sore pained within
me: and the terrors of death are fallen
upon me.
5 Fearfulness and trembling are
come upon me, and horror hath over-
whelmed me.
6 And I said, Oh that I had wings
like a dove! *for then* would I fly away,
and be at rest.
7 Lo, *then* would I wander far off,
and remain in the wilderness. Se'lah.

8 I would hasten my escape from
the windy storm *and* tempest.
9 Destroy, O Lord, *and* divide their
tongues: for I have seen violence and
strife in the city.
10 Day and night they go about it
upon the walls thereof: mischief also
and sorrow *are* in the midst of it.
11 Wickedness *is* in the midst there-
of: deceit and guile depart not from
her streets.
12 For *it was* not an enemy *that* re-
proached me; then I could have borne
it: neither *was it* he that hated me *that*
did magnify *himself* against me; then
I would have hid myself from him:
13 But *it was* thou, a man mine
equal, my guide, and mine acquaint-
ance.
14 We took sweet counsel together,
and walked unto the house of God in
company.
15 Let death seize upon them, *and*
let them go down quick into hell: for
wickedness *is* in their dwellings, *and*
among them.
16 As for me, I will call upon God;
and the LORD shall save me.
17 Evening, and morning, and at
noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and
he shall hear my voice.
18 He hath delivered my soul in
peace from the battle *that was* against
me: for there were many with me.
19 God shall hear, and afflict them,
even he that abideth of old. Se'lah.
Because they have no changes, there-
fore they fear not God.
20 He hath put forth his hands
against such as be at peace with him:
he hath broken his covenant.
21 *The words* of his mouth were
smoother than butter, but war *was* in
his heart: his words were softer than
oil, yet *were* they drawn swords.
22 Cast thy burden upon the LORD,
and he shall sustain thee: he shall
never suffer the righteous to be moved.
23 But thou, O God, shalt bring
them down into the pit of destruction:
bloody and deceitful men shall not live
out half their days; but I will trust in
thee.

PSALM 56

To the chief Musician upon Jonath-elem-re-chokim, Michtam of David, when the Philistines took him in Gath

BE merciful unto me, O God: for
man would swallow me up; he
fighting daily oppresseth me.
2 Mine enemies would daily swallow
me up: for *they be* many that fight
against me, O thou most High.
3 What time I am afraid, I will trust
in thee.
4 In God I will praise his word, in
God I have put my trust; I will not
fear what flesh can do unto me.
5 Every day they wrest my words:
all their thoughts *are* against me for
evil.
6 They gather themselves together,
they hide themselves, they mark my
steps, when they wait for my soul.
7 Shall they escape by iniquity? in
thine anger cast down the people, O
God.
8 Thou tellest my wanderings: put
thou my tears into thy bottle: *are they*
not in thy book?
9 When I cry *unto thee,* then shall
mine enemies turn back: this I know;
for God *is* for me.
10 In God will I praise *his* word: in
the LORD will I praise *his* word.
11 In God have I put my trust: I
will not be afraid what man can do
unto me.
12 Thy vows *are* upon me, O God:
I will render praises unto thee.
13 For thou hast delivered my soul
from death: *wilt* not *thou deliver* my
feet from falling, that I may walk be-
fore God in the light of the living?

PSALM 57

To the chief Musician, Al-taschith, Michtam of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave

BE merciful unto me, O God, be
merciful unto me: for my soul
trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of
thy wings will I make my refuge, until
these calamities be overpast.
2 I will cry unto God most high; un-
to God that performeth *all things* for
me.
3 He shall send from heaven, and
save me *from* the reproach of him that
would swallow me up. Se'lah. God
shall send forth his mercy and his
truth.
4 My soul *is* among lions: *and* I lie
even among them that are set on fire,
even the sons of men, whose teeth *are*
spears and arrows, and their tongue a
sharp sword.
5 Be thou exalted, O God, above
the heavens; *let* thy glory *be* above all
the earth.
6 They have prepared a net for my

steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen *themselves*. Se´-lah.

7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart *is* fixed: I will sing and give praise.

8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I *myself* will awake early.

9 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

10 For thy mercy *is* great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

11 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth.

PSALM 58

To the chief Musician, Al–taschith, Michtam of David

DO ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?

2 Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.

3 The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

4 Their poison *is* like the poison of a serpent: *they are* like the deaf adder *that* stoppeth her ear;

5 Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely.

6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions, O LORD.

7 Let them melt away as waters *which* run continually: *when* he bendeth *his bow to shoot* his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.

8 As a snail *which* melteth, let *every one of them* pass away: *like* the untimely birth of a woman, *that* they may not see the sun.

9 Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, both living, and in *his* wrath.

10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

11 So that a man shall say, Verily *there is* a reward for the righteous; verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

PSALM 59

To the chief Musician, Al–taschith, Michtam of David; when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him

DELIVER me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me.

2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.

3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not *for* my transgression, nor *for* my sin, O LORD.

4 They run and prepare themselves without *my* fault: awake to help me, and behold.

5 Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Se´-lah.

6 They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords *are* in their lips: for who, *say they*, doth hear?

8 But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

9 *Because of* his strength will I wait upon thee: for God *is* my defence.

10 The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see *my desire* upon mine enemies.

11 Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

12 *For* the sin of their mouth *and* the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying *which* they speak.

13 Consume *them* in wrath, consume *them*, that they *may* not *be*: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Se´-lah.

14 And at evening let them return; *and* let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

15 Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied.

16 But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God *is* my defence, *and* the God of my mercy.

PSALM 60

o the chief Musician upon Shushan–eduth,
ichtam of David, to teach; when he strove
ith Aram–naharaim and with Aram–zobah,
hen Joab returned, and smote of Edom in
the valley of salt twelve thousand

O GOD, thou hast cast us off, thou
hast scattered us, thou hast been
displeased; O turn thyself to us again.
2 Thou hast made the earth to
tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the
breaches thereof; for it shaketh.
3 Thou hast shewed thy people hard
things: thou hast made us to drink the
wine of astonishment.
4 Thou hast given a banner to them
that fear thee, that it may be dis-
played because of the truth. Se′lah.
5 That thy beloved may be deliv-
ered; save *with* thy right hand, and
hear me.
6 God hath spoken in his holiness;
I will rejoice, I will divide She′chem,
and mete out the valley of Suc′coth.
7 Gilead *is* mine, and Ma-nas′seh *is*
mine; E′phra-im also *is* the strength of
mine head; Judah *is* my lawgiver;
8 Moab *is* my washpot; over Edom
will I cast out my shoe: Philistia, tri-
umph thou because of me.
9 Who will bring me *into* the strong
city? who will lead me into Edom?
10 *Wilt* not thou, O God, *which*
hadst cast us off? and *thou*, O God,
which didst not go out with our armies?
11 Give us help from trouble: for
vain *is* the help of man.
12 Through God we shall do val-
iantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down
our enemies.

PSALM 61

To the chief Musician upon Neginah, *A Psalm*
of David

HEAR my cry, O God; attend unto
my prayer.
2 From the end of the earth will I
cry unto thee, when my heart is over-
whelmed: lead me to the rock *that* is
higher than I.
3 For thou hast been a shelter for
me, *and* a strong tower from the
enemy.
4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for
ever: I will trust in the covert of thy
wings. Se′lah.
[illegible] thou, O God, hast heard my
[illegible] *me* the heritage

6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life:
and his years as many generations.
7 He shall abide before God for
ever: O prepare mercy and truth,
which may preserve him.
8 So will I sing praise unto thy
name for ever, that I may daily per-
form my vows.

PSALM 62

To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm
of David

TRULY my soul waiteth upon God:
from him *cometh* my salvation.
2 He only *is* my rock and my salva-
tion; *he is* my defence; I shall not be
greatly moved.
3 How long will ye imagine mis-
chief against a man? ye shall be slain
all of you: as a bowing wall *shall ye be,*
and as a tottering fence.
4 They only consult to cast *him*
down from his excellency: they delight
in lies: they bless with their mouth,
but they curse inwardly. Se′lah.
5 My soul, wait thou only upon
God; for my expectation *is* from him.
6 He only *is* my rock and my salva-
tion: *he is* my defence; I shall not be
moved.
7 In God *is* my salvation and my
glory: the rock of my strength, *and* my
refuge, *is* in God.
8 Trust in him at all times; ye peo-
ple, pour out your heart before him:
God *is* a refuge for us. Se′lah.
9 Surely men of low degree *are* van
ity, *and* men of high degree *are* a li
to be laid in the balance, they *are* alt
gether *lighter* than vanity.
10 Trust not in oppression, and b
come not vain in robbery: if riches
crease, set not your heart *upon the*
11 God hath spoken once; tw
have I heard this; that power *belon*
unto God.
12 Also unto thee, O Lord, *bel*
eth mercy: for thou renderest to e
man according to his work.

PSALM 63

A Psalm of David, when he was in t
derness of Judah

O GOD, thou *art* my God
will I seek thee: my soul th
for thee, my flesh longeth for t
dry and thirsty land, where n
is;
2 To see thy power and th
so *as* I have seen thee in the sa

3 Because thy lovingkindness *is*
better than life, my lips shall praise
thee.
4 Thus will I bless thee while I live:
I will lift up my hands in thy name.
5 My soul shall be satisfied as *with*
marrow and fatness; and my mouth
shall praise *thee* with joyful lips:
6 When I remember thee upon my
bed, *and* meditate on thee in the *night*
watches.
7 Because thou hast been my help,
therefore in the shadow of thy wings
will I rejoice.
8 My soul followeth hard after thee:
thy right hand upholdeth me.
9 But those *that* seek my soul, to
destroy *it*, shall go into the lower parts
of the earth.
10 They shall fall by the sword:
they shall be a portion for foxes.
11 But the king shall rejoice in God;
every one that sweareth by him shall
glory: but the mouth of them that
speak lies shall be stopped.

PSALM 64

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David

HEAR my voice, O God, in my
prayer: preserve my life from
fear of the enemy.
2 Hide me from the secret counsel
of the wicked; from the insurrection of
the workers of iniquity:
3 Who whet their tongue like a
sword, *and* bend *their bows to shoot*
their arrows, *even* bitter words:
4 That they may shoot in secret at
the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at
him, and fear not.
5 They encourage themselves *in* an
evil matter: they commune of laying
snares privily; they say, Who shall see
them?
6 They search out iniquities; they
accomplish a diligent search: both the
inward *thought* of every one *of them*,
and the heart, *is* deep.
7 But God shall shoot at them *with*
an arrow; suddenly shall they be
wounded.
8 So they shall make their own
tongue to fall upon themselves: all
that see them shall flee away.
9 And all men shall fear, and shall
declare the work of God; for they shall
wisely consider of his doing.
10 The righteous shall be glad in the
LORD, and shall trust in him; and all
the upright in heart shall glory.

PSALM 65

To the chief Musician, A Psalm *and* Song of David

PRAISE waiteth for thee, O God, in
Sion: and unto thee shall the vow
be performed.
2 O thou that hearest prayer, unto
thee shall all flesh come.
3 Iniquities prevail against me: *as*
for our transgressions, thou shalt purge
them away.
4 Blessed *is the man whom* thou
choosest, and causest to approach *unto*
thee, that he may dwell in thy courts:
we shall be satisfied with the goodness
of thy house, *even* of thy holy temple.
5 *By* terrible things in righteousness
wilt thou answer us, O God of our sal-
vation; *who art* the confidence of all the
ends of the earth, and of them that are
afar off *upon* the sea:
6 Which by his strength setteth
fast the mountains; *being* girded with
power:
7 Which stilleth the noise of the
seas, the noise of their waves, and the
tumult of the people.
8 They also that dwell in the utter-
most parts are afraid at thy tokens:
thou makest the outgoings of the
morning and evening to rejoice.
9 Thou visitest the earth, and wa-
terest it: thou greatly enrichest it with
the river of God, *which* is full of water:
thou preparest them corn, when thou
hast so provided for it.
10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof
abundantly: thou settlest the furrows
thereof: thou makest it soft with
showers: thou blessest the springing
thereof.
11 Thou crownest the year with thy
goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.
12 They drop *upon* the pastures of
the wilderness: and the little hills re-
joice on every side.
13 The pastures are clothed with
flocks; the valleys also are covered
over with corn; they shout for joy,
they also sing.

PSALM 66

To the chief Musician, A Song *or* Psalm

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all
ye lands:
2 Sing forth the honour of his name:
make his praise glorious.
3 Say unto God, How terrible *art*
thou in thy works! through the great-

ss of thy power shall thine enemies
bmit themselves unto thee.
4 All the earth shall worship thee,
nd shall sing unto thee; they shall
ing *to* thy name. Se'lah.
5 Come and see the works of God:
he is terrible *in his* doing toward the
children of men.
6 He turned the sea into dry *land*:
they went through the flood on foot:
there did we rejoice in him.
7 He ruleth by his power for ever;
his eyes behold the nations: let not the
rebellious exalt themselves. Se'lah.
8 O bless our God, ye people, and
make the voice of his praise to be
heard:
9 Which holdeth our soul in life,
and suffereth not our feet to be moved.
10 For thou, O God, hast proved us:
thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.
11 Thou broughtest us into the net;
thou laidst affliction upon our loins.
12 Thou hast caused men to ride
over our heads; we went through fire
and through water: but thou brought-
est us out into a wealthy *place*.
13 I will go into thy house with
burnt offerings: I will pay thee my
vows,
14 Which my lips have uttered, and
my mouth hath spoken, when I was in
trouble.
15 I will offer unto thee burnt sac-
rifices of fatlings, with the incense of
rams; I will offer bullocks with goats.
Se'lah.
16 Come *and* hear, all ye that fear
God, and I will declare what he hath
done for my soul.
17 I cried unto him with my mouth,
nd he was extolled with my tongue.
18 If I regard iniquity in my heart,
the Lord will not hear *me*:
19 *But* verily God hath heard *me*;
he hath attended to the voice of my
prayer.
20 Blessed *be* God, which hath not
turned away my prayer, nor his mercy
from me.

PSALM 67

To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm
or Song

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless
us; *and* cause his face to shine
upon us; Se'lah.
t thy way may be known up-
ng health among all

3 Let the people praise thee, O God;
let all the people praise thee.
4 O let the nations be glad and sing
for joy: for thou shalt judge the people
righteously, and govern the nations
upon earth. Se'lah.
5 Let the people praise thee, O God;
let all the people praise thee.
6 *Then* shall the earth yield her in-
crease; *and* God, *even* our own God,
shall bless us.
7 God shall bless us; and all the ends
of the earth shall fear him.

PSALM 68

To the chief Musician, A Psalm *or* Song of
David

LET God arise, let his enemies be
scattered: let them also that hate
him flee before him.
2 As smoke is driven away, so drive
them away: as wax melteth before the
fire, so let the wicked perish at the
presence of God.
3 But let the righteous be glad; let
them rejoice before God: yea, let them
exceedingly rejoice.
4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his
name: extol him that rideth upon the
heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice
before him.
5 A father of the fatherless, and a
judge of the widows, *is* God in his holy
habitation.
6 God setteth the solitary in fam-
ilies: he bringeth out those which are
bound with chains: but the rebelliou
dwell in a dry *land*.
7 O God, when thou wentest fort
before thy people, when thou did
march through the wilderness; Se'la
8 The earth shook, the heavens al
dropped at the presence of God: *e*
Si'nai itself *was moved* at the prese
of God, the God of Israel.
9 Thou, O God, didst send a ple
ful rain, whereby thou didst con
thine inheritance, when it was we
10 Thy congregation hath d
therein: thou, O God, hast prepar
thy goodness for the poor.
11 The Lord gave the word:
was the company of those tha
lished *it*.
12 Kings of armies did flee
and she that tarried at home
the spoil.
13 Though ye have lien am
pots, *yet shall ye be as* the wi
dove covered with silver,
feathers with yellow gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered
kings in it, it was *white* as snow in Sal'-
mon.
15 The hill of God *is as* the hill of
Ba'-shan; an high hill *as* the hill of Ba'-
shan.
16 Why leap ye, ye high hills? *this is*
the hill *which* God desireth to dwell in;
yea, the LORD will dwell *in it* for ever.
17 The chariots of God *are* twenty
thousand, *even* thousands of angels:
the Lord *is* among them, *as in* Si'-nai,
in the holy *place*.
18 Thou hast ascended on high,
thou hast led captivity captive: thou
hast received gifts for men; yea, *for* the
rebellious also, that the LORD God
might dwell *among them*.
19 Blessed *be* the Lord, *who* daily
loadeth us *with benefits*, *even* the God of
our salvation. Se'-lah.
20 *He that is* our God *is* the God of
salvation; and unto GOD the Lord *be-
long* the issues from death.
21 But God shall wound the head of
his enemies, *and* the hairy scalp of such
an one as goeth on still in his tres-
passes.
22 The Lord said, I will bring again
from Ba'-shan, I will bring *my people*
again from the depths of the sea:
23 That thy foot may be dipped in
the blood of *thine* enemies, *and* the
tongue of thy dogs in the same.
24 They have seen thy goings, O
God; *even* the goings of my God, my
King, in the sanctuary.
25 The singers went before, the
players on instruments *followed* after;
among *them were* the damsels playing
with timbrels.
26 Bless ye God in the congrega-
tions, *even* the Lord, from the fountain
of Israel.
27 There *is* little Benjamin *with*
their ruler, the princes of Judah *and*
their council, the princes of Zeb'-u-lun,
and the princes of Naph'-ta-li.
28 Thy God hath commanded thy
strength: strengthen, O God, that
which thou hast wrought for us.
29 Because of thy temple at Jeru-
salem shall kings bring presents unto
thee.
30 Rebuke the company of spear-
men, the multitude of the bulls, with
the calves of the people, *till every one*
submit himself with pieces of silver:
scatter thou the people *that* delight in
war.
31 Princes shall come out of Egypt;
E-thi-o'-pi-a shall soon stretch out her
hands unto God.
32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of
the earth; O sing praises unto the
Lord; Se'-lah:
33 To him that rideth upon the heav-
ens of heavens, *which were* of old; lo,
he doth send out his voice, *and that* a
mighty voice.
34 Ascribe ye strength unto God:
his excellency *is* over Israel, and his
strength *is* in the clouds.
35 O God, *thou art* terrible out of
thy holy places: the God of Israel *is* he
that giveth strength and power unto
his people. Blessed *be* God.

PSALM 69

To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim,
A Psalm of David

SAVE me, O God; for the waters are
come in unto *my* soul.
2 I sink in deep mire, where *there is*
no standing: I am come into deep wa-
ters, where the floods overflow me.
3 I am weary of my crying: my
throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I
wait for my God.
4 They that hate me without a
cause are more than the hairs of mine
head: they that would destroy me,
being mine enemies wrongfully, are
mighty: then I restored *that* which I
took not away.
5 O God, thou knowest my foolish-
ness; and my sins are not hid from
thee.
6 Let not them that wait on thee, O
Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my
sake: let not those that seek thee be
confounded for my sake, O God of Is-
rael.
7 Because for thy sake I have borne
reproach; shame hath covered my face.
8 I am become a stranger unto my
brethren, and an alien unto my moth-
er's children.
9 For the zeal of thine house hath
eaten me up; and the reproaches of
them that reproached thee are fallen
upon me.
10 When I wept, *and chastened* my
soul with fasting, that was to my re-
proach.
11 I made sackcloth also my gar-
ment; and I became a proverb to them.
12 They that sit in the gate speak
against me; and I *was* the song of the
drunkards.
13 But as for me, my prayer *is* unto
thee, O LORD, *in* an acceptable time:

O God, in the multitude of thy mercy
hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.
14 Deliver me out of the mire, and
let me not sink: let me be delivered
from them that hate me, and out of
the deep waters.
15 Let not the waterflood overflow
me, neither let the deep swallow me
up, and let not the pit shut her mouth
upon me.
16 Hear me, O LORD; for thy loving-
kindness *is* good: turn unto me accord-
ing to the multitude of thy tender
mercies.
17 And hide not thy face from thy
servant; for I am in trouble: hear me
speedily.
18 Draw nigh unto my soul, *and*
redeem it: deliver me because of mine
enemies.
19 Thou hast known my reproach,
and my shame, and my dishonour:
mine adversaries *are* all before thee.
20 Reproach hath broken my heart;
and I am full of heaviness: and I
looked *for some* to take pity, but *there*
was none; and for comforters, but I
found none.
21 They gave me also gall for my
meat; and in my thirst they gave me
vinegar to drink.
22 Let their table become a snare be-
fore them: and *that which should have been*
for *their* welfare, *let it become* a trap.
23 Let their eyes be darkened, that
they see not; and make their loins con-
tinually to shake.
24 Pour out thine indignation upon
them, and let thy wrathful anger take
hold of them.
25 Let their habitation be desolate;
and let none dwell in their tents.
26 For they persecute *him* whom
thou hast smitten; and they talk to the
grief of those whom thou hast
wounded.
27 Add iniquity unto their iniquity:
and let them not come into thy right-
eousness.
28 Let them be blotted out of the
book of the living, and not be written
with the righteous.
29 But I *am* poor and sorrowful: let
thy salvation, O God, set me up on
high.
30 I will praise the name of God
with a song, and will magnify him with
thanksgiving.
31 *This* also shall please the LORD
better than an ox *or* bullock that hath
horns and hoofs.
32 The humble shall see *this, and* be
glad: and your heart shall live that
seek God.
33 For the LORD heareth the poor,
and despiseth not his prisoners.
34 Let the heaven and earth praise
him, the seas, and every thing that
moveth therein.
35 For God will save Zion, and will
build the cities of Judah: that they
may dwell there, and have it in pos-
session.
36 The seed also of his servants
shall inherit it: and they that love his
name shall dwell therein.

PSALM 70

To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David, to bring to remembrance

MAKE *haste,* O God, to deliver
me; make haste to help me, O
LORD.
2 Let them be ashamed and con-
founded that seek after my soul: let
them be turned backward, and put to
confusion, that desire my hurt.
3 Let them be turned back for a re-
ward of their shame that say, Aha,
aha.
4 Let all those that seek thee re-
joice and be glad in thee: and let such
as love thy salvation say continually,
Let God be magnified.
5 But I *am* poor and needy: make
haste unto me, O God: thou *art* my
help and my deliverer; O LORD, make
no tarrying.

PSALM 71

IN thee, O LORD, do I put my trust:
let me never be put to confusion.
2 Deliver me in thy righteousness,
and cause me to escape: incline thine
ear unto me, and save me.
3 Be thou my strong habitation,
whereunto I may continually resort:
thou hast given commandment to save
me; *for* thou *art* my rock and my fort-
ress.
4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the
hand of the wicked, out of the hand of
the unrighteous and cruel man.
5 For thou *art* my hope, O Lord
GOD: *thou art* my trust from my youth.
6 By thee have I been holden up
from the womb: thou art he that took
me out of my mother's bowels: my
praise *shall be* continually of thee.
7 I am as a wonder unto many; but
thou *art* my strong refuge.

8 Let my mouth be filled *with* thy
praise *and with* thy honour all the day.
9 Cast me not off in the time of old
age; forsake me not when my strength
faileth.
10 For mine enemies speak against
me; and they that lay wait for my soul
take counsel together,
11 Saying, God hath forsaken him:
persecute and take him; for *there is*
none to deliver *him*.
12 O God, be not far from me: O my
God, make haste for my help.
13 Let them be confounded *and*
consumed that are adversaries to my
soul; let them be covered *with* reproach
and dishonour that seek my hurt.
14 But I will hope continually, and
will yet praise thee more and more.
15 My mouth shall shew forth thy
righteousness *and* thy salvation all the
day; for I know not the numbers *there-*
of.
16 I will go in the strength of the
Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy
righteousness, *even* of thine only.
17 O God, thou hast taught me
from my youth: and hitherto have I
declared thy wondrous works.
18 Now also when I am old and
greyheaded, O God, forsake me not;
until I have shewed thy strength unto
this generation, *and* thy power to every
one *that* is to come.
19 Thy righteousness also, O God,
is very high, who hast done great
things: O God, who *is* like unto thee!
20 *Thou*, which hast shewed me
great and sore troubles, shalt quicken
me again, and shalt bring me up again
from the depths of the earth.
21 Thou shalt increase my great-
ness, and comfort me on every side.
22 I will also praise thee with the
psaltery, *even* thy truth, O my God:
unto thee will I sing with the harp, O
thou Holy One of Israel.
23 My lips shall greatly rejoice
when I sing unto thee; and my soul,
which thou hast redeemed.
24 My tongue also shall talk of thy
righteousness all the day long: for they
are confounded, for they are brought
unto shame, that seek my hurt.

PSALM 72

A Psalm for Solomon

GIVE the king thy judgments, O
God, and thy righteousness unto
the king's son.
2 He shall judge thy people with
righteousness, and thy poor with judg-
ment.
3 The mountains shall bring peace
to the people, and the little hills, by
righteousness.
4 He shall judge the poor of the peo-
ple, he shall save the children of the
needy, and shall break in pieces the
oppressor.
5 They shall fear thee as long as the
sun and moon endure, throughout all
generations.
6 He shall come down like rain upon
the mown grass: as showers *that* water
the earth.
7 In his days shall the righteous
flourish; and abundance of peace so
long as the moon endureth.
8 He shall have dominion also from
sea to sea, and from the river unto the
ends of the earth.
9 They that dwell in the wilderness
shall bow before him; and his enemies
shall lick the dust.
10 The kings of Tarshish and of the
isles shall bring presents: the kings of
She'-ba and Se'-ba shall offer gifts.
11 Yea, all kings shall fall down be-
fore him: all nations shall serve him.
12 For he shall deliver the needy
when he crieth; the poor also, and *him*
that hath no helper.
13 He shall spare the poor and
needy, and shall save the souls of the
needy.
14 He shall redeem their soul from
deceit and violence: and precious shall
their blood be in his sight.
15 And he shall live, and to him
shall be given of the gold of She'-ba:
prayer also shall be made for him
continually; *and* daily shall he be
praised.
16 There shall be an handful of corn
in the earth upon the top of the moun-
tains; the fruit thereof shall shake like
Lebanon: and *they* of the city shall
flourish like grass of the earth.
17 His name shall endure for ever:
his name shall be continued as long as
the sun: and *men* shall be blessed in
him: all nations shall call him blessed.
18 Blessed *be* the LORD God, the
God of Israel, who only doeth won-
drous things.
19 And blessed *be* his glorious name
for ever: and let the whole earth be
filled *with* his glory; Amen, and Amen.
20 The prayers of David the son of
Jesse are ended.

PSALM 73

A Psalm of Asaph

TRULY God *is* good to Israel, *even*
to such as are of a clean heart.
2 But as for me, my feet were al-
most gone; my steps had well nigh
slipped.
3 For I was envious at the foolish,
when I saw the prosperity of the
wicked.
4 For *there are* no bands in their
death: but their strength *is* firm.
5 They *are* not in trouble *as other*
men; neither are they plagued like
other men.
6 Therefore pride compasseth them
about as a chain; violence covereth
them *as* a garment.
7 Their eyes stand out with fatness:
they have more than heart could
wish.
8 They are corrupt, and speak wick-
edly *concerning* oppression: they speak
loftily.
9 They set their mouth against the
heavens, and their tongue walketh
through the earth.
10 Therefore his people return hith-
er: and waters of a full *cup* are wrung
out to them.
11 And they say, How doth God
know? and is there knowledge in the
most High?
12 Behold, these *are* the ungodly,
who prosper in the world; they in-
crease *in* riches.
13 Verily I have cleansed my heart
in vain, and washed my hands in in-
nocency.
14 For all the day long have I been
plagued, and chastened every morn-
ing.
15 If I say, I will speak thus; be-
hold, I should offend *against* the gener-
ation of thy children.
16 When I thought to know this, it
was too painful for me;
17 Until I went into the sanctuary
of God; *then* understood I their end.
18 Surely thou didst set them in
slippery places: thou castedst them
down into destruction.
19 How are they *brought* into deso-
lation, as in a moment! they are ut-
terly consumed with terrors.
20 As a dream when *one* awaketh;
so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou
shalt despise their image.
21 Thus my heart was grieved, and
I was pricked in my reins.
22 So foolish *was* I, and ignorant: I
was *as* a beast before thee.
23 Nevertheless I *am* continually
with thee: thou hast holden *me* by my
right hand.
24 Thou shalt guide me with thy
counsel, and afterward receive me *to*
glory.
25 Whom have I in heaven *but thee?*
and *there is* none upon earth *that* I de-
sire beside thee.
26 My flesh and my heart faileth:
but God *is* the strength of my heart,
and my portion for ever.
27 For, lo, they that are far from
thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed
all them that go a whoring from thee.
28 But *it is* good for me to draw
near to God: I have put my trust in the
Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy
works.

PSALM 74

Maschil of Asaph

O GOD, why hast thou cast *us* off
for ever? *why* doth thine anger
smoke against the sheep of thy pas-
ture?
2 Remember thy congregation,
which thou hast purchased of old; the
rod of thine inheritance, *which* thou
hast redeemed; this mount Zion,
wherein thou hast dwelt.
3 Lift up thy feet unto the perpetu-
al desolations; *even* all *that* the enemy
hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.
4 Thine enemies roar in the midst
of thy congregations; they set up their
ensigns *for* signs.
5 A *man* was famous according as
he had lifted up axes upon the thick
trees.
6 But now they break down the
carved work thereof at once with axes
and hammers.
7 They have cast fire into thy sanc-
tuary, they have defiled *by casting
down* the dwelling place of thy name to
the ground.
8 They said in their hearts, Let us
destroy them together: they have
burned up all the synagogues of God
in the land.
9 We see not our signs: *there is* no
more any prophet: neither *is there*
among us any that knoweth how long.
10 O God, how long shall the adver-
sary reproach? shall the enemy blas-
pheme thy name for ever?
11 Why withdrawest thou th

even thy right hand? pluck *it* out of
thy bosom.
12 For God *is* my King of old,
working salvation in the midst of the
earth.
13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy
strength: thou brakest the heads of the
dragons in the waters.
14 Thou brakest the heads of levia-
than in pieces, *and* gavest him *to be*
meat to the people inhabiting the wil-
derness.
15 Thou didst cleave the fountain
and the flood: thou driedst up mighty
rivers.
16 The day *is* thine, the night also
is thine: thou hast prepared the light
and the sun.
17 Thou hast set all the borders of
the earth: thou hast made summer and
winter.
18 Remember this, *that* the enemy
hath reproached, O LORD, and *that* the
foolish people have blasphemed thy
name.
19 O deliver not the soul of thy
turtledove unto the multitude *of the*
wicked: forget not the congregation of
thy poor for ever.
20 Have respect unto the covenant:
for the dark places of the earth are full
of the habitations of cruelty.
21 O let not the oppressed return
ashamed: let the poor and needy praise
thy name.
22 Arise, O God, plead thine own
cause: remember how the foolish man
reproacheth thee daily.
23 Forget not the voice of thine ene-
mies: the tumult of those that rise up
against thee increaseth continually.

PSALM 75

To the chief Musician, Al-taschith, A Psalm *or* Song of Asaph

UNTO thee, O God, do we give
thanks, *unto thee* do we give
thanks: for *that* thy name is near thy
wondrous works declare.
2 When I shall receive the congre-
gation I will judge uprightly.
3 The earth and all the inhabitants
thereof are dissolved: I bear up the
pillars of it. Se'lah.
4 I said unto the fools, Deal not
foolishly: and to the wicked, Lift not
up the horn:
5 Lift not up your horn on high:
speak *not with* a stiff neck.
6 For promotion *cometh* neither
from the east, nor from the west, nor
from the south.
7 But God *is* the judge: he putteth
down one, and setteth up another.
8 For in the hand of the LORD *there*
is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full
of mixture; and he poureth out of the
same: but the dregs thereof, all the
wicked of the earth shall wring *them*
out, *and* drink *them*.
9 But I will declare for ever; I will
sing praises to the God of Jacob.
10 All the horns of the wicked also
will I cut off; *but* the horns of the
righteous shall be exalted.

PSALM 76

To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm *or* Song of Asaph

IN Judah *is* God known: his name *is*
great in Israel.
2 In Sa'lem also is his tabernacle,
and his dwelling place in Zion.
3 There brake he the arrows of the
bow, the shield, and the sword, and
the battle. Se'lah.
4 Thou *art* more glorious *and* ex-
cellent than the mountains of prey.
5 The stouthearted are spoiled, they
have slept their sleep: and none of the
men of might have found their hands.
6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob,
both the chariot and horse are cast
into a dead sleep.
7 Thou, *even* thou, *art* to be feared:
and who may stand in thy sight when
once thou art angry?
8 Thou didst cause judgment to be
heard from heaven; the earth feared,
and was still,
9 When God arose to judgment, to
save all the meek of the earth. Se'lah.
10 Surely the wrath of man shall
praise thee: the remainder of wrath
shalt thou restrain.
11 Vow, and pay unto the LORD
your God: let all that be round about
him bring presents unto him that
ought to be feared.
12 He shall cut off the spirit of
princes: *he is* terrible to the kings of
the earth.

PSALM 77

To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm of Asaph

I CRIED unto God with my voice,
even unto God with my voice; and
he gave ear unto me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.

3 I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Se'lah.

4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

5 I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

6 I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.

7 Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more?

8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth *his* promise fail for evermore?

9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Se'lah.

10 And I said, This *is* my infirmity: *but I will remember* the years of the right hand of the most High.

11 I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

12 I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

13 Thy way, O God, *is* in the sanctuary: who *is so* great a God as *our* God?

14 Thou *art* the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

15 Thou hast with *thine* arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Se'lah.

16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled.

17 The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad.

18 The voice of thy thunder *was* in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

19 Thy way *is* in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.

20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

PSALM 78

Maschil of Asaph

GIVE ear, O my people, *to* my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:

3 Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

4 We will not hide *them* from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:

6 That the generation to come might know *them, even* the children *which* should be born; *who* should arise and declare *them* to their children:

7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

8 And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation *that* set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.

9 The children of E'phra-im, *being* armed, *and* carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.

10 They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law;

11 And forgat his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them.

12 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, *in* the field of Zo'an.

13 He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap.

14 In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.

15 He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave *them* drink as *out of* the great depths.

16 He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

17 And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the wilderness.

18 And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.

19 Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?

20 Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?

21 Therefore the LORD heard *this*,

11 She sent out her boughs unto the
sea, and her branches unto the river.
12 Why hast thou *then* broken down
her hedges, so that all they which pass
by the way do pluck her?
13 The boar out of the wood doth
waste it, and the wild beast of the field
doth devour it.
14 Return, we beseech thee, O God
of hosts: look down from heaven, and
behold, and visit this vine;
15 And the vineyard which thy
right hand hath planted, and the
branch *that* thou madest strong for
thyself.
16 *It is* burned with fire, *it is* cut
down: they perish at the rebuke of thy
countenance.
17 Let thy hand be upon the man
of thy right hand, upon the son of man
whom thou madest strong for thyself.
18 So will not we go back from thee:
quicken us, and we will call upon thy
name.
19 Turn us again, O LORD God of
hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we
shall be saved.

PSALM 81

To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of Asaph

SING aloud unto God our strength:
make a joyful noise unto the God
of Jacob.
2 Take a psalm, and bring hither
the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the
psaltery.
3 Blow up the trumpet in the new
moon, in the time appointed, on our
solemn feast day.
4 For this *was* a statute for Israel,
and a law of the God of Jacob.
5 This he ordained in Joseph *for* a
testimony, when he went out through
the land of Egypt: *where* I heard a lan-
guage *that* I understood not.
6 I removed his shoulder from the
burden: his hands were delivered from
the pots.
7 *Thou calledst in trouble*, and I de-
livered thee; I answered thee in the
secret place of thunder: I proved thee
at the waters of Mer´-i-bah. Se´-lah.
8 Hear, O my people, and I will tes-
tify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt
hearken unto me;
9 There shall no strange god be in
thee; neither shalt thou worship any
strange god.
10 I *am* the LORD thy God, which
brought thee out of the land of Egypt:
open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.
11 But my people would not heark-
en to my voice; and Israel would none
of me.
12 So I gave them up unto their
own hearts' lust: *and* they walked in
their own counsels.
13 Oh that my people had hearken-
ed unto me, *and* Israel had walked in
my ways!
14 I should soon have subdued their
enemies, and turned my hand against
their adversaries.
15 The haters of the LORD should
have submitted themselves unto him:
but their time should have endured for
ever.
16 He should have fed them also
with the finest of the wheat: and with
honey out of the rock should I have
satisfied thee.

PSALM 82

A Psalm of Asaph

GOD standeth in the congregation
of the mighty; he judgeth among
the gods.
2 How long will ye judge unjustly,
and accept the persons of the wicked?
Se´-lah.
3 Defend the poor and fatherless:
do justice to the afflicted and needy.
4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid
them out of the hand of the wicked.
5 They know not, neither will they
understand; they walk on in darkness:
all the foundations of the earth are out
of course.
6 I have said, Ye *are* gods; and all
of you *are* children of the most High.
7 But ye shall die like men, and fall
like one of the princes.
8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for
thou shalt inherit all nations.

PSALM 83

A Song *or* Psalm of Asaph

KEEP not thou silence, O God: hold
not thy peace, and be not still, O
God.
2 For, lo, thine enemies make a tu-
mult: and they that hate thee have
lifted up the head.
3 They have taken crafty counsel
against thy people, and consulted
against thy hidden ones.
4 They have said, Come, and let us
cut them off from *being* a nation; that

the name of Israel may be no more in
remembrance.
5 For they have consulted together
with one consent: they are confederate
against thee:
6 The tabernacles of Edom, and the
Ish'-ma-el-ites; of Moab, and the Ha'-
gar-enes;
7 Ge'-bal, and Ammon, and Am'-a-
lek; the Philistines with the inhabit-
ants of Tyre;
8 Assur also is joined with them:
they have holpen the children of Lot.
Se'-lah.
9 Do unto them as *unto* the Mid'-i-
an-ites; as *to* Sis'-e-ra, as *to* Ja'-bin, at
the brook of Ki'-son:
10 *Which* perished at En–dor: they
became *as* dung for the earth.
11 Make their nobles like O'-reb,
and like Ze'-eb: yea, all their princes
as Ze'-bah, and as Zal-mun'-na:
12 Who said, Let us take to our-
selves the houses of God in possession.
13 O my God, make them like a
wheel; as the stubble before the wind.
14 As the fire burneth a wood, and
as the flame setteth the mountains on
fire;
15 So persecute them with thy tem-
pest, and make them afraid with thy
storm.
16 Fill their faces with shame; that
they may seek thy name, O LORD.
17 Let them be confounded and
troubled for ever; yea, let them be put
to shame, and perish:
18 That *men* may know that thou,
whose name alone *is* JE-HO'-VAH, *art*
the most high over all the earth.

PSALM 84

To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm for the sons of Korah

HOW amiable *are* thy tabernacles,
O LORD of hosts!
2 My soul longeth, yea, even faint-
eth for the courts of the LORD: my
heart and my flesh crieth out for the
living God.
3 Yea, the sparrow hath found an
house, and the swallow a nest for her-
self, where she may lay her young,
even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my
King, and my God.
4 Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy
house: they will be still praising thee.
Se'-lah.
5 Blessed *is* the man whose strength
is in thee; in whose heart *are* the ways
of them.
6 *Who* passing through the valley of
Ba'-ca make it a well; the rain also fill-
eth the pools.
7 They go from strength to
strength, *every one of them* in Zion ap-
peareth before God.
8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my
prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Se'-
lah.
9 Behold, O God our shield, and
look upon the face of thine anointed.
10 For a day in thy courts *is* better
than a thousand. I had rather be a
doorkeeper in the house of my God,
than to dwell in the tents of wicked-
ness.
11 For the LORD God *is* a sun and
shield: the LORD will give grace and
glory: no good *thing* will he withhold
from them that walk uprightly.
12 O LORD of hosts, blessed *is* the
man that trusteth in thee.

PSALM 85

To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah

LORD, thou hast been favourable
unto thy land: thou hast brought
back the captivity of Jacob.
2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of
thy people, thou hast covered all their
sin. Se'-lah.
3 Thou hast taken away all thy
wrath: thou hast turned *thyself* from
the fierceness of thine anger.
4 Turn us, O God of our salvation,
and cause thine anger toward us to
cease.
5 Wilt thou be angry with us for
ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger
to all generations?
6 Wilt thou not revive us again:
that thy people may rejoice in thee?
7 Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and
grant us thy salvation.
8 I will hear what God the LORD
will speak: for he will speak peace unto
his people, and to his saints: but let
them not turn again to folly.
9 Surely his salvation *is* nigh them
that fear him; that glory may dwell in
our land.
10 Mercy and truth are met togeth-
er; righteousness and peace have kissed
each other.
11 Truth shall spring out of the
earth; and righteousness shall look
down from heaven.

12 Yea, the LORD shall give *that*
which is good; and our land shall yield
her increase.
13 Righteousness shall go before
him; and shall set *us* in the way of his
steps.

PSALM 86

A Prayer of David

BOW down thine ear, O LORD, hear
me: for I *am* poor and needy.
2 Preserve my soul; for I *am* holy:
O thou my God, save thy servant that
trusteth in thee.
3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for
I cry unto thee daily.
4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant:
for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my
soul.
5 For thou, Lord, *art* good, and
ready to forgive; and plenteous in mer-
cy unto all them that call upon thee.
6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my
prayer; and attend to the voice of my
supplications.
7 In the day of my trouble I will
call upon thee: for thou wilt answer
me.
8 Among the gods *there is* none like
unto thee, O Lord; neither *are there any*
works like unto thy works.
9 All nations whom thou hast made
shall come and worship before thee, O
Lord; and shall glorify thy name.
10 For thou *art* great, and doest
wondrous things: thou *art* God alone.
11 Teach me thy way, O LORD; I
will walk in thy truth: unite my heart
to fear thy name.
12 I will praise thee, O Lord my
God, with all my heart: and I will glo-
rify thy name for evermore.
13 For great *is* thy mercy toward
me: and thou hast delivered my soul
from the lowest hell.
14 O God, the proud are risen
against me, and the assemblies of vio-
lent *men* have sought after my soul;
and have not set thee before them.
15 But thou, O Lord, *art* a God full
of compassion, and gracious, longsuf-
fering, and plenteous in mercy and
truth.
16 O turn unto me, and have mercy
upon me; give thy strength unto thy
servant, and save the son of thine
handmaid.
17 Shew me a token for good; that
they which hate me may see *it*, and be
ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast
holpen me, and comforted me.

PSALM 87

A Psalm *or* Song for the sons of Korah

HIS *foundation is* in the holy moun-
tains.
2 The LORD loveth the gates of Zion
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
3 Glorious things are spoken of
thee, O city of God. Se′-lah.
4 I will make mention of Rahab and
Babylon to them that know me: be-
hold Philistia, and Tyre, with E-thi-o′-
pi-a; this *man* was born there.
5 And of Zion it shall be said, This
and that man was born in her: and the
highest himself shall establish her.
6 The LORD shall count, when he
writeth up the people, *that* this *man*
was born there. Se′-lah.
7 As well the singers as the players
on instruments *shall be there:* all my
springs *are* in thee.

PSALM 88

A Song *or* Psalm for the sons of Korah, to the
chief Musician upon Mahalath Leannoth,
Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite

O LORD God of my salvation, I
have cried day *and* night before
thee:
2 Let my prayer come before thee:
incline thine ear unto my cry;
3 For my soul is full of troubles: and
my life draweth nigh unto the grave.
4 I am counted with them that go
down into the pit: I am as a man *that*
hath no strength:
5 Free among the dead, like the
slain that lie in the grave, whom thou
rememberest no more: and they are
cut off from thy hand.
6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest
pit, in darkness, in the deeps.
7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me,
and thou hast afflicted *me* with all thy
waves. Se′-lah.
8 Thou hast put away mine ac-
quaintance far from me; thou hast
made me an abomination unto them:
I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.
9 Mine eye mourneth by reason of
affliction: LORD, I have called daily
upon thee, I have stretched out my
hands unto thee.
10 Wilt thou shew wonders to the
dead? shall the dead arise *and* praise
thee? Se′-lah.
11 Shall thy lovingkindness be de-
clared in the grave? *or* thy faithfulness
in destruction?
12 Shall thy wonders be known in

the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
13 But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.
14 LORD, why castest thou off my soul? *why* hidest thou thy face from me?
15 I *am* afflicted and ready to die from *my* youth up: *while* I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.
16 Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off.
17 They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together.
18 Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, *and* mine acquaintance into darkness.

PSALM 89

Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite

I WILL sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.
2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.
3 I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant,
4 Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Se'lah.
5 And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.
6 For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? *who* among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?
7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all *them that are* about him.
8 O LORD God of hosts, who *is* a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?
9 Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.
10 Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm.
11 The heavens *are* thine, the earth also *is* thine: *as for* the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.
12 The north and the south thou hast created them: Ta'bor and Her'mon shall rejoice in thy name.
13 Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, *and* high is thy right hand.
14 Justice and judgment *are* the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.
15 Blessed *is* the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.
16 In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.
17 For thou *art* the glory of their strength: and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted.
18 For the LORD *is* our defence; and the Holy One of Israel *is* our king.
19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon *one that is* mighty; I have exalted *one* chosen out of the people.
20 I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:
21 With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him.
22 The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.
23 And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.
24 But my faithfulness and my mercy *shall be* with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.
25 I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.
26 He shall cry unto me, Thou *art* my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.
27 Also I will make him *my* firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.
28 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.
29 His seed also will I make *to endure* for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.
30 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;
31 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;
32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.
33 Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.
34 My covenant will I not break,

nor alter the thing that is gone out of
my lips.
35 Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.
36 His seed shall endure for ever,
and his throne as the sun before me.
37 It shall be established for ever as
the moon, and *as* a faithful witness in
heaven. Se'lah.
38 But thou hast cast off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with
thine anointed.
39 Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: thou hast profaned his crown *by casting it* to the
ground.
40 Thou hast broken down all his
hedges; thou hast brought his strong
holds to ruin.
41 All that pass by the way spoil
him: he is a reproach to his neighbours.
42 Thou hast set up the right hand
of his adversaries; thou hast made all
his enemies to rejoice.
43 Thou hast also turned the edge
of his sword, and hast not made him to
stand in the battle.
44 Thou hast made his glory to
cease, and cast his throne down to the
ground.
45 The days of his youth hast thou
shortened: thou hast covered him with
shame. Se'lah.
46 How long, LORD? wilt thou hide
thyself for ever? shall thy wrath burn
like fire?
47 Remember how short my time
is: wherefore hast thou made all men
in vain?
48 What man *is he that* liveth, and
shall not see death? shall he deliver
his soul from the hand of the grave?
Se'lah.
49 Lord, where *are* thy former lovingkindnesses, *which* thou swarest unto
David in thy truth?
50 Remember, Lord, the reproach
of thy servants; *how* I do bear in my
bosom *the reproach of* all the mighty
people;
51 Wherewith thine enemies have
reproached, O LORD; wherewith they
have reproached the footsteps of thine
anointed.
52 Blessed *be* the LORD for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

PSALM 90

A Prayer of Moses the man of God

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling
place in all generations.
2 Before the mountains were
brought forth, or ever thou hadst
formed the earth and the world, even
from everlasting to everlasting, thou
art God.
3 Thou turnest man to destruction;
and sayest, Return, ye children of
men.
4 For a thousand years in thy sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
and *as* a watch in the night.
5 Thou carriest them away as with
a flood; they are *as* a sleep: in the
morning *they are* like grass *which*
groweth up.
6 In the morning it flourisheth, and
groweth up; in the evening it is cut
down, and withereth.
7 For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.
8 Thou hast set our iniquities before
thee, our secret *sins* in the light of thy
countenance.
9 For all our days are passed away
in thy wrath: we spend our years as a
tale *that is told*.
10 The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of
strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is*
their strength labour and sorrow; for
it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
11 Who knoweth the power of thine
anger? even according to thy fear, *so is*
thy wrath.
12 So teach *us* to number our days,
that we may apply *our* hearts unto
wisdom.
13 Return, O LORD, how long? and
let it repent thee concerning thy servants.
14 O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all
our days.
15 Make us glad according to the
days *wherein* thou hast afflicted us, *and*
the years *wherein* we have seen evil.
16 Let thy work appear unto thy
servants, and thy glory unto their children.
17 And let the beauty of the LORD
our God be upon us: and establish thou
the work of our hands upon us; yea,
the work of our hands establish thou it.

PSALM 91

HE that dwelleth in the secret place
of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
2 I will say of the LORD, *He is* my
refuge and my fortress: my God; in
him will I trust.

3 Surely he shall deliver thee from
the snare of the fowler, *and* from the
noisome pestilence.
4 He shall cover thee with his
feathers, and under his wings shalt
thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shield
and buckler.
5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the
terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that*
flieth by day;
6 *Nor* for the pestilence *that* walketh
in darkness; *nor* for the destruction
that wasteth at noonday.
7 A thousand shall fall at thy side,
and ten thousand at thy right hand;
but it shall not come nigh thee.
8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou
behold and see the reward of the wick-
ed.
9 Because thou hast made the
LORD, *which is* my refuge, *even* the
most High, thy habitation;
10 There shall no evil befall thee,
neither shall any plague come nigh thy
dwelling.
11 For he shall give his angels
charge over thee, to keep thee in all
thy ways.
12 They shall bear thee up in *their*
hands, lest thou dash thy foot against
a stone.
13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion
and adder: the young lion and the
dragon shalt thou trample under
feet.
14 Because he hath set his love up-
on me, therefore will I deliver him: I
will set him on high, because he hath
known my name.
15 He shall call upon me, and I will
answer him: I *will be* with him in trou-
ble; I will deliver him, and honour
him.
16 With long life will I satisfy him,
and shew him my salvation.

PSALM 92

A Psalm *or* Song for the sabbath day

IT *is a* good *thing* to give thanks un-
to the LORD, and to sing praises
unto thy name, O most High:
2 To shew forth thy lovingkindness
in the morning, and thy faithfulness
every night,
3 Upon an instrument of ten
strings, and upon the psaltery; upon
the harp with a solemn sound.
4 For thou, LORD, hast made me
glad through thy work: I will triumph
in the works of thy hands.
5 O LORD, how great are thy works!
and thy thoughts are very deep.
6 A brutish man knoweth not; nei-
ther doth a fool understand this.
7 When the wicked spring as the
grass, and when all the workers of in-
iquity do flourish; *it is* that they shall
be destroyed for ever:
8 But thou, LORD, *art most* high for
evermore.
9 For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD,
for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all
the workers of iniquity shall be scat-
tered.
10 But my horn shalt thou exalt
like *the horn of* an unicorn: I shall be
anointed with fresh oil.
11 Mine eye also shall see *my desire*
on mine enemies, *and* mine ears shall
hear *my desire* of the wicked that rise
up against me.
12 The righteous shall flourish like
the palm tree: he shall grow like a
cedar in Lebanon.
13 Those that be planted in the
house of the LORD shall flourish in the
courts of our God.
14 They shall still bring forth fruit
in old age; they shall be fat and flour-
ishing;
15 To shew that the LORD *is* up-
right: *he is* my rock, and *there is* no un-
righteousness in him.

PSALM 93

THE LORD reigneth, he is clothed
with majesty; the LORD is clothed
with strength, *wherewith* he hath gird-
ed himself: the world also is stablished,
that it cannot be moved.
2 Thy throne *is* established of old:
thou *art* from everlasting.
3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their waves.
4 The LORD on high *is* mightier than
the noise of many waters, *yea, than* the
mighty waves of the sea.
5 Thy testimonies are very sure:
holiness becometh thine house, O
LORD, for ever.

PSALM 94

O LORD God, to whom vengeance
belongeth; O God, to whom ven-
geance belongeth, shew thyself.
2 Lift up thyself, thou judge of the
earth: render a reward to the proud.
3 LORD, how long shall the wicked,
how long shall the wicked triumph?

nor alter the thing that is gone out of
my lips.
35 Once have I sworn by my holi-
ness that I will not lie unto David.
36 His seed shall endure for ever,
and his throne as the sun before me.
37 It shall be established for ever as
the moon, and *as* a faithful witness in
heaven. Se'-lah.
38 But thou hast cast off and ab-
horred, thou hast been wroth with
thine anointed.
39 Thou hast made void the cove-
nant of thy servant: thou hast pro-
faned his crown *by casting it* to the
ground.
40 Thou hast broken down all his
hedges; thou hast brought his strong
holds to ruin.
41 All that pass by the way spoil
him: he is a reproach to his neighbours.
42 Thou hast set up the right hand
of his adversaries; thou hast made all
his enemies to rejoice.
43 Thou hast also turned the edge
of his sword, and hast not made him to
stand in the battle.
44 Thou hast made his glory to
cease, and cast his throne down to the
ground.
45 The days of his youth hast thou
shortened: thou hast covered him with
shame. Se'-lah.
46 How long, LORD? wilt thou hide
thyself for ever? shall thy wrath burn
like fire?
47 Remember how short my time
is: wherefore hast thou made all men
in vain?
48 What man *is he that* liveth, and
shall not see death? shall he deliver
his soul from the hand of the grave?
Se'-lah.
49 Lord, where *are* thy former lov-
ingkindnesses, *which* thou swarest unto
David in thy truth?
50 Remember, Lord, the reproach
of thy servants; *how* I do bear in my
bosom *the reproach of* all the mighty
people;
51 Wherewith thine enemies have
reproached, O LORD; wherewith they
have reproached the footsteps of thine
anointed.
52 Blessed *be* the LORD for ever-
more. Amen, and Amen.

PSALM 90

A Prayer of Moses the man of God

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling
place in all generations.
2 Before the mountains were
brought forth, or ever thou hadst
formed the earth and the world, even
from everlasting to everlasting, thou
art God.
3 Thou turnest man to destruction;
and sayest, Return, ye children of
men.
4 For a thousand years in thy sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
and *as* a watch in the night.
5 Thou carriest them away as with
a flood; they are *as* a sleep: in the
morning *they are* like grass *which*
groweth up.
6 In the morning it flourisheth, and
groweth up; in the evening it is cut
down, and withereth.
7 For we are consumed by thine an-
ger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.
8 Thou hast set our iniquities before
thee, our secret *sins* in the light of thy
countenance.
9 For all our days are passed away
in thy wrath: we spend our years as a
tale *that is told*.
10 The days of our years *are* three-
score years and ten; and if by reason of
strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is*
their strength labour and sorrow; for
it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
11 Who knoweth the power of thine
anger? even according to thy fear, *so is*
thy wrath.
12 So teach *us* to number our days,
that we may apply *our* hearts unto
wisdom.
13 Return, O LORD, how long? and
let it repent thee concerning thy ser-
vants.
14 O satisfy us early with thy mer-
cy; that we may rejoice and be glad all
our days.
15 Make us glad according to the
days *wherein* thou hast afflicted us, *and*
the years *wherein* we have seen evil.
16 Let thy work appear unto thy
servants, and thy glory unto their chil-
dren.
17 And let the beauty of the LORD
our God be upon us: and establish thou
the work of our hands upon us; yea,
the work of our hands establish thou it.

PSALM 91

HE that dwelleth in the secret place
of the most High shall abide un-
der the shadow of the Almighty.
2 I will say of the LORD, *He is* my
refuge and my fortress: my God; in
him will I trust.

3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day;

6 *Nor* for the pestilence *that* walketh in darkness; *nor* for the destruction *that* wasteth at noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because thou hast made the LORD, *which is* my refuge, *even* the most High, thy habitation;

10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

PSALM 92

A Psalm *or* Song for the sabbath day

IT *is a* good *thing* to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:

2 To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,

3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound.

4 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

5 O LORD, how great are thy works! *and* thy thoughts are very deep.

6 A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.

7 When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; *it is* that they shall be destroyed for ever:

8 But thou, LORD, *art most* high for evermore.

9 For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like *the horn of* an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

11 Mine eye also shall see *my desire* on mine enemies, *and* mine ears shall hear *my desire* of the wicked that rise up against me.

12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

15 To shew that the LORD *is* upright: *he is* my rock, and *there is* no unrighteousness in him.

PSALM 93

THE LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, *wherewith* he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

2 Thy throne *is* established of old: thou *art* from everlasting.

3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

4 The LORD on high *is* mightier than the noise of many waters, *yea, than* the mighty waves of the sea.

5 Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever.

PSALM 94

O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself.

2 Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.

3 LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 *How long* shall they utter *and* speak hard things? *and* all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

5 They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage.

6 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.

7 Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard *it*.

8 Understand, ye brutish among the people: and *ye* fools, when will ye be wise?

9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?

10 He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, *shall not he know?*

11 The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they *are* vanity.

12 Blessed *is* the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;

13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.

14 For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

15 But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.

16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? *or* who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

17 Unless the LORD *had been* my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.

18 When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.

19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.

20 Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?

21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.

22 But the LORD is my defence; and my God *is* the rock of my refuge.

23 And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; *yea*, the LORD our God shall cut them off.

PSALM 95

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

3 For the LORD *is* a great God, and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand *are* the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills *is* his also.

5 The sea *is* his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry *land*.

6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

7 For he *is* our God; and we *are* the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice,

8 Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, *and* as *in* the day of temptation in the wilderness:

9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with *this* generation, and said, It *is* a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:

11 Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

PSALM 96

O SING unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.

2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

4 For the LORD *is* great, and greatly to be praised: he *is* to be feared above all gods.

5 For all the gods of the nations *are* idols: but the LORD made the heavens.

6 Honour and majesty *are* before him: strength and beauty *are* in his sanctuary.

7 Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

8 Give unto the LORD the glory *due unto* his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

10 Say among the heathen *that* the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let

the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and
the fulness thereof.
12 Let the field be joyful, and all
that *is* therein: then shall all the trees
of the wood rejoice
13 Before the LORD: for he cometh,
for he cometh to judge the earth: he
shall judge the world with righteousness,
and the people with his truth.

PSALM 97

THE LORD reigneth; let the earth
rejoice; let the multitude of isles be
glad *thereof*.
2 Clouds and darkness *are* round
about him: righteousness and judgment
are the habitation of his throne.
3 A fire goeth before him, and burneth
up his enemies round about.
4 His lightnings enlightened the
world: the earth saw, and trembled.
5 The hills melted like wax at the
presence of the LORD, at the presence
of the Lord of the whole earth.
6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
and all the people see his glory.
7 Confounded be all they that serve
graven images, that boast themselves
of idols: worship him, all *ye* gods.
8 Zion heard, and was glad; and the
daughters of Judah rejoiced because of
thy judgments, O LORD.
9 For thou, LORD, *art* high above all
the earth: thou art exalted far above
all gods.
10 Ye that love the LORD, hate evil:
he preserveth the souls of his saints; he
delivereth them out of the hand of the
wicked.
11 Light is sown for the righteous,
and gladness for the upright in heart.
12 Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous;
and give thanks at the remembrance
of his holiness.

PSALM 98

A Psalm

O SING unto the LORD a new song;
for he hath done marvellous
things: his right hand, and his holy
arm, hath gotten him the victory.
2 The LORD hath made known his
salvation: his righteousness hath he
openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
3 He hath remembered his mercy
and his truth toward the house of Israel:
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
4 Make a joyful noise unto the
LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise,
and rejoice, and sing praise.
5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp;
with the harp, and the voice of a
psalm.
6 With trumpets and sound of cornets
make a joyful noise before the
LORD, the King.
7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness
thereof; the world, and they that dwell
therein.
8 Let the floods clap *their* hands: let
the hills be joyful together
9 Before the LORD; for he cometh
to judge the earth: with righteousness
shall he judge the world, and the people
with equity.

PSALM 99

THE LORD reigneth; let the people
tremble: he sitteth *between* the
cherubims; let the earth be moved.
2 The LORD *is* great in Zion; and he
is high above all the people.
3 Let them praise thy great and
terrible name; *for it is* holy.
4 The king's strength also loveth
judgment; thou dost establish equity,
thou executest judgment and righteousness
in Jacob.
5 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and
worship at his footstool; *for* he *is* holy.
6 Moses and Aaron among his
priests, and Samuel among them that
call upon his name; they called upon
the LORD, and he answered them.
7 He spake unto them in the cloudy
pillar: they kept his testimonies, and
the ordinance *that* he gave them.
8 Thou answeredst them, O LORD
our God: thou wast a God that forgavest
them, though thou tookest vengeance
of their inventions.
9 Exalt the LORD our God, and
worship at his holy hill; for the LORD
our God *is* holy.

PSALM 100

A Psalm of praise

MAKE a joyful noise unto the
LORD, all ye lands.
2 Serve the LORD with gladness:
come before his presence with singing.
3 Know ye that the LORD he *is* God:
it is he *that* hath made us, and not we
ourselves; *we are* his people, and the
sheep of his pasture.
4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him, *and* bless his
name.

5 For the LORD *is* good; his mercy
is everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to
all generations.

PSALM 101

A Psalm of David

I WILL sing of mercy and judgment:
unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.
2 I will behave myself wisely in a
perfect way. O when wilt thou come
unto me? I will walk within my house
with a perfect heart.
3 I will set no wicked thing before
mine eyes: I hate the work of them
that turn aside; *it* shall not cleave to
me.
4 A froward heart shall depart from
me: I will not know a wicked *person*.
5 Whoso privily slandereth his
neighbour, him will I cut off: him that
hath an high look and a proud heart
will not I suffer.
6 Mine eyes *shall be* upon the faith-
ful of the land, that they may dwell
with me: he that walketh in a perfect
way, he shall serve me.
7 He that worketh deceit shall not
dwell within my house: he that telleth
lies shall not tarry in my sight.
8 I will early destroy all the wicked
of the land; that I may cut off all
wicked doers from the city of the
LORD.

PSALM 102

A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, and let
my cry come unto thee.
2 Hide not thy face from me in the
day *when* I am in trouble; incline thine
ear unto me: in the day *when* I call an-
swer me speedily.
3 For my days are consumed like
smoke, and my bones are burned as an
hearth.
4 My heart is smitten, and withered
like grass; so that I forget to eat my
bread.
5 By reason of the voice of my
groaning my bones cleave to my skin.
6 I am like a pelican of the wilder-
ness: I am like an owl of the desert.
7 I watch, and am as a sparrow
alone upon the house top.
8 Mine enemies reproach me all the
day; *and* they that are mad against me
are sworn against me.
9 For I have eaten ashes like bread,
and mingled my drink with weeping,
10 Because of thine indignation and
thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up,
and cast me down.
11 My days *are* like a shadow that
declineth; and I am withered like
grass.
12 But thou, O LORD, shalt endure
for ever; and thy remembrance unto
all *generations*.
13 Thou shalt arise, *and* have mercy
upon Zion: for the time to favour her,
yea, the set time, is come.
14 For thy servants take pleasure in
her stones, and favour the dust thereof.
15 So the heathen shall fear the
name of the LORD, and all the kings of
the earth thy glory.
16 When the LORD shall build up
Zion, he shall appear in his glory.
17 He will regard the prayer of the
destitute, and not despise their prayer.
18 This shall be written for the gen-
eration to come: and the people which
shall be created shall praise the LORD.
19 For he hath looked down from
the height of his sanctuary; from heav-
en did the LORD behold the earth;
20 To hear the groaning of the pris-
oner; to loose those that are appointed
to death;
21 To declare the name of the LORD
in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;
22 When the people are gathered
together, and the kingdoms, to serve
the LORD.
23 He weakened my strength in the
way; he shortened my days.
24 I said, O my God, take me not
away in the midst of my days: thy
years *are* throughout all generations.
25 Of old hast thou laid the founda-
tion of the earth: and the heavens *are*
the work of thy hands.
26 They shall perish, but thou shalt
endure: yea, all of them shall wax old
like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou
change them, and they shall be
changed:
27 But thou *art* the same, and thy
years shall have no end.
28 The children of thy servants
shall continue, and their seed shall be
established before thee.

PSALM 103

A Psalm of David

BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and
all that is within me, *bless* his holy
name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and
forget not all his benefits:
3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;
who healeth all thy diseases;
4 Who redeemeth thy life from de-
struction; who crowneth thee with
lovingkindness and tender mercies;
5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with
good *things*; so *that* thy youth is re-
newed like the eagle's.
6 The LORD executeth righteous-
ness and judgment for all that are op-
pressed.
7 He made known his ways unto
Moses, his acts unto the children of Is-
rael.
8 The LORD *is* merciful and gra-
cious, slow to anger, and plenteous in
mercy.
9 He will not always chide: neither
will he keep *his anger* for ever.
10 He hath not dealt with us after
our sins; nor rewarded us according to
our iniquities.
11 For as the heaven is high above
the earth, *so* great is his mercy toward
them that fear him.
12 As far as the east is from the
west, *so* far hath he removed our trans-
gressions from us.
13 Like as a father pitieth *his* chil-
dren, *so* the LORD pitieth them that
fear him.
14 For he knoweth our frame; he re-
membereth that we *are* dust.
15 As *for* man, his days *are* as
grass; as a flower of the field, so he
flourisheth.
16 For the wind passeth over it, and
it is gone; and the place thereof shall
know it no more.
17 But the mercy of the LORD *is*
from everlasting to everlasting upon
them that fear him, and his righteous-
ness unto children's children;
18 To such as keep his covenant,
and to those that remember his com-
mandments to do them.
19 The LORD hath prepared his
throne in the heavens; and his king-
dom ruleth over all.
20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels,
that excel in strength, that do his
commandments, hearkening unto the
voice of his word.
21 Bless ye the LORD, all *ye* his
hosts; *ye* ministers of his, that do his
pleasure.
22 Bless the LORD, all his works in
all places of his dominion: bless the
LORD, O my soul.

PSALM 104

BLESS the LORD, O my soul. O
LORD my God, thou art very
great; thou art clothed with honour
and majesty.
2 Who coverest *thyself* with light as
with a garment: who stretchest out the
heavens like a curtain:
3 Who layeth the beams of his
chambers in the waters: who maketh
the clouds his chariot: who walketh
upon the wings of the wind:
4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his
ministers a flaming fire:
5 *Who* laid the foundations of the
earth, *that* it should not be removed
for ever.
6 Thou coveredst it with the deep
as *with* a garment: the waters stood
above the mountains.
7 At thy rebuke they fled; at the
voice of thy thunder they hasted
away.
8 They go up by the mountains;
they go down by the valleys unto the
place which thou hast founded for
them.
9 Thou hast set a bound that they
may not pass over; that they turn not
again to cover the earth.
10 He sendeth the springs into the
valleys, *which* run among the hills.
11 They give drink to every beast
of the field: the wild asses quench their
thirst.
12 By them shall the fowls of the
heaven have their habitation, *which*
sing among the branches.
13 He watereth the hills from his
chambers: the earth is satisfied with
the fruit of thy works.
14 He causeth the grass to grow for
the cattle, and herb for the service of
man: that he may bring forth food out
of the earth;
15 And wine *that* maketh glad the
heart of man, *and* oil to make *his* face
to shine, and bread *which* strengthen-
eth man's heart.
16 The trees of the LORD are full *of
sap;* the cedars of Lebanon, which he
hath planted;
17 Where the birds make their
nests: *as for* the stork, the fir trees *are*
her house.
18 The high hills *are* a refuge for the
wild goats; *and* the rocks for the conies.
19 He appointed the moon for sea-
sons: the sun knoweth his going down.
20 Thou makest darkness and it is

night: wherein all the beasts of the
forest do creep *forth*.
21 The young lions roar after their
prey, and seek their meat from God.
22 The sun ariseth, they gather
themselves together, and lay them
down in their dens.
23 Man goeth forth unto his work
and to his labour until the evening.
24 O LORD, how manifold are thy
works! in wisdom hast thou made
them all: the earth is full of thy riches.
25 *So is* this great and wide sea,
wherein *are* things creeping innumer-
able, both small and great beasts.
26 There go the ships: *there is* that
leviathan, *whom* thou hast made to
play therein.
27 These wait all upon thee; that
thou mayest give *them* their meat in
due season.
28 *That* thou givest them they
gather: thou openest thine hand, they
are filled with good.
29 Thou hidest thy face, they are
troubled: thou takest away their
breath, they die, and return to their
dust.
30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit,
they are created: and thou renewest
the face of the earth.
31 The glory of the LORD shall en-
dure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in
his works.
32 He looketh on the earth, and it
trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and
they smoke.
33 I will sing unto the LORD as long
as I live: I will sing praise to my God
while I have my being.
34 My meditation of him shall be
sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.
35 Let the sinners be consumed out
of the earth, and let the wicked be no
more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul.
Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 105

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; call
upon his name: make known his
deeds among the people.
2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto
him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.
3 Glory ye in his holy name: let the
heart of them rejoice that seek the
LORD.
4 Seek the LORD, and his strength:
seek his face evermore.
5 Remember his marvellous works
that he hath done; his wonders, and
the judgments of his mouth;
6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant,
ye children of Jacob his chosen.
7 He *is* the LORD our God: his judg-
ments *are* in all the earth.
8 He hath remembered his cove-
nant for ever, the word *which* he com-
manded to a thousand generations.
9 Which *covenant* he made with
Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac;
10 And confirmed the same unto
Jacob for a law, *and* to Israel *for* an
everlasting covenant:
11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the
land of Canaan, the lot of your in-
heritance:
12 When they were *but* a few men in
number; yea, very few, and strangers
in it.
13 When they went from one nation
to another, from *one* kingdom to an-
other people;
14 He suffered no man to do them
wrong: yea, he reproved kings for their
sakes;
15 *Saying*, Touch not mine anoint-
ed, and do my prophets no harm.
16 Moreover he called for a famine
upon the land: he brake the whole staff
of bread.
17 He sent a man before them, *even*
Joseph, *who* was sold for a servant:
18 Whose feet they hurt with fet-
ters: he was laid in iron:
19 Until the time that his word
came: the word of the LORD tried
him.
20 The king sent and loosed him;
even the ruler of the people, and let
him go free.
21 He made him lord of his house,
and ruler of all his substance:
22 To bind his princes at his pleas-
ure; and teach his senators wisdom.
23 Israel also came into Egypt; and
Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.
24 And he increased his people
greatly; and made them stronger than
their enemies.
25 He turned their heart to hate his
people, to deal subtilly with his ser-
vants.
26 He sent Moses his servant; *and*
Aaron whom he had chosen.
27 They shewed his signs among
them, and wonders in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness, and made it
dark; and they rebelled not against his
word.
29 He turned their waters into
blood, and slew their fish.
30 Their land brought forth frogs in

abundance, in the chambers of their
kings.
31 He spake, and there came divers
sorts of flies, *and* lice in all their coasts.
32 He gave them hail for rain, *and*
flaming fire in their land.
33 He smote their vines also and
their fig trees; and brake the trees of
their coasts.
34 He spake, and the locusts came,
and caterpillers, and that without
number,
35 And did eat up all the herbs in
their land, and devoured the fruit of
their ground.
36 He smote also all the firstborn in
their land, the chief of all their
strength.
37 He brought them forth also with
silver and gold: and *there was* not one
feeble *person* among their tribes.
38 Egypt was glad when they de-
parted: for the fear of them fell upon
them.
39 He spread a cloud for a covering;
and fire to give light in the night.
40 *The people* asked, and he brought
quails, and satisfied them with the
bread of heaven.
41 He opened the rock, and the wa-
ters gushed out; they ran in the dry
places *like* a river.
42 For he remembered his holy
promise, *and* Abraham his servant.
43 And he brought forth his people
with joy, *and* his chosen with gladness:
44 And gave them the lands of the
heathen: and they inherited the labour
of the people;
45 That they might observe his
statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye
the LORD.

PSALM 106

PRAISE ye the LORD. O give thanks
unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for
his mercy *endureth* for ever.
2 Who can utter the mighty acts of
the LORD? *who* can shew forth all his
praise?
3 Blessed *are* they that keep judg-
ment, *and* he that doeth righteousness
at all times.
4 Remember me, O LORD, with the
favour *that thou bearest unto* thy peo-
ple: O visit me with thy salvation;
5 That I may see the good of thy
chosen, that I may rejoice in the glad-
ness of thy nation, that I may glory
with thine inheritance.
6 We have sinned with our fathers,
we have committed iniquity, we have
done wickedly.
7 Our fathers understood not thy
wonders in Egypt; they remembered
not the multitude of thy mercies; but
provoked *him* at the sea, *even* at the
Red sea.
8 Nevertheless he saved them for
his name's sake, that he might make
his mighty power to be known.
9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and
it was dried up: so he led them through
the depths, as through the wilderness.
10 And he saved them from the
hand of him that hated *them*, and re-
deemed them from the hand of the en-
emy.
11 And the waters covered their en-
emies: there was not one of them left.
12 Then believed they his words;
they sang his praise.
13 They soon forgat his works; they
waited not for his counsel:
14 But lusted exceedingly in the
wilderness, and tempted God in the
desert.
15 And he gave them their request;
but sent leanness into their soul.
16 They envied Moses also in the
camp, *and* Aaron the saint of the
LORD.
17 The earth opened and swallowed
up Da'-than, and covered the company
of A-bi'-ram.
18 And a fire was kindled in their
company; the flame burned up the
wicked.
19 They made a calf in Ho'-reb, and
worshipped the molten image.
20 Thus they changed their glory
into the similitude of an ox that eateth
grass.
21 They forgat God their saviour,
which had done great things in Egypt;
22 Wondrous works in the land of
Ham, *and* terrible things by the Red
sea.
23 Therefore he said that he would
destroy them, had not Moses his cho-
sen stood before him in the breach, to
turn away his wrath, lest he should de-
stroy *them*.
24 Yea, they despised the pleasant
land, they believed not his word:
25 But murmured in their tents,
and hearkened not unto the voice of
the LORD.
26 Therefore he lifted up his hand
against them, to overthrow them in
the wilderness:
27 To overthrow their seed also

among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

28 They joined themselves also unto Ba'-al–pe'-or, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.

29 Thus they provoked *him* to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them.

30 Then stood up Phin'-e-has, and executed judgment: and *so* the plague was stayed.

31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.

32 They angered *him* also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:

33 Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD commanded them:

35 But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works.

36 And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them.

37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,

38 And shed innocent blood, *even* the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.

39 Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.

40 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred *his* own inheritance.

41 And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.

43 Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked *him* with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry:

45 And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies.

46 He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.

47 Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, *and* to triumph in thy praise.

48 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 107

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so*, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

4 They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

6 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he delivered them out of their distresses.

7 And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

8 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

10 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, *being* bound in affliction and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High:

12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down and *there was* none to help.

13 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he saved them out of their distresses.

14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

15 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

17 Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

18 Their soul abhorreth all manner

of meat; and they draw near unto the
gates of death.
19 Then they cry unto the LORD in
their trouble, *and* he saveth them out
of their distresses.
20 He sent his word, and healed
them, and delivered *them* from their
destructions.
21 Oh that *men* would praise the
LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his
wonderful works to the children of
men!
22 And let them sacrifice the sacri-
fices of thanksgiving, and declare his
works with rejoicing.
23 They that go down to the sea in
ships, that do business in great waters;
24 These see the works of the LORD,
and his wonders in the deep.
25 For he commandeth, and raiseth
the stormy wind, which lifteth up the
waves thereof.
26 They mount up to the heaven,
they go down again to the depths:
their soul is melted because of trouble.
27 They reel to and fro, and stagger
like a drunken man, and are at their
wit's end.
28 Then they cry unto the LORD in
their trouble, and he bringeth them
out of their distresses.
29 He maketh the storm a calm, so
that the waves thereof are still.
30 Then are they glad because they
be quiet; so he bringeth them unto
their desired haven.
31 Oh that *men* would praise the
LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his won-
derful works to the children of men!
32 Let them exalt him also in the
congregation of the people, and praise
him in the assembly of the elders.
33 He turneth rivers into a wilder-
ness, and the watersprings into dry
ground;
34 A fruitful land into barrenness,
for the wickedness of them that dwell
therein.
35 He turneth the wilderness into a
standing water, and dry ground into
watersprings.
36 And there he maketh the hungry
to dwell, that they may prepare a city
for habitation;
37 And sow the fields, and plant
vineyards, which may yield fruits of
increase.
38 He blesseth them also, so that
they are multiplied greatly; and suf-
fereth not their cattle to decrease.
39 Again, they are minished and
brought low through oppression, afflic-
tion, and sorrow.
40 He poureth contempt upon prin-
ces, and causeth them to wander in the
wilderness, *where there is* no way.
41 Yet setteth he the poor on high
from affliction, and maketh *him* fam-
ilies like a flock.
42 The righteous shall see *it*, and re-
joice: and all iniquity shall stop her
mouth.
43 Whoso *is* wise, and will observe
these *things*, even they shall under-
stand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

PSALM 108

A Song or Psalm of David

O GOD, my heart is fixed: I will
sing and give praise, even with
my glory.
2 Awake, psaltery and harp: I *my-
self* will awake early.
3 I will praise thee, O LORD, among
the people: and I will sing praises unto
thee among the nations.
4 For thy mercy *is* great above the
heavens: and thy truth *reacheth* unto
the clouds.
5 Be thou exalted, O God, above
the heavens: and thy glory above all
the earth;
6 That thy beloved may be deliv-
ered: save *with* thy right hand, and
answer me.
7 God hath spoken in his holiness;
I will rejoice, I will divide She'-chem,
and mete out the valley of Suc'-coth.
8 Gilead *is* mine; Ma-nas'-seh *is*
mine; E'-phra-im also *is* the strength
of mine head; Judah *is* my lawgiver;
9 Moab *is* my washpot; over Edom
will I cast out my shoe; over Philistia
will I triumph.
10 Who will bring me into the
strong city? who will lead me into
Edom?
11 *Wilt* not *thou*, O God, *who* hast
cast us off? and wilt not thou, O God,
go forth with our hosts?
12 Give us help from trouble: for
vain *is* the help of man.
13 Through God we shall do val-
iantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down
our enemies.

PSALM 109

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David

HOLD not thy peace, O God of my
praise;

2 For the mouth of the wicked and
the mouth of the deceitful are opened
against me: they have spoken against
me with a lying tongue.
3 They compassed me about also
with words of hatred; and fought
against me without *a* cause.
4 For my love they are my adver-
saries: but I *give myself unto* prayer.
5 And they have rewarded me evil
for good, and hatred for my love.
6 Set thou a wicked man over him:
and let Satan stand at his right hand.
7 When he shall be judged, let him
be condemned: and let his prayer be-
come sin.
8 Let his days be few; *and* let an-
other take his office.
9 Let his children be fatherless, and
his wife a widow.
10 Let his children be continually
vagabonds, and beg: let them seek
their bread also out of their desolate
places.
11 Let the extortioner catch all that
he hath; and let the strangers spoil his
labour.
12 Let there be none to extend
mercy unto him: neither let there be
any to favour his fatherless children.
13 Let his posterity be cut off; *and*
in the generation following let their
name be blotted out.
14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be
remembered with the LORD; and let
not the sin of his mother be blotted
out.
15 Let them be before the LORD
continually, that he may cut off the
memory of them from the earth.
16 Because that he remembered not
to shew mercy, but persecuted the
poor and needy man, that he might
even slay the broken in heart.
17 As he loved cursing, so let it
come unto him: as he delighted not in
blessing, so let it be far from him.
18 As he clothed himself with curs-
ing like as with his garment, so let it
come into his bowels like water, and
like oil into his bones.
19 Let it be unto him as the gar-
ment *which* covereth him, and for a
girdle wherewith he is girded continu-
ally.
20 *Let* this *be* the reward of mine
adversaries from the LORD, and of
them that speak evil against my soul.
21 But do thou for me, O GOD the
Lord, for thy name's sake: because thy
mercy *is* good, deliver thou me.
22 For I *am* poor and needy, and
my heart is wounded within me.
23 I am gone like the shadow when
it declineth: I am tossed up and down
as the locust.
24 My knees are weak through fast-
ing; and my flesh faileth of fatness.
25 I became also a reproach unto
them: *when* they looked upon me they
shaked their heads.
26 Help me, O LORD my God: O
save me according to thy mercy:
27 That they may know that this *is*
thy hand; *that* thou, LORD, hast done
it.
28 Let them curse, but bless thou:
when they arise, let them be ashamed;
but let thy servant rejoice.
29 Let mine adversaries be clothed
with shame, and let them cover them-
selves with their own confusion, as
with a mantle.
30 I will greatly praise the LORD
with my mouth; yea, I will praise him
among the multitude.
31 For he shall stand at the right
hand of the poor, to save *him* from
those that condemn his soul.

PSALM 110

A Psalm of David

THE LORD said unto my Lord, Sit
thou at my right hand, until I
make thine enemies thy footstool.
2 The LORD shall send the rod of
thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in
the midst of thine enemies.
3 Thy people *shall be* willing in the
day of thy power, in the beauties of
holiness from the womb of the morn-
ing: thou hast the dew of thy youth.
4 The LORD hath sworn, and will
not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever
after the order of Mel-chiz'-e-dek.
5 The Lord at thy right hand shall
strike through kings in the day of his
wrath.
6 He shall judge among the hea-
then, he shall fill *the places* with the
dead bodies; he shall wound the heads
over many countries.
7 He shall drink of the brook in the
way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

PSALM 111

PRAISE ye the LORD. I will praise
the LORD with *my* whole heart, in
the assembly of the upright, and *in* the
congregation.
2 The works of the LORD *are* great,

sought out of all them that have pleas-
ure therein.
3 His work is honourable and glori-
ous: and his righteousness endureth for
ever.
4 He hath made his wonderful
works to be remembered: the LORD *is*
gracious and full of compassion.
5 He hath given meat unto them
that fear him: he will ever be mindful
of his covenant.
6 He hath shewed his people the
power of his works, that he may give
them the heritage of the heathen.
7 The works of his hands *are* verity
and judgment; all his commandments
are sure.
8 They stand fast for ever and ever,
and are done in truth and uprightness.
9 He sent redemption unto his peo-
ple: he hath commanded his covenant
for ever: holy and reverend *is* his
name.
10 The fear of the LORD *is* the be-
ginning of wisdom: a good understand-
ing have all they that do *his command-
ments:* his praise endureth for ever.

PSALM 112

PRAISE ye the LORD. Blessed *is* the
man *that* feareth the LORD, *that* de-
lighteth greatly in his commandments.
2 His seed shall be mighty upon
earth: the generation of the upright
shall be blessed.
3 Wealth and riches *shall be* in his
house: and his righteousness endureth
for ever.
4 Unto the upright there ariseth
light in the darkness: *he is* gracious,
and full of compassion, and righteous.
5 A good man sheweth favour, and
lendeth: he will guide his affairs with
discretion.
6 Surely he shall not be moved for
ever: the righteous shall be in everlast-
ing remembrance.
7 He shall not be afraid of evil ti-
dings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the
LORD.
8 His heart *is* established, he shall
not be afraid, until he see *his desire*
upon his enemies.
9 He hath dispersed, he hath given
to the poor; his righteousness endureth
for ever; his horn shall be exalted with
honour.
10 The wicked shall see *it*, and be
grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth,
and melt away: the desire of the wick-
ed shall perish.

PSALM 113

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise, O ye
servants of the LORD, praise the
name of the LORD.
2 Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and for evermore.
3 From the rising of the sun unto
the going down of the same the LORD's
name *is* to be praised.
4 The LORD *is* high above all na-
tions, *and* his glory above the heavens.
5 Who *is* like unto the LORD our
God, who dwelleth on high,
6 Who humbleth *himself* to behold
the things that are in heaven, and in the
earth!
7 He raiseth up the poor out of the
dust, *and* lifteth the needy out of the
dunghill;
8 That he may set *him* with princes,
even with the princes of his people.
9 He maketh the barren woman to
keep house, *and to be* a joyful mother
of children. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 114

WHEN Israel went out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a peo-
ple of strange language;
2 Judah was his sanctuary, *and* Is-
rael his dominion.
3 The sea saw *it*, and fled: Jordan
was driven back.
4 The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like lambs.
5 What *ailed* thee, O thou sea, that
thou fleddest? thou Jordan, *that* thou
wast driven back?
6 Ye mountains, *that* ye skipped like
rams; *and* ye little hills, like lambs?
7 Tremble, thou earth, at the pres-
ence of the Lord, at the presence of the
God of Jacob;
8 Which turned the rock *into* a
standing water, the flint into a foun-
tain of waters.

PSALM 115

NOT unto us, O LORD, not unto us,
but unto thy name give glory,
for thy mercy, *and* for thy truth's
sake.
2 Wherefore should the heathen
say, Where *is* now their God?
3 But our God *is* in the heavens: he
hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.
4 Their idols *are* silver and gold, the
work of men's hands.
5 They have mouths, but they
speak not: eyes have they, but they
see not:

6 They have ears, but they hear
not: noses have they, but they smell
not:
7 They have hands, but they handle
not: feet have they, but they walk not:
neither speak they through their
throat.
8 They that make them are like un-
to them; *so is* every one that trusteth
in them.
9 O Israel, trust thou in the LORD:
he *is* their help and their shield.
10 O house of Aaron, trust in the
LORD: he *is* their help and their shield.
11 Ye that fear the LORD, trust in
the LORD: he *is* their help and their
shield.
12 The LORD hath been mindful of
us; he will bless *us*; he will bless the
house of Israel; he will bless the house
of Aaron.
13 He will bless them that fear the
LORD, *both* small and great.
14 The LORD shall increase you
more and more, you and your children.
15 Ye *are* blessed of the LORD which
made heaven and earth.
16 The heaven, *even* the heavens,
are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he
given to the children of men.
17 The dead praise not the LORD,
neither any that go down into silence.
18 But we will bless the LORD from
this time forth and for evermore.
Praise the LORD.

PSALM 116

I LOVE the LORD, because he hath
heard my voice *and* my supplica-
tions.
2 Because he hath inclined his ear
unto me, therefore will I call upon *him*
as long as I live.
3 The sorrows of death compassed
me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon
me: I found trouble and sorrow.
4 Then called I upon the name of
the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, de-
liver my soul.
5 Gracious *is* the LORD, and right-
eous; yea, our God *is* merciful.
6 The LORD preserveth the simple:
I was brought low, and he helped me.
7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul;
for the LORD hath dealt bountifully
with thee.
8 For thou hast delivered my soul
from death, mine eyes from tears, *and*
my feet from falling.
9 I will walk before the LORD in the
land of the living.
10 I believed, therefore have I spo-
ken: I was greatly afflicted:
11 I said in my haste, All men *are*
liars.
12 What shall I render unto the
LORD *for* all his benefits toward me?
13 I will take the cup of salvation,
and call upon the name of the LORD.
14 I will pay my vows unto the
LORD now in the presence of all his
people.
15 Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.
16 O LORD, truly I *am* thy servant;
I *am* thy servant, *and* the son of thine
handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.
17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice
of thanksgiving, and will call upon the
name of the LORD.
18 I will pay my vows unto the
LORD now in the presence of all his
people,
19 In the courts of the LORD'S
house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusa-
lem. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 117

O PRAISE the LORD, all ye na-
tions: praise him, all ye people.
2 For his merciful kindness is great
toward us: and the truth of the LORD
endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 118

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for
he is good: because his mercy *en-*
dureth for ever.
2 Let Israel now say, that his mercy
endureth for ever.
3 Let the house of Aaron now say,
that his mercy *endureth* for ever.
4 Let them now that fear the LORD
say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.
5 I called upon the LORD in dis-
tress: the LORD answered me, *and set*
me in a large place.
6 The LORD *is* on my side; I will not
fear: what can man do unto me?
7 The LORD taketh my part with
them that help me: therefore shall I
see *my desire* upon them that hate me.
8 *It is* better to trust in the LORD
than to put confidence in man.
9 *It is* better to trust in the LORD
than to put confidence in princes.
10 All nations compassed me about:
but in the name of the LORD will I de-
stroy them.
11 They compassed me about; yea,
they compassed me about: but in

the name of the LORD I will destroy
them.
12 They compassed me about like
bees; they are quenched as the fire of
thorns: for in the name of the LORD I
will destroy them.
13 Thou hast thrust sore at me that
I might fall: but the LORD helped me.
14 The LORD *is* my strength and
song, and is become my salvation.
15 The voice of rejoicing and salva-
tion *is* in the tabernacles of the right-
eous: the right hand of the LORD doeth
valiantly.
16 The right hand of the LORD is
exalted: the right hand of the LORD
doeth valiantly.
17 I shall not die, but live, and de-
clare the works of the LORD.
18 The LORD hath chastened me
sore: but he hath not given me over
unto death.
19 Open to me the gates of right-
eousness: I will go into them, *and* I
will praise the LORD:
20 This gate of the LORD, into which
the righteous shall enter.
21 I will praise thee: for thou hast
heard me, and art become my salva-
tion.
22 The stone *which* the builders re-
fused is become the head *stone* of the
corner.
23 This is the LORD's doing; *it is*
marvellous in our eyes.
24 This *is* the day *which* the LORD
hath made; we will rejoice and be glad
in it.
25 Save now, I beseech thee, O
LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send
now prosperity.
26 Blessed *be* he that cometh in the
name of the LORD: we have blessed you
out of the house of the LORD.
27 God *is* the LORD, which hath
shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with
cords, *even* unto the horns of the altar.
28 Thou *art* my God, and I will
praise thee: *thou art* my God, I will ex-
alt thee.
29 O give thanks unto the LORD;
for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth*
for ever.

PSALM 119

א ALEPH

BLESSED *are* the undefiled in the
way, who walk in the law of the
LORD.
2 Blessed *are* they that keep his
testimonies, *and that* seek him with the
whole heart.
3 They also do no iniquity: they
walk in his ways.
4 Thou hast commanded *us* to keep
thy precepts diligently.
5 O that my ways were directed to
keep thy statutes!
6 Then shall I not be ashamed,
when I have respect unto all thy com-
mandments.
7 I will praise thee with uprightness
of heart, when I shall have learned thy
righteous judgments.
8 I will keep thy statutes: O forsake
me not utterly.

ב BETH

9 Wherewithal shall a young man
cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto*
according to thy word.
10 With my whole heart have I
sought thee: O let me not wander from
thy commandments.
11 Thy word have I hid in mine
heart, that I might not sin against
thee.
12 Blessed *art* thou, O LORD: teach
me thy statutes.
13 With my lips have I declared all
the judgments of thy mouth.
14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy
testimonies, as *much as* in all riches.
15 I will meditate in thy precepts,
and have respect unto thy ways.
16 I will delight myself in thy stat-
utes: I will not forget thy word.

ג GIMEL

17 Deal bountifully with thy ser-
vant, *that* I may live, and keep thy
word.
18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may
behold wondrous things out of thy
law.
19 I am a stranger in the earth: hide
not thy commandments from me.
20 My soul breaketh for the longing
that it hath unto thy judgments at all
times.
21 Thou hast rebuked the proud
that are cursed, which do err from thy
commandments.
22 Remove from me reproach and
contempt; for I have kept thy testi-
monies.
23 Princes also did sit *and* speak
against me: *but* thy servant did medi-
tate in thy statutes.
24 Thy testimonies also *are* my de-
light *and* my counsellors.

ד DALETH

25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust:
quicken thou me according to thy
word.
26 I have declared my ways, and
thou heardest me: teach me thy stat-
utes.
27 Make me to understand the way
of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy
wondrous *works*.
28 My soul melteth for heaviness:
strengthen thou me according unto
thy word.
29 Remove from me the way of ly-
ing: and grant me thy law graciously.
30 I have chosen the way of truth:
thy judgments have I laid *before me*.
31 I have stuck unto thy testimo-
nies: O LORD, put me not to shame.
32 I will run the way of thy com-
mandments, when thou shalt enlarge
my heart.

ה HE

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of
thy statutes; and I shall keep it *unto*
the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I
shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe
it with *my* whole heart.
35 Make me to go in the path of thy
commandments; for therein do I de-
light.
36 Incline my heart unto thy testi-
monies, and not to covetousness.
37 Turn away mine eyes from be-
holding vanity; *and* quicken thou me
in thy way.
38 Stablish thy word unto thy ser-
vant, who *is devoted* to thy fear.
39 Turn away my reproach which
I fear: for thy judgments *are* good.
40 Behold, I have longed after thy
precepts: quicken me in thy righteous-
ness.

ו VAU

41 Let thy mercies come also unto
me, O LORD, *even* thy salvation, ac-
cording to thy word.
42 So shall I have wherewith to an-
swer him that reproacheth me: for I
trust in thy word.
43 And take not the word of truth
utterly out of my mouth; for I have
hoped in thy judgments.
44 So shall I keep thy law continu-
ally for ever and ever.
45 And I will walk at liberty: for I
seek thy precepts.
46 I will speak of thy testimonies
also before kings, and will not be
ashamed.
47 And I will delight myself in thy
commandments, which I have loved.
48 My hands also will I lift up unto
thy commandments, which I have
loved; and I will meditate in thy stat-
utes.

ז ZAIN

49 Remember the word unto thy
servant, upon which thou hast caused
me to hope.
50 This *is* my comfort in my afflic-
tion: for thy word hath quickened me.
51 The proud have had me greatly
in derision: *yet* have I not declined
from thy law.
52 I remembered thy judgments of
old, O LORD; and have comforted my-
self.
53 Horror hath taken hold upon me
because of the wicked that forsake thy
law.
54 Thy statutes have been my songs
in the house of my pilgrimage.
55 I have remembered thy name, O
LORD, in the night, and have kept thy
law.
56 This I had, because I kept thy
precepts.

ח CHETH

57 *Thou art* my portion, O LORD: I
have said that I would keep thy words.
58 I intreated thy favour with *my*
whole heart: be merciful unto me ac-
cording to thy word.
59 I thought on my ways, and
turned my feet unto thy testimonies.
60 I made haste, and delayed not to
keep thy commandments.
61 The bands of the wicked have
robbed me: *but* I have not forgotten
thy law.
62 At midnight I will rise to give
thanks unto thee because of thy right-
eous judgments.
63 I *am* a companion of all *them*
that fear thee, and of them that keep
thy precepts.
64 The earth, O LORD, is full of thy
mercy: teach me thy statutes.

ט TETH

65 Thou hast dealt well with thy
servant, O LORD, according unto thy
word.
66 Teach me good judgment and
knowledge: for I have believed thy
commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted I went
astray: but now have I kept thy word.
68 Thou *art* good, and doest good;
teach me thy statutes.
69 The proud have forged a lie
against me: *but* I will keep thy pre-
cepts with *my* whole heart.
70 Their heart is as fat as grease;
but I delight in thy law.
71 *It is* good for me that I have been
afflicted; that I might learn thy stat-
utes.
72 The law of thy mouth *is* better un-
to me than thousands of gold and silver.

י JOD

73 Thy hands have made me and
fashioned me: give me understanding,
that I may learn thy commandments.
74 They that fear thee will be glad
when they see me; because I have
hoped in thy word.
75 I know, O LORD, that thy judg-
ments *are* right, and *that* thou in faith-
fulness hast afflicted me.
76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful
kindness be for my comfort, according
to thy word unto thy servant.
77 Let thy tender mercies come un-
to me, that I may live: for thy law *is*
my delight.
78 Let the proud be ashamed; for
they dealt perversely with me without
a cause: *but* I will meditate in thy pre-
cepts.
79 Let those that fear thee turn
unto me, and those that have known
thy testimonies.
80 Let my heart be sound in thy
statutes; that I be not ashamed.

כ CAPH

81 My soul fainteth for thy salva-
tion: *but* I hope in thy word.
82 Mine eyes fail for thy word, say-
ing, When wilt thou comfort me?
83 For I am become like a bottle in
the smoke; *yet* do I not forget thy
statutes.
84 How many *are* the days of thy
servant? when wilt thou execute judg-
ment on them that persecute me?
85 The proud have digged pits for
me, which *are* not after thy law.
86 All thy commandments *are* faith-
ful: they persecute me wrongfully; help
thou me.
87 They had almost consumed me
upon earth; but I forsook not thy pre-
cepts.
88 Quicken me after thy loving-
kindness; so shall I keep the testimony
of thy mouth.

ל LAMED

89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is
settled in heaven.
90 Thy faithfulness *is* unto all gene-
rations: thou hast established the
earth, and it abideth.
91 They continue this day accord-
ing to thine ordinances: for all *are* thy
servants.
92 Unless thy law *had been* my de-
lights, I should then have perished in
mine affliction.
93 I will never forget thy precepts:
for with them thou hast quickened me.
94 I *am* thine, save me; for I have
sought thy precepts.
95 The wicked have waited for me
to destroy me: *but* I will consider thy
testimonies.
96 I have seen an end of all perfec-
tion: *but* thy commandment *is* exceed-
ing broad.

מ MEM

97 O how love I thy law! *it is* my
meditation all the day.
98 Thou through thy command-
ments hast made me wiser than mine
enemies: for they *are* ever with me.
99 I have more understanding than
all my teachers: for thy testimonies *are*
my meditation.
100 I understand more than the an-
cients, because I keep thy precepts.
101 I have refrained my feet from
every evil way, that I might keep thy
word.
102 I have not departed from thy
judgments: for thou hast taught me.
103 How sweet are thy words unto
my taste! *yea, sweeter* than honey to
my mouth!
104 Through thy precepts I get un-
derstanding: therefore I hate every
false way.

נ NUN

105 Thy word *is* a lamp unto my
feet, and a light unto my path.
106 I have sworn, and I will per-
form *it*, that I will keep thy righteous
judgments.
107 I am afflicted very much:
quicken me, O LORD, according unto
thy word.
108 Accept, I beseech thee, the free-
will offerings of my mouth, O LORD,
and teach me thy judgments.

109 My soul *is* continually in my
hand: yet do I not forget thy law.
110 The wicked have laid a snare
for me: yet I erred not from thy pre-
cepts.
111 Thy testimonies have I taken
as an heritage for ever: for they *are* the
rejoicing of my heart.
112 I have inclined mine heart to
perform thy statutes alway, *even unto*
the end.

ס SAMECH

113 I hate *vain* thoughts: but thy
law do I love.
114 Thou *art* my hiding place and
my shield: I hope in thy word.
115 Depart from me, ye evildoers:
for I will keep the commandments of
my God.
116 Uphold me according unto thy
word, that I may live: and let me not
be ashamed of my hope.
117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be
safe: and I will have respect unto thy
statutes continually.
118 Thou hast trodden down all
them that err from thy statutes: for
their deceit *is* falsehood.
119 Thou puttest away all the wick-
ed of the earth *like* dross: therefore I
love thy testimonies.
120 My flesh trembleth for fear of
thee; and I am afraid of thy judg-
ments.

ע AIN

121 I have done judgment and jus-
tice: leave me not to mine oppressors.
122 Be surety for thy servant for
good: let not the proud oppress me.
123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation,
and for the word of thy righteousness.
124 Deal with thy servant accord-
ing unto thy mercy, and teach me thy
statutes.
125 I *am* thy servant; give me un-
derstanding, that I may know thy
testimonies.
126 *It is* time for *thee*, LORD, to
work: *for* they have made void thy
law.
127 Therefore I love thy command-
ments above gold; yea, above fine gold.
128 Therefore I esteem all *thy* pre-
cepts *concerning* all *things to be* right;
and I hate every false way.

פ PE

129 Thy testimonies *are* wonderful:
therefore doth my soul keep them.
130 The entrance of thy words giv-
eth light; it giveth understanding unto
the simple.
131 I opened my mouth, and pant-
ed: for I longed for thy command-
ments.
132 Look thou upon me, and be
merciful unto me, as thou usest to do
unto those that love thy name.
133 Order my steps in thy word:
and let not any iniquity have domin-
ion over me.
134 Deliver me from the oppression
of man: so will I keep thy precepts.
135 Make thy face to shine upon
thy servant; and teach me thy stat-
utes.
136 Rivers of waters run down mine
eyes, because they keep not thy law.

צ TZADDI

137 Righteous *art* thou, O LORD,
and upright *are* thy judgments.
138 Thy testimonies *that* thou hast
commanded *are* righteous and very
faithful.
139 My zeal hath consumed me, be-
cause mine enemies have forgotten thy
words.
140 Thy word *is* very pure: there-
fore thy servant loveth it.
141 I *am* small and despised: *yet* do
not I forget thy precepts.
142 Thy righteousness *is* an ever-
lasting righteousness, and thy law *is*
the truth.
143 Trouble and anguish have tak-
en hold on me: *yet* thy commandments
are my delights.
144 The righteousness of thy testi-
monies *is* everlasting: give me under-
standing, and I shall live.

ק KOPH

145 I cried with *my* whole heart;
hear me, O LORD: I will keep thy stat-
utes.
146 I cried unto thee; save me, and
I shall keep thy testimonies.
147 I prevented the dawning of the
morning, and cried: I hoped in thy
word.
148 Mine eyes prevent the *night*
watches, that I might meditate in thy
word.
149 Hear my voice according unto
thy lovingkindness: O LORD, quicken
me according to thy judgment.
150 They draw nigh that follow
after mischief: they are far from thy
law.

151 Thou *art* near, O LORD; and all
thy commandments *are* truth.
152 Concerning thy testimonies, I
have known of old that thou hast
founded them for ever.

ר RESH

153 Consider mine affliction, and
deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.
154 Plead my cause, and deliver
me: quicken me according to thy word.
155 Salvation *is* far from the wick-
ed: for they seek not thy statutes.
156 Great *are* thy tender mercies, O
LORD: quicken me according to thy
judgments.
157 Many *are* my persecutors and
mine enemies; *yet* do I not decline
from thy testimonies.
158 I beheld the transgressors, and
was grieved; because they kept not thy
word.
159 Consider how I love thy pre-
cepts: quicken me, O LORD, according
to thy lovingkindness.
160 Thy word *is* true *from* the be-
ginning: and every one of thy right-
eous judgments *endureth* for ever.

ש SCHIN

161 Princes have persecuted me
without a cause: but my heart stand-
eth in awe of thy word.
162 I rejoice at thy word, as one
that findeth great spoil.
163 I hate and abhor lying: *but* thy
law do I love.
164 Seven times a day do I praise
thee because of thy righteous judg-
ments.
165 Great peace have they which
love thy law: and nothing shall offend
them.
166 LORD, I have hoped for thy sal-
vation, and done thy commandments.
167 My soul hath kept thy testi-
monies; and I love them exceedingly.
168 I have kept thy precepts and
thy testimonies: for all my ways *are*
before thee.

ת TAU

169 Let my cry come near before
thee, O LORD: give me understanding
according to thy word.
170 Let my supplication come be-
fore thee: deliver me according to thy
word.
171 My lips shall utter praise, when
thou hast taught me thy statutes.
172 My tongue shall speak of thy
word: for all thy commandments *are*
righteousness.
173 Let thine hand help me; for I
have chosen thy precepts.
174 I have longed for thy salvation,
O LORD; and thy law *is* my delight.
175 Let my soul live, and it shall
praise thee; and let thy judgments
help me.
176 I have gone astray like a lost
sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not
forget thy commandments.

PSALM 120

A Song of degrees

IN my distress I cried unto the LORD,
and he heard me.
2 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from
lying lips, *and* from a deceitful tongue.
3 What shall be given unto thee? or
what shall be done unto thee, thou
false tongue?
4 Sharp arrows of the mighty, with
coals of juniper.
5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Me-
sech, *that* I dwell in the tents of Ke-
dar!
6 My soul hath long dwelt with him
that hateth peace.
7 I *am for* peace: but when I speak,
they *are* for war.

PSALM 121

A Song of degrees

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the
hills, from whence cometh my help.
2 My help *cometh* from the LORD,
which made heaven and earth.
3 He will not suffer thy foot to be
moved: he that keepeth thee will not
slumber.
4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The LORD *is* thy keeper: the LORD
is thy shade upon thy right hand.
6 The sun shall not smite thee by
day, nor the moon by night.
7 The LORD shall preserve thee
from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
8 The LORD shall preserve thy going
out and thy coming in from this time
forth, and even for evermore.

PSALM 122

A Song of degrees of David

I WAS glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the
LORD.

2 Our feet shall stand within thy
gates, O Jerusalem.
3 Jerusalem is builded as a city that
is compact together:
4 Whither the tribes go up, the
tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony
of Israel, to give thanks unto the name
of the LORD.
5 For there are set thrones of judg-
ment, the thrones of the house of Da-
vid.
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
they shall prosper that love thee.
7 Peace be within thy walls, *and*
prosperity within thy palaces.
8 For my brethren and compan-
ions' sakes, I will now say, Peace *be*
within thee.
9 Because of the house of the LORD
our God I will seek thy good.

PSALM 123

A Song of degrees

UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes, O
thou that dwellest in the heav-
ens.
2 Behold, as the eyes of servants
look unto the hand of their masters,
and as the eyes of a maiden unto the
hand of her mistress; so our eyes *wait*
upon the LORD our God, until that he
have mercy upon us.
3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD,
have mercy upon us: for we are exceed-
ingly filled with contempt.
4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with
the scorning of those that are at ease,
and with the contempt of the proud.

PSALM 124

A Song of degrees of David

IF *it had not been* the LORD who was
on our side, now may Israel say;
2 If *it had not been* the LORD who
was on our side, when men rose up
against us:
3 Then they had swallowed us up
quick, when their wrath was kindled
against us:
4 Then the waters had overwhelmed
us, the stream had gone over our soul:
5 Then the proud waters had gone
over our soul.
6 Blessed *be* the LORD, who hath not
given us *as* a prey to their teeth.
7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out
of the snare of the fowlers: the snare
is broken, and we are escaped.
8 Our help *is* in the name of the
LORD, who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 125

A Song of degrees

THEY that trust in the LORD *shall*
be as mount Zion *which* cannot be
removed, *but* abideth for ever.
2 As the mountains *are* round about
Jerusalem, so the LORD *is* round about
his people from henceforth even for
ever.
3 For the rod of the wicked shall
not rest upon the lot of the righteous;
lest the righteous put forth their hands
unto iniquity.
4 Do good, O LORD, unto *those that*
be good, and to *them that are* upright in
their hearts.
5 As for such as turn aside unto
their crooked ways, the LORD shall
lead them forth with the workers of in-
iquity: *but* peace *shall be* upon Israel.

PSALM 126

A Song of degrees

WHEN the LORD turned again the
captivity of Zion, we were like
them that dream.
2 Then was our mouth filled with
laughter, and our tongue with singing:
then said they among the heathen,
The LORD hath done great things for
them.
3 The LORD hath done great things
for us; *whereof* we are glad.
4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD,
as the streams in the south.
5 They that sow in tears shall reap
in joy.
6 He that goeth forth and weepeth,
bearing precious seed, shall doubtless
come again with rejoicing, bringing
his sheaves *with him*.

PSALM 127

A Song of degrees for Solomon

EXCEPT the LORD build the house,
they labour in vain that build it:
except the LORD keep the city, the
watchman waketh *but* in vain.
2 *It is* vain for you to rise up early,
to sit up late, to eat the bread of sor-
rows: *for* so he giveth his beloved sleep.
3 Lo, children *are* an heritage of the
LORD: *and* the fruit of the womb *is* his
reward.
4 As arrows *are* in the hand of a
mighty man; so *are* children of the
youth.
5 Happy *is* the man that hath his
quiver full of them: they shall not be

ashamed, but they shall speak with
the enemies in the gate.

PSALM 128

A Song of degrees

BLESSED *is* every one that feareth
the LORD; that walketh in his
ways.
2 For thou shalt eat the labour of
thine hands: happy *shalt* thou *be*, and
it shall be well with thee.
3 Thy wife *shall be* as a fruitful vine
by the sides of thine house: thy chil-
dren like olive plants round about thy
table.
4 Behold, that thus shall the man
be blessed that feareth the LORD.
5 The LORD shall bless thee out of
Zion: and thou shalt see the good of
Jerusalem all the days of thy life.
6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's
children, *and* peace upon Israel.

PSALM 129

A Song of degrees

MANY a time have they afflicted
me from my youth, may Israel
now say:
2 Many a time have they afflicted
me from my youth: yet they have not
prevailed against me.
3 The plowers plowed upon my
back: they made long their furrows.
4 The LORD *is* righteous: he hath
cut asunder the cords of the wicked.
5 Let them all be confounded and
turned back that hate Zion.
6 Let them be as the grass *upon* the
housetops, which withereth afore it
groweth up:
7 Wherewith the mower filleth not
his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves
his bosom.
8 Neither do they which go by say,
The blessing of the LORD *be* upon you:
we bless you in the name of the LORD.

PSALM 130

A Song of degrees

OUT of the depths have I cried unto
thee, O LORD.
2 Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears
be attentive to the voice of my suppli-
cations.
3 If thou, LORD, shouldest mark in-
iquities, O Lord, who shall stand?
4 But *there is* forgiveness with thee,
that thou mayest be feared.
5 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth
wait, and in his word do I hope.
6 My soul *waiteth* for the Lord more
than they that watch for the morning:
I say, more than they that watch for
the morning.
7 Let Israel hope in the LORD: for
with the LORD *there is* mercy, and with
him *is* plenteous redemption.
8 And he shall redeem Israel from
all his iniquities.

PSALM 131

A Song of degrees of David

LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor
mine eyes lofty: neither do I exer-
cise myself in great matters, or in
things too high for me.
2 Surely I have behaved and quiet-
ed myself, as a child that is weaned of
his mother: my soul *is* even as a
weaned child.
3 Let Israel hope in the LORD from
henceforth and for ever.

PSALM 132

A Song of degrees

LORD, remember David, *and* all his
afflictions:
2 How he sware unto the LORD, *and*
vowed unto the mighty *God* of Jacob;
3 Surely I will not come into the
tabernacle of my house, nor go up into
my bed;
4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes,
or slumber to mine eyelids,
5 Until I find out a place for the
LORD, an habitation for the mighty
God of Jacob.
6 Lo, we heard of it at Eph′-ra-tah:
we found it in the fields of the wood.
7 We will go into his tabernacles:
we will worship at his footstool.
8 Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou,
and the ark of thy strength.
9 Let thy priests be clothed with
righteousness; and let thy saints shout
for joy.
10 For thy servant David's sake
turn not away the face of thine anoint-
ed.
11 The LORD hath sworn *in* truth
unto David; he will not turn from it;
Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon
thy throne.
12 If thy children will keep my
covenant and my testimony that I
shall teach them, their children shall
also sit upon thy throne for evermore.

lying down, and art acquainted *with*
all my ways.
4 For *there is* not a word in my
tongue, *but*, lo, O LORD, thou knowest
it altogether.
5 Thou hast beset me behind and
before, and laid thine hand upon me.
6 *Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful
for me; it is high, I cannot *attain* unto
it.
7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit?
or whither shall I flee from thy pres-
ence?
8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou
art there: if I make my bed in hell, be-
hold, thou *art there*.
9 *If* I take the wings of the morning,
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the
sea;
10 Even there shall thy hand lead
me, and thy right hand shall hold me.
11 If I say, Surely the darkness
shall cover me; even the night shall be
light about me.
12 Yea, the darkness hideth not
from thee; but the night shineth as the
day: the darkness and the light *are*
both alike *to thee*.
13 For thou hast possessed my
reins: thou hast covered me in my
mother's womb.
14 I will praise thee; for I am fear-
fully *and* wonderfully made: marvel-
lous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul
knoweth right well.
15 My substance was not hid from
thee, when I was made in secret, *and*
[illegible]sly wrought in the lowest parts
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16 Thine eyes did see my substance,
yet being unperfect; and in thy book
all *my members* were written, *which* in
continuance were fashioned, when *as*
yet there was none of them.
17 How precious also are thy
thoughts unto me, O God! how great
is the sum of them!
18 *If* I should count them, they are
more in number than the sand: when
I awake, I am still with thee.
19 Surely thou wilt slay the wicked,
O God: depart from me therefore, ye
bloody men.
20 For they speak against thee
wickedly, *and* thine enemies take *thy*
name in vain.
21 Do not I hate them, O LORD,
that hate thee? and am not I grieved
with those that rise up against thee?
22 I hate them with perfect hatred:
I count them mine enemies.
23 Search me, O God, and know my
heart: try me, and know my thoughts:
24 And see if *there be any* wicked
way in me, and lead me in the way
everlasting.

PSALM 140

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

DELIVER me, O LORD, from the
evil man: preserve me from the
violent man;
2 Which imagine mischiefs in *their*
heart; continually are they gathered
together *for* war.
3 They have sharpened their
tongues like a serpent; adders' poison
is under their lips. Se'lah.
4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands
of the wicked; preserve me from the
violent man; who have purposed to
overthrow my goings.
5 The proud have hid a snare for
me, and cords; they have spread a net
by the wayside; they have set gins for
me. Se'lah.
6 I said unto the LORD, Thou *art* my
God: hear the voice of my supplica-
tions, O LORD.
7 O GOD the Lord, *the* strength of
my salvation, thou hast covered my
head in the day of battle.
8 Grant not, O LORD, the desires of
the wicked: further not his wicked de-
vice; *lest* they exalt themselves. Se'lah.
9 *As for* the head of those that com-
pass me about, let the mischief of their
own lips cover them.
10 Let burning coals fall upon
them: let them be cast into the fire;
into deep pits, that they rise not up
again.
11 Let not an evil speaker be estab-
lished in the earth: evil shall hunt the
violent man to overthrow *him*.
12 I know that the LORD will main-
tain the cause of the afflicted, *and* the
right of the poor.
13 Surely the righteous shall give
thanks unto thy name: the upright
shall dwell in thy presence.

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unto me; give ear unto my voice,
when I cry unto thee.
2 Let my prayer be set forth before
thee *as* incense; *and* the lifting up of
my hands *as* the evening sacrifice.

lying down, and art acquainted *with*
all my ways.
4 For *there is* not a word in my
tongue, *but*, lo, O LORD, thou knowest
it altogether.
5 Thou hast beset me behind and
before, and laid thine hand upon me.
6 *Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful
for me; it is high, I cannot *attain* unto
it.
7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit?
or whither shall I flee from thy pres-
ence?
8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou
art there: if I make my bed in hell, be-
hold, thou *art there*.
9 *If* I take the wings of the morning,
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the
sea;
10 Even there shall thy hand lead
me, and thy right hand shall hold me.
11 If I say, Surely the darkness
shall cover me; even the night shall be
light about me.
12 Yea, the darkness hideth not
from thee; but the night shineth as the
day: the darkness and the light *are*
both alike *to thee*.
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thee *as* incense; *and* the lifting up of
my hands *as* the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

4 Incline not my heart to *any* evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.

5 Let the righteous smite me; *it shall be* a kindness: and let him reprove me; *it shall be* an excellent oil, *which* shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also *shall be* in their calamities.

6 When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.

7 Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth *wood* upon the earth.

8 But mine eyes *are* unto thee, O GOD the Lord: in thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute.

9 Keep me from the snares *which* they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity.

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal escape.

PSALM 142

Maschil of David; A Prayer when he was in the cave

I CRIED unto the LORD with my voice; with my voice unto the LORD did I make my supplication.

2 I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before him my trouble.

3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

4 I looked on *my* right hand, and beheld, but *there was* no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

5 I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my refuge *and* my portion in the land of the living.

6 Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.

7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

PSALM 143

A Psalm of David

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, *and* in thy righteousness.

2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

4 Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.

6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul *thirsteth* after thee, as a thirsty land. Se'lah.

7 Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8 Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

9 Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.

10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou *art* my God: thy spirit *is* good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

11 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12 And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I *am* thy servant.

PSALM 144

A Psalm of David

BLESSED *be* the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, *and* my fingers to fight:

2 My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and *he* in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.

3 LORD, what *is* man, that thou takest knowledge of him! *or* the son of man, that thou makest account of him!

4 Man is like to vanity: his days *are* as a shadow that passeth away.

5 Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.

7 Send thine hand from above; rid

me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children;

8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood.

9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.

10 *It is he* that giveth salvation unto kings: who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.

11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood:

12 That our sons *may be* as plants grown up in their youth; *that* our daughters *may be* as corner stones, polished *after* the similitude of a palace:

13 *That* our garners *may be* full, affording all manner of store: *that* our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:

14 *That* our oxen *may be* strong to labour; *that there be* no breaking in, nor going out; that *there be* no complaining in our streets.

15 Happy *is that* people, that is in such a case: *yea*, happy *is that* people, whose God *is* the LORD.

PSALM 145

David's *Psalm* of Praise

I WILL extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

3 Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness *is* unsearchable.

4 One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

5 I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

6 And *men* shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

7 They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

8 The LORD *is* gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

9 The LORD *is* good to all: and his tender mercies *are* over all his works.

10 All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee.

11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

13 Thy kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion *endureth* throughout all generations.

14 The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all *those that be* bowed down.

15 The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

16 Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

17 The LORD *is* righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

18 The LORD *is* nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

20 The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

PSALM 146

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

2 While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

3 Put not your trust in princes, *nor* in the son of man, in whom *there is* no help.

4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

5 Happy *is he* that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope *is* in the LORD his God:

6 Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein *is*: which keepeth truth for ever:

7 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners:

8 The LORD openeth *the eyes of* the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous:

9 The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

10 The LORD shall reign for ever, *even* thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 147

PRAISE ye the LORD: for *it is* good to sing praises unto our God; for *it is* pleasant; *and* praise is comely.

2 The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

4 He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by *their* names.

5 Great *is* our Lord, and of great power: his understanding *is* infinite.

6 The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

7 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

9 He giveth to the beast his food, *and* to the young ravens which cry.

10 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

11 The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

13 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.

14 He maketh peace *in* thy borders, *and* filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

15 He sendeth forth his commandment *upon* earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

16 He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.

17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, *and* the waters flow.

19 He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

20 He hath not dealt so with any nation: and *as for his* judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 148

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

2 Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

3 Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that *be* above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:

8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapours; stormy wind fulfilling his word:

9 Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:

10 Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:

11 Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

12 Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory *is* above the earth and heaven.

14 He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; *even* of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 149

PRAISE ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, *and* his praise in the congregation of saints.

2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.

6 *Let* the high *praises* of God *be* in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To execute vengeance upon the
heathen, *and* punishments upon the
people;
8 To bind their kings with chains,
and their nobles with fetters of
iron;
9 To execute upon them the judgment
written: this honour have all his
saints. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 150

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise God in
his sanctuary: praise him in the
firmament of his power.
2 Praise him for his mighty acts:
praise him according to his excellent
greatness.
3 Praise him with the sound of the
trumpet: praise him with the psaltery
and harp.
4 Praise him with the timbrel and
dance: praise him with stringed instruments
and organs.
5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals:
praise him upon the high sounding
cymbals.
6 Let every thing that hath breath
praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

The Proverbs

CHAPTER 1

THE proverbs of Solomon the son
of David, king of Israel;
2 To know wisdom and instruction;
to perceive the words of understanding;
3 To receive the instruction of wisdom,
justice, and judgment, and
equity;
4 To give subtilty to the simple, to
the young man knowledge and discretion.
5 A wise *man* will hear, and will increase
learning; and a man of understanding
shall attain unto wise counsels:
6 To understand a proverb, and the
interpretation; the words of the wise,
and their dark sayings.
7 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning
of knowledge: *but* fools despise
wisdom and instruction.
8 My son, hear the instruction of
thy father, and forsake not the law of
thy mother:
9 For they *shall be* an ornament of
grace unto thy head, and chains about
thy neck.
10 My son, if sinners entice thee,
consent thou not.
11 If they say, Come with us, let us
lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily
for the innocent without cause:
12 Let us swallow them up alive as
the grave; and whole, as those that go
down into the pit:
13 We shall find all precious substance,
we shall fill our houses with
spoil:
14 Cast in thy lot among us; let us
all have one purse:
15 My son, walk not thou in the
way with them; refrain thy foot from
their path:
16 For their feet run to evil, and
make haste to shed blood.
17 Surely in vain the net is spread
in the sight of any bird.
18 And they lay wait for their *own*
blood; they lurk privily for their *own*
lives.
19 So *are* the ways of every one that
is greedy of gain; *which* taketh away
the life of the owners thereof.
20 Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth
her voice in the streets:
21 She crieth in the chief place of
concourse, in the openings of the gates:
in the city she uttereth her words, *saying*,
22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye
love simplicity? and the scorners delight
in their scorning, and fools hate
knowledge?
23 Turn you at my reproof: behold,
I will pour out my spirit unto you, I
will make known my words unto you.
24 Because I have called, and ye refused;
I have stretched out my hand,
and no man regarded;
25 But ye have set at nought all my
counsel, and would none of my reproof:
26 I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when your fear cometh;
27 When your fear cometh as desolation,
and your destruction cometh as
a whirlwind; when distress and anguish
cometh upon you.
28 Then shall they call upon me,
but I will not answer; they shall seek
me early, but they shall not find me:

29 For that they hated knowledge,
and did not choose the fear of the
LORD:
30 They would none of my counsel:
they despised all my reproof.
31 Therefore shall they eat of the
fruit of their own way, and be filled
with their own devices.
32 For the turning away of the simple
shall slay them, and the prosperity
of fools shall destroy them.
33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me
shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet
from fear of evil.

CHAPTER 2

MY son, if thou wilt receive my
words, and hide my commandments
with thee;
2 So that thou incline thine ear unto
wisdom, *and* apply thine heart to understanding;
3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge,
and liftest up thy voice for understanding;
4 If thou seekest her as silver, and
searchest for her as *for* hid treasures;
5 Then shalt thou understand the
fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge
of God.
6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out
of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and
understanding.
7 He layeth up sound wisdom for
the righteous: *he is* a buckler to them
that walk uprightly.
8 He keepeth the paths of judgment,
and preserveth the way of his
saints.
9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness,
and judgment, and equity;
yea, every good path.
10 When wisdom entereth into
thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant
unto thy soul;
11 Discretion shall preserve thee,
understanding shall keep thee:
12 To deliver thee from the way of
the evil *man*, from the man that speaketh
froward things;
13 Who leave the paths of uprightness,
to walk in the ways of darkness;
14 Who rejoice to do evil, *and* delight
in the frowardness of the wicked;
15 Whose ways *are* crooked, and
they froward in their paths:
16 To deliver thee from the strange
woman, *even* from the stranger *which*
flattereth with her words;
17 Which forsaketh the guide of her
youth, and forgetteth the covenant of
her God.
18 For her house inclineth unto
death, and her paths unto the dead.
19 None that go unto her return
again, neither take they hold of the
paths of life.
20 That thou mayest walk in the
way of good *men*, and keep the paths
of the righteous.
21 For the upright shall dwell in the
land, and the perfect shall remain in it.
22 But the wicked shall be cut off
from the earth, and the transgressors
shall be rooted out of it.

CHAPTER 3

MY son, forget not my law; but let
thine heart keep my commandments:
2 For length of days, and long life,
and peace, shall they add to thee.
3 Let not mercy and truth forsake
thee: bind them about thy neck; write
them upon the table of thine heart:
4 So shalt thou find favour and
good understanding in the sight of God
and man.
5 Trust in the LORD with all thine
heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
6 In all thy ways acknowledge him,
and he shall direct thy paths.
7 Be not wise in thine own eyes:
fear the LORD, and depart from evil.
8 It shall be health to thy navel,
and marrow to thy bones.
9 Honour the LORD with thy substance,
and with the firstfruits of all
thine increase:
10 So shall thy barns be filled with
plenty, and thy presses shall burst out
with new wine.
11 My son, despise not the chastening
of the LORD; neither be weary of
his correction:
12 For whom the LORD loveth he
correcteth; even as a father the son *in
whom* he delighteth.
13 Happy *is* the man *that* findeth
wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding.
14 For the merchandise of it *is* better
than the merchandise of silver, and
the gain thereof than fine gold.
15 She *is* more precious than rubies:
and all the things thou canst desire are
not to be compared unto her.
16 Length of days *is* in her right
hand; *and* in her left hand riches and
honour.

17 Her ways *are* ways of pleasant-
ness, and all her paths *are* peace.
18 She *is* a tree of life to them that
lay hold upon her: and happy *is every*
one that retaineth her.
19 The LORD by wisdom hath
founded the earth; by understanding
hath he established the heavens.
20 By his knowledge the depths are
broken up, and the clouds drop down
the dew.
21 My son, let not them depart from
thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and
discretion:
22 So shall they be life unto thy
soul, and grace to thy neck.
23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way
safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.
24 When thou liest down, thou
shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie
down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.
25 Be not afraid of sudden fear, nei-
ther of the desolation of the wicked,
when it cometh.
26 For the LORD shall be thy con-
fidence, and shall keep thy foot from
being taken.
27 Withhold not good from them to
whom it is due, when it is in the power
of thine hand to do *it*.
28 Say not unto thy neighbour, Go,
and come again, and to morrow I will
give; when thou hast it by thee.
29 Devise not evil against thy
neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely
by thee.
30 Strive not with a man without
cause, if he have done thee no harm.
31 Envy thou not the oppressor,
and choose none of his ways.
32 For the froward *is* abomination
to the LORD: but his secret *is* with the
righteous.
33 The curse of the LORD *is* in the
house of the wicked: but he blesseth
the habitation of the just.
34 Surely he scorneth the scorners:
but he giveth grace unto the lowly.
35 The wise shall inherit glory: but
shame shall be the promotion of fools.

CHAPTER 4

HEAR, ye children, the instruction
of a father, and attend to know
understanding.
2 For I give you good doctrine, for-
sake ye not my law.
3 For I was my father's son, tender
and only *beloved* in the sight of my
mother.
4 He taught me also, and said unto
me, Let thine heart retain my words:
keep my commandments, and live.
5 Get wisdom, get understanding:
forget *it* not; neither decline from the
words of my mouth.
6 Forsake her not, and she shall
preserve thee: love her, and she shall
keep thee.
7 Wisdom *is* the principal thing;
therefore get wisdom: and with all thy
getting get understanding.
8 Exalt her, and she shall promote
thee: she shall bring thee to honour,
when thou dost embrace her.
9 She shall give to thine head an or-
nament of grace: a crown of glory shall
she deliver to thee.
10 Hear, O my son, and receive my
sayings; and the years of thy life shall
be many.
11 I have taught thee in the way of
wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.
12 When thou goest, thy steps shall
not be straitened; and when thou run-
nest, thou shalt not stumble.
13 Take fast hold of instruction; let
her not go: keep her; for she *is* thy life.
14 Enter not into the path of the
wicked, and go not in the way of evil
men.
15 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn
from it, and pass away.
16 For they sleep not, except they
have done mischief; and their sleep is
taken away, unless they cause *some* to
fall.
17 For they eat the bread of wick-
edness, and drink the wine of violence.
18 But the path of the just *is* as the
shining light, that shineth more and
more unto the perfect day.
19 The way of the wicked *is* as
darkness: they know not at what they
stumble.
20 My son, attend to my words; in-
cline thine ear unto my sayings.
21 Let them not depart from thine
eyes; keep them in the midst of thine
heart.
22 For they *are* life unto those that
find them, and health to all their flesh.
23 Keep thy heart with all dili-
gence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.
24 Put away from thee a froward
mouth, and perverse lips put far from
thee.
25 Let thine eyes look right on, and
let thine eyelids look straight before
thee.
26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and
let all thy ways be established.

27 Turn not to the right hand nor
to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

CHAPTER 5

MY son, attend unto my wisdom,
and bow thine ear to my under-
standing:
2 That thou mayest regard discre-
tion, and *that* thy lips may keep knowl-
edge.
3 For the lips of a strange woman
drop *as* an honeycomb, and her mouth
is smoother than oil:
4 But her end is bitter as worm-
wood, sharp as a two-edged sword.
5 Her feet go down to death; her
steps take hold on hell.
6 Lest thou shouldest ponder the
path of life, her ways are moveable,
that thou canst not know *them*.
7 Hear me now therefore, O ye chil-
dren, and depart not from the words of
my mouth.
8 Remove thy way far from her,
and come not nigh the door of her
house:
9 Lest thou give thine honour unto
others, and thy years unto the cruel:
10 Lest strangers be filled with thy
wealth; and thy labours *be* in the house
of a stranger;
11 And thou mourn at the last,
when thy flesh and thy body are con-
sumed,
12 And say, How have I hated in-
struction, and my heart despised re-
proof;
13 And have not obeyed the voice
of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear
to them that instructed me!
14 I was almost in all evil in the
midst of the congregation and assem-
bly.
15 Drink waters out of thine own
cistern, and running waters out of
thine own well.
16 Let thy fountains be dispersed
abroad, *and* rivers of waters in the
streets.
17 Let them be only thine own, and
not strangers' with thee.
18 Let thy fountain be blessed: and
rejoice with the wife of thy youth.
19 *Let her be as* the loving hind and
pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy
thee at all times; and be thou ravished
always with her love.
20 And why wilt thou, my son, be
ravished with a strange woman, and
embrace the bosom of a stranger?
21 For the ways of man *are* before
the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth
all his goings.
22 His own iniquities shall take the
wicked himself, and he shall be holden
with the cords of his sins.
23 He shall die without instruction;
and in the greatness of his folly he shall
go astray.

CHAPTER 6

MY son, if thou be surety for thy
friend, *if* thou hast stricken thy
hand with a stranger,
2 Thou art snared with the words of
thy mouth, thou art taken with the
words of thy mouth.
3 Do this now, my son, and deliver
thyself, when thou art come into the
hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself,
and make sure thy friend.
4 Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor
slumber to thine eyelids.
5 Deliver thyself as a roe from the
hand *of the hunter*, and as a bird from
the hand of the fowler.
6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; con-
sider her ways, and be wise:
7 Which having no guide, overseer,
or ruler,
8 Provideth her meat in the sum-
mer, *and* gathereth her food in the
harvest.
9 How long wilt thou sleep, O slug-
gard? when wilt thou arise out of thy
sleep?
10 *Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands to sleep:
11 So shall thy poverty come as one
that travelleth, and thy want as an
armed man.
12 A naughty person, a wicked
man, walketh with a froward mouth.
13 He winketh with his eyes, he
speaketh with his feet, he teacheth
with his fingers;
14 Frowardness *is* in his heart, he
deviseth mischief continually; he sow-
eth discord.
15 Therefore shall his calamity
come suddenly; suddenly shall he be
broken without remedy.
16 These six *things* doth the LORD
hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination
unto him:
17 A proud look, a lying tongue,
and hands that shed innocent blood,
18 An heart that deviseth wicked
imaginations, feet that be swift in run-
ning to mischief,
19 A false witness *that* speaketh

lies, and he that soweth discord among
brethren.
20 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of
thy mother:
21 Bind them continually upon
thine heart, *and* tie them about thy
neck.
22 When thou goest, it shall lead
thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep
thee; and *when* thou awakest, it shall
talk with thee.
23 For the commandment *is* a lamp;
and the law *is* light; and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life:
24 To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of
a strange woman.
25 Lust not after her beauty in
thine heart; neither let her take thee
with her eyelids.
26 For by means of a whorish woman *a man is brought* to a piece of
bread: and the adulteress will hunt for
the precious life.
27 Can a man take fire in his bosom,
and his clothes not be burned?
28 Can one go upon hot coals, and
his feet not be burned?
29 So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her
shall not be innocent.
30 *Men* do not despise a thief, if he
steal to satisfy his soul when he is
hungry;
31 But *if* he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the
substance of his house.
32 *But* whoso committeth adultery
with a woman lacketh understanding:
he *that* doeth it destroyeth his own
soul.
33 A wound and dishonour shall he
get; and his reproach shall not be
wiped away.
34 For jealousy *is* the rage of a man:
therefore he will not spare in the day
of vengeance.
35 He will not regard any ransom;
neither will he rest content, though
thou givest many gifts.

CHAPTER 7

MY son, keep my words, and lay up
my commandments with thee.
2 Keep my commandments, and
live; and my law as the apple of thine
eye.
3 Bind them upon thy fingers, write
them upon the table of thine heart.
4 Say unto wisdom, Thou *art* my
sister; and call understanding *thy* kinswoman:
5 That they may keep thee from the
strange woman, from the stranger
which flattereth with her words.
6 For at the window of my house I
looked through my casement,
7 And beheld among the simple
ones, I discerned among the youths, a
young man void of understanding,
8 Passing through the street near
her corner; and he went the way to her
house,
9 In the twilight, in the evening, in
the black and dark night:
10 And, behold, there met him a
woman *with* the attire of an harlot, and
subtil of heart.
11 (She *is* loud and stubborn; her
feet abide not in her house:
12 Now *is she* without, now in the
streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.)
13 So she caught him, and kissed
him, *and* with an impudent face said
unto him,
14 *I have* peace offerings with me;
this day have I payed my vows.
15 Therefore came I forth to meet
thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I
have found thee.
16 I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved *works*,
with fine linen of Egypt.
17 I have perfumed my bed with
myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
18 Come, let us take our fill of love
until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves.
19 For the goodman *is* not at home,
he is gone a long journey:
20 He hath taken a bag of money
with him, *and* will come home at the
day appointed.
21 With her much fair speech she
caused him to yield, with the flattering
of her lips she forced him.
22 He goeth after her straightway,
as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as
a fool to the correction of the stocks;
23 Till a dart strike through his
liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare,
and knoweth not that it *is* for his life.
24 Hearken unto me now therefore,
O ye children, and attend to the words
of my mouth.
25 Let not thine heart decline to her
ways, go not astray in her paths.
26 For she hath cast down many
wounded: yea, many strong *men* have
been slain by her.

27 Her house *is* the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

CHAPTER 8

DOTH not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?

2 She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.

3 She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.

4 Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice *is* to the sons of man.

5 O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.

6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips *shall be* right things.

7 For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness *is* an abomination to my lips.

8 All the words of my mouth *are* in righteousness; *there is* nothing froward or perverse in them.

9 They *are* all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.

10 Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.

11 For wisdom *is* better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

12 I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.

13 The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

14 Counsel *is* mine, and sound wisdom: I *am* understanding; I have strength.

15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

16 By me princes rule, and nobles, *even* all the judges of the earth.

17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

18 Riches and honour *are* with me: *yea*, durable riches and righteousness.

19 My fruit *is* better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.

20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:

21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

22 The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

24 When *there were* no depths, I was brought forth; when *there were* no fountains abounding with water.

25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

27 When he prepared the heavens, I *was* there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

30 Then I was by him, *as* one brought up *with him:* and I was daily *his* delight, rejoicing always before him;

31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights *were* with the sons of men.

32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed *are they that* keep my ways.

33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

34 Blessed *is* the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

35 For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.

36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

CHAPTER 9

WISDOM hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

2 She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.

3 She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,

4 Whoso *is* simple, let him turn in

wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.
4 A virtuous woman *is* a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed *is* as rottenness in his bones.
5 The thoughts of the righteous *are* right: *but* the counsels of the wicked *are* deceit.
6 The words of the wicked *are* to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.
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11 He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain *persons is* void of understanding.
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13 The wicked is snared by the transgression of *his* lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.
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19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue *is* but for a moment.
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3 He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: *but* he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.
4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and *hath* nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.
5 A righteous *man* hateth lying: but a wicked *man* is loathsome, and cometh to shame.
6 Righteousness keepeth *him that is* upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth the sinner.
7 There is that maketh himself rich, yet *hath* nothing: *there is* that maketh himself poor, yet *hath* great riches.
8 The ransom of a man's life *are* his riches: but the poor heareth not rebuke.
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fools to depart from evil.
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21 Evil pursueth sinners: but to the
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rod of pride: but the lips of the wise
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20 The poor is hated even of his
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21 He that despiseth his neighbour
sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the
poor, happy *is* he.
22 Do they not err that devise evil?
but mercy and truth *shall be* to them
that devise good.
23 In all labour there is profit: but
the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to
penury.
24 The crown of the wise *is* their
riches: *but* the foolishness of fools *is*
folly.
25 A true witness delivereth souls:
but a deceitful *witness* speaketh lies.
26 In the fear of the LORD *is* strong
confidence: and his children shall have
a place of refuge.
27 The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain
of life, to depart from the snares
of death.
28 In the multitude of people *is* the
king's honour: but in the want of people
is the destruction of the prince.
29 He *that is* slow to wrath *is* of
great understanding: but *he that is*
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own neighbour: but the rich *hath* many
friends.
21 He that despiseth his neighbour
sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the
poor, happy *is* he.
22 Do they not err that devise evil?
but mercy and truth *shall be* to them
that devise good.
23 In all labour there is profit: but
the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to
penury.
24 The crown of the wise *is* their
riches: *but* the foolishness of fools *is*
folly.
25 A true witness delivereth souls:
but a deceitful *witness* speaketh lies.
26 In the fear of the LORD *is* strong
confidence: and his children shall have
a place of refuge.
27 The fear of the LORD *is* a foun-
tain of life, to depart from the snares
of death.
28 In the multitude of people *is* the
king's honour: but in the want of peo-
ple *is* the destruction of the prince.
29 *He that is* slow to wrath *is* of
great understanding: but *he that is*
hasty of spirit exalteth folly.
30 A sound heart is the life of the

flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.

31 He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.

32 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death.

33 Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding: but *that which is* in the midst of fools is made known.

34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin *is* a reproach to any people.

35 The king's favour *is* toward a wise servant: but his wrath is *against* him that causeth shame.

CHAPTER 15

A SOFT answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

3 The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

4 A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life: but perverseness therein *is* a breach in the spirit.

5 A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

6 In the house of the righteous *is* much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish *doeth* not so.

8 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright *is* his delight.

9 The way of the wicked *is* an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

10 Correction *is* grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: *and* he that hateth reproof shall die.

11 Hell and destruction *are* before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?

12 A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise.

13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

15 All the days of the afflicted *are* evil: but he that is of a merry heart *hath* a continual feast.

16 Better *is* little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.

17 Better *is* a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

18 A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but *he that is* slow to anger appeaseth strife.

19 The way of the slothful *man is* as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous *is* made plain.

20 A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

21 Folly *is* joy to *him that is* destitute of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.

22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word *spoken* in due season, how good *is it!*

24 The way of life *is* above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

25 The LORD will destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the widow.

26 The thoughts of the wicked *are* an abomination to the LORD: but *the words* of the pure *are* pleasant words.

27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.

28 The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

29 The LORD *is* far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: *and* a good report maketh the bones fat.

31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.

32 He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.

33 The fear of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom; and before honour *is* humility.

CHAPTER 16

THE preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, *is* from the LORD.

2 All the ways of a man *are* clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.

3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

4 The LORD hath made all *things* for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

5 Every one *that is* proud in heart *is* an abomination to the LORD: *though* hand *join* in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD *men* depart from evil.

7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

8 Better *is* a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.

9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

10 A divine sentence *is* in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment.

11 A just weight and balance *are* the LORD'S: all the weights of the bag *are* his work.

12 *It is* an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness.

13 Righteous lips *are* the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right.

14 The wrath of a king *is as* messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it.

15 In the light of the king's countenance *is* life; and his favour *is* as a cloud of the latter rain.

16 How much better *is it* to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

17 The highway of the upright *is* to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.

18 Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

19 Better *it is to be* of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

20 He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy *is* he.

21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.

22 Understanding *is* a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools *is* folly.

23 The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.

24 Pleasant words *are as* an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

26 He that laboureth laboureth for himself; for his mouth craveth it of him.

27 An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips *there is* as a burning fire.

28 A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.

29 A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way *that is* not good.

30 He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.

31 The hoary head *is* a crown of glory, *if* it be found in the way of righteousness.

32 He *that is* slow to anger *is* better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

33 The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof *is* of the LORD.

CHAPTER 17

BETTER *is* a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices *with* strife.

2 A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.

3 The fining pot *is* for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.

4 A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; *and* a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.

5 Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: *and* he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.

6 Children's children *are* the crown of old men; and the glory of children *are* their fathers.

7 Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince.

8 A gift *is as* a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

9 He that covereth a transgression
seeketh love; but he that repeateth a
matter separateth *very* friends.
10 A reproof entereth more into a
wise man than an hundred stripes into
a fool.
11 An evil *man* seeketh only rebel-
lion: therefore a cruel messenger shall
be sent against him.
12 Let a bear robbed of her whelps
meet a man, rather than a fool in his
folly.
13 Whoso rewardeth evil for good,
evil shall not depart from his house.
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when one letteth out water: therefore
leave off contention, before it be med-
dled with.
15 He that justifieth the wicked,
and he that condemneth the just, even
they both *are* abomination to the
LORD.
16 Wherefore *is there* a price in the
hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing *he
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17 A friend loveth at all times, and
a brother is born for adversity.
18 A man void of understanding
striketh hands, *and* becometh surety
in the presence of his friend.
19 He loveth transgression that
loveth strife: *and* he that exalteth his
gate seeketh destruction.
20 He that hath a froward heart
findeth no good: and he that hath a
perverse tongue falleth into mischief.
21 He that begetteth a fool *doeth it*
to his sorrow: and the father of a fool
hath no joy.
22 A merry heart doeth good *like* a
edicine: but a broken spirit drieth
the bones.
23 A wicked *man* taketh a gift out
of the bosom to pervert the ways of
judgment.
24 Wisdom *is* before him that hath
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are in the ends of the earth.
25 A foolish son *is* a grief to his fa-
ther, and bitterness to her that bare
him.
26 Also to punish the just *is* not
good, *nor* to strike princes for equi-
ty.
27 He that hath knowledge spareth
his words: *and* a man of understanding
is of an excellent spirit.
28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his
peace, is counted wise: *and* he that
shutteth his lips *is esteemed* a man of
understanding.

CHAPTER 18

THROUGH desire a man, having
separated himself, seeketh *and* in-
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2 A fool hath no delight in under-
standing, but that his heart may dis-
cover itself.
3 When the wicked cometh, *then*
cometh also contempt, and with igno-
miny reproach.
4 The words of a man's mouth *are*
as deep waters, *and* the wellspring of
wisdom *as* a flowing brook.
5 *It is* not good to accept the person
of the wicked, to overthrow the right-
eous in judgment.
6 A fool's lips enter into contention,
and his mouth calleth for strokes.
7 A fool's mouth *is* his destruction,
and his lips *are* the snare of his soul.
8 The words of a talebearer *are* as
wounds, and they go down into the in-
nermost parts of the belly.
9 He also that is slothful in his
work is brother to him that is a great
waster.
10 The name of the LORD *is* a strong
tower: the righteous runneth into it,
and is safe.
11 The rich man's wealth *is* his
strong city, and as an high wall in his
own conceit.
12 Before destruction the heart of
man is haughty, and before honour *is*
humility.
13 He that answereth a matter be-
fore he heareth *it*, it *is* folly and shame
unto him.
14 The spirit of a man will sustain
his infirmity; but a wounded spirit
who can bear?
15 The heart of the prudent getteth
knowledge; and the ear of the wise
seeketh knowledge.
16 A man's gift maketh room for
him, and bringeth him before great
men.
17 *He that is* first in his own cause
seemeth just; but his neighbour cometh
and searcheth him.
18 The lot causeth contentions to
cease, and parteth between the
mighty.
19 A brother offended *is harder to
be won* than a strong city: and *their*
contentions *are* like the bars of a castle.
20 A man's belly shall be satisfied
with the fruit of his mouth; *and* with
the increase of his lips shall he be filled.
21 Death and life *are* in the power

of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

22 *Whoso* findeth a wife findeth a good *thing*, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

23 The poor useth intreaties; but the rich answereth roughly.

24 A man *that hath* friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend *that* sticketh closer than a brother.

CHAPTER 19

BETTER *is* the poor that walketh in his integrity, than *he that is* perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

2 Also, *that* the soul *be* without knowledge, *it is* not good; and he that hasteth with *his* feet sinneth.

3 The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.

4 Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbour.

5 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lies shall not escape.

6 Many will intreat the favour of the prince: and every man *is* a friend to him that giveth gifts.

7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursueth *them with* words, *yet* they *are* wanting *to him*.

8 He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.

9 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lies shall perish.

10 Delight is not seemly for a fool; much less for a servant to have rule over princes.

11 The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and *it is* his glory to pass over a transgression.

12 The king's wrath *is* as the roaring of a lion; but his favour *is* as dew upon the grass.

13 A foolish son *is* the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife *are* a continual dropping.

14 House and riches *are* the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife *is* from the LORD.

15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.

16 He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; *but* he that despiseth his ways shall die.

17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

18 Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

19 A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if thou deliver *him*, yet thou must do it again.

20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.

21 *There are* many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

22 The desire of a man *is* his kindness: and a poor man *is* better than a liar.

23 The fear of the LORD *tendeth* to life: and *he that hath it* shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

24 A slothful *man* hideth his hand in *his* bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that hath understanding, *and* he will understand knowledge.

26 He that wasteth *his* father, *and* chaseth away *his* mother, *is* a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.

27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction *that causeth* to err from the words of knowledge.

28 An ungodly witness scorneth judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.

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3 *It is* an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.

4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; *therefore* shall he beg in harvest, and *have* nothing.

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tegrity: his children *are* blessed after
him.
8 A king *that* sitteth in the throne
of judgment scattereth away all evil
with his eyes.
9 Who can say, I have made my
heart clean, I am pure from my sin?
10 Divers weights, *and* divers mea-
sures, both of them *are* alike abomina-
tion to the LORD.
11 Even a child is known by his
doings, whether his work *be* pure, and
whether *it be* right.
12 The hearing ear, and the seeing
eye, the LORD hath made even both of
them.
13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to
poverty; open thine eyes, *and* thou
shalt be satisfied with bread.
14 *It is* naught, *it is* naught, saith
the buyer: but when he is gone his
way, then he boasteth.
15 There is gold, and a multitude of
rubies: but the lips of knowledge *are* a
precious jewel.
16 Take his garment that is surety
for a stranger: and take a pledge of
him for a strange woman.
17 Bread of deceit *is* sweet to a
man; but afterwards his mouth shall
be filled with gravel.
18 *Every* purpose is established by
counsel: and with good advice make
war.
19 He that goeth about *as* a tale-
er revealeth secrets: therefore
dle not with him that flattereth
his lips.
20 Whoso curseth his father or his
mother, his lamp shall be put out in
obscure darkness.
21 An inheritance *may be* gotten
hastily at the beginning; but the end
thereof shall not be blessed.
22 Say not thou, I will recompense
evil; *but* wait on the LORD, and he shall
save thee.
23 Divers weights are an abomina-
tion unto the LORD; and a false balance
is not good.
24 Man's goings *are* of the LORD;
how can a man then understand his
own way?
25 *It is* a snare to the man *who* de-
voureth *that which is* holy, and after
vows to make enquiry.
26 A wise king scattereth the wick-
ed, and bringeth the wheel over them.
27 The spirit of man *is* the candle
of the LORD, searching all the inward
parts of the belly.
28 Mercy and truth preserve the
king: and his throne is upholden by
mercy.
29 The glory of young men *is* their
strength: and the beauty of old men *is*
the grey head.
30 The blueness of a wound cleans-
eth away evil: so *do* stripes the inward
parts of the belly.

CHAPTER 21

THE king's heart *is* in the hand of
the LORD, *as* the rivers of water: he
turneth it whithersoever he will.
2 Every way of a man *is* right in his
own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the
hearts.
3 To do justice and judgment *is*
more acceptable to the LORD than sac-
rifice.
4 An high look, and a proud heart,
and the plowing of the wicked, *is* sin.
5 The thoughts of the diligent *tend*
only to plenteousness; but of every one
that is hasty only to want.
6 The getting of treasures by a lying
tongue *is* a vanity tossed to and fro of
them *that* seek death.
7 The robbery of the wicked shall
destroy them; because they refuse to
do judgment.
8 The way of man *is* froward and
strange: but *as for* the pure, his work
is right.
9 *It is* better to dwell in a corner of
the housetop, than with a brawling
woman in a wide house.
10 The soul of the wicked desireth
evil: his neighbour findeth no favour
in his eyes.
11 When the scorner is punished,
the simple is made wise: and when the
wise is instructed, he receiveth knowl-
edge.
12 The righteous *man* wisely con-
sidereth the house of the wicked: *but
God* overthroweth the wicked for *their*
wickedness.
13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the
cry of the poor, he also shall cry him-
self, but shall not be heard.
14 A gift in secret pacifieth anger:
and a reward in the bosom strong
wrath.
15 *It is* joy to the just to do judg-
ment: but destruction *shall be* to the
workers of iniquity.
16 The man that wandereth out of

the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.

17 He that loveth pleasure *shall be* a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

18 The wicked *shall be* a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.

19 *It is* better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

20 *There is* treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

21 He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

22 A wise *man* scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

24 Proud *and* haughty scorner *is* his name, who dealeth in proud wrath.

25 The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

26 He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not.

27 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* abomination: how much more, *when* he bringeth it with a wicked mind?

28 A false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.

29 A wicked man hardeneth his face: but *as for* the upright, he directeth his way.

30 *There is* no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.

31 The horse *is* prepared against the day of battle: but safety *is* of the LORD.

CHAPTER 22

A GOOD name *is* rather to be chosen than great riches, *and* loving favour rather than silver and gold.

2 The rich and poor meet together: the LORD *is* the maker of them all.

3 A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

4 By humility *and* the fear of the LORD *are* riches, and honour, and life.

5 Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.

6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

7 The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower *is* servant to the lender.

8 He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail.

9 He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

10 Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.

11 He that loveth pureness of heart, *for* the grace of his lips the king *shall be* his friend.

12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.

13 The slothful *man* saith, *There is* a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.

14 The mouth of strange women *is* a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.

15 Foolishness *is* bound in the heart of a child; *but* the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his *riches, and* he that giveth to the rich, *shall* surely *come* to want.

17 Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.

18 For *it is* a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips.

19 That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee.

20 Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge,

21 That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?

22 Rob not the poor, because he *is* poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate:

23 For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.

24 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:

25 Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

26 Be not thou *one* of them that strike hands, *or* of them that are sureties for debts.

27 If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thee?
28 Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.
29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean *men*.

CHAPTER 23

WHEN thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what *is* before thee:
2 And put a knife to thy throat, if thou *be* a man given to appetite.
3 Be not desirous of his dainties: for they *are* deceitful meat.
4 Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.
5 Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for *riches* certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.
6 Eat thou not the bread of *him that hath* an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats:
7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so *is* he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart *is* not with thee.
8 The morsel *which* thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words.
9 Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.
10 Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless:
11 For their redeemer *is* mighty; he shall plead their cause with thee.
12 Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.
13 Withhold not correction from the child: for *if* thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.
14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.
15 My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.
16 Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.
17 Let not thine heart envy sinners: but *be thou* in the fear of the LORD all the day long.
18 For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.
19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.
20 Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh:
21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe *a man* with rags.
22 Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.
23 Buy the truth, and sell *it* not; *also* wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.
24 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise *child* shall have joy of him.
25 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.
26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.
27 For a whore *is* a deep ditch; and a strange woman *is* a narrow pit.
28 She also lieth in wait as *for* a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among men.
29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?
30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.
31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it moveth itself aright.
32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.
33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.
34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.
35 They have stricken me, *shalt thou say, and* I was not sick; they have beaten me, *and* I felt *it* not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

CHAPTER 24

BE not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them.
2 For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.
3 Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:
4 And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.
5 A wise man *is* strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.
6 For by wise counsel thou shalt

make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.

7 Wisdom *is* too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate.

8 He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person.

9 The thought of foolishness *is* sin: and the scorner *is* an abomination to men.

10 *If* thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength *is* small.

11 If thou forbear to deliver *them that are* drawn unto death, and *those that are* ready to be slain;

12 If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider *it?* and he that keepeth thy soul, doth *not* he know *it?* and shall *not* he render to *every* man according to his works?

13 My son, eat thou honey, because *it is* good; and the honeycomb, *which is* sweet to thy taste:

14 So *shall* the knowledge of wisdom *be* unto thy soul: when thou hast found *it*, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

15 Lay not wait, O wicked *man*, against the dwelling of the righteous; spoil not his resting place:

16 For a just *man* falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

17 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth:

18 Lest the LORD see *it*, and *it* displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

19 Fret not thyself because of evil *men*, neither be thou envious at the wicked;

20 For there shall be no reward to the evil *man*; the candle of the wicked shall be put out.

21 My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: *and* meddle not with them that are given to change:

22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?

23 These *things* also *belong* to the wise. *It is* not good to have respect of persons in judgment.

24 He that saith unto the wicked, Thou *art* righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him:

25 But to them that rebuke *him* shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them.

26 *Every man* shall kiss *his* lips that giveth a right answer.

27 Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house.

28 Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive *not* with thy lips.

29 Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.

30 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;

31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, *and* nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

32 Then I saw, *and* considered *it* well: I looked upon *it, and* received instruction.

33 *Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

34 So shall thy poverty come *as* one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.

CHAPTER 25

THESE *are* also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hez-e-ki'-ah king of Judah copied out.

2 *It is* the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings *is* to search out a matter.

3 The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings *is* unsearchable.

4 Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer.

5 Take away the wicked *from* before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.

6 Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great *men:*

7 For better *it is* that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.

8 Go not forth hastily to strive, lest *thou know not* what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.

9 Debate thy cause with thy neighbour *himself;* and discover not a secret to another:

10 Lest he that heareth *it* put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.

11 A word fitly spoken *is like* apples
of gold in pictures of silver.
12 *As* an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, *so is* a wise reprover upon an obedient ear.
13 As the cold of snow in the time
of harvest, *so is* a faithful messenger
to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters.
14 Whoso boasteth himself of a
false gift *is like* clouds and wind without rain.
15 By long forbearing is a prince
persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh
the bone.
16 Hast thou found honey? eat so
much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou
be filled therewith, and vomit it.
17 Withdraw thy foot from thy
neighbour's house; lest he be weary of
thee, and *so* hate thee.
18 A man that beareth false witness
against his neighbour *is* a maul, and a
sword, and a sharp arrow.
19 Confidence in an unfaithful man
in time of trouble *is like* a broken
tooth, and a foot out of joint.
20 *As* he that taketh away a garment in cold weather, *and as* vinegar
upon nitre, so *is* he that singeth songs
to an heavy heart.
21 If thine enemy be hungry, give
him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty,
give him water to drink:
22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire
upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.
23 The north wind driveth away
rain: so *doth* an angry countenance a
backbiting tongue.
24 *It is* better to dwell in the corner
of the housetop, than with a brawling
woman and in a wide house.
25 *As* cold waters to a thirsty soul,
so *is* good news from a far country.
26 A righteous man falling down before the wicked *is as* a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring.
27 *It is* not good to eat much honey:
so *for men* to search their own glory *is*
not glory.
28 He that *hath* no rule over his
own spirit *is like* a city *that is* broken
down, *and* without walls.

CHAPTER 26

AS snow in summer, and as rain in
harvest, so honour is not seemly
for a fool.
2 As the bird by wandering, as the
swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.
3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for
the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.
4 Answer not a fool according to
his folly, lest thou also be like unto
him.
5 Answer a fool according to his
folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.
6 He that sendeth a message by the
hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, *and*
drinketh damage.
7 The legs of the lame are not equal:
so *is* a parable in the mouth of fools.
8 As he that bindeth a stone in a
sling, so *is* he that giveth honour to a
fool.
9 *As* the thorn goeth up into the
hand of a drunkard, so *is* a parable in
the mouth of fools.
10 The great *God* that formed all
things both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressors.
11 As a dog returneth to his vomit,
so a fool returneth to his folly.
12 Seest thou a man wise in his own
conceit? *there is* more hope of a fool
than of him.
13 The slothful *man* saith, *There is*
a lion in the way; a lion *is* in the
streets.
14 As the door turneth upon his
hinges, so *doth* the slothful upon his
bed.
15 The slothful hideth his hand in
his bosom; it grieveth him to bring it
again to his mouth.
16 The sluggard *is* wiser in his own
conceit than seven men that can render a reason.
17 He that passeth by, *and* meddleth with strife *belonging* not to him,
is like one that taketh a dog by the
ears.
18 As a mad *man* who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death,
19 So *is* the man *that* deceiveth his
neighbour, and saith, Am not I in
sport?
20 Where no wood is, *there* the fire
goeth out: so where *there is* no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.
21 *As* coals *are* to burning coals, and
wood to fire; so *is* a contentious man to
kindle strife.
22 The words of a talebearer *are* as
wounds, and they go down into the
innermost parts of the belly.
23 Burning lips and a wicked heart
are like a potsherd covered with silver
dross.

24 He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him;

25 When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for *there are* seven abominations in his heart.

26 *Whose* hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the *whole* congregation.

27 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

28 A lying tongue hateth *those that are* afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

CHAPTER 27

BOAST not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

3 A stone *is* heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath *is* heavier than them both.

4 Wrath *is* cruel, and anger *is* outrageous; but who *is* able to stand before envy?

5 Open rebuke *is* better than secret love.

6 Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful.

7 The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

8 As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so *is* a man that wandereth from his place.

9 Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so *doth* the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel.

10 Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: *for* better *is* a neighbour *that is* near than a brother far off.

11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me.

12 A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, *and* hideth himself; *but* the simple pass on, *and* are punished.

13 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger, and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

14 He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him.

15 A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

16 Whosoever hideth her hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand, *which* bewrayeth *itself*.

17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

18 Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured.

19 As in water face *answereth* to face, so the heart of man to man.

20 Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

21 As the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so *is* a man to his praise.

22 Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, *yet* will not his foolishness depart from him.

23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, *and* look well to thy herds.

24 For riches *are* not for ever: and doth the crown *endure* to every generation?

25 The hay appeareth, and the tender grass sheweth itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered.

26 The lambs *are* for thy clothing, and the goats *are* the price of the field.

27 And *thou shalt have* goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and *for* the maintenance for thy maidens.

CHAPTER 28

THE wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

2 For the transgression of a land many *are* the princes thereof: but by a man of understanding *and* knowledge the state *thereof* shall be prolonged.

3 A poor man that oppresseth the poor *is like* a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.

4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.

5 Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all *things*.

6 Better *is* the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than *he that is* perverse *in his* ways, though he *be* rich.

7 Whoso keepeth the law *is* a wise

son: but he that is a companion of riot-
ous *men* shameth his father.
8 He that by usury and unjust gain
increaseth his substance, he shall gath-
er it for him that will pity the poor.
9 He that turneth away his ear
from hearing the law, even his prayer
shall be abomination.
10 Whoso causeth the righteous to
go astray in an evil way, he shall fall
himself into his own pit: but the up-
right shall have good *things* in pos-
session.
11 The rich man *is* wise in his own
conceit; but the poor that hath under-
standing searcheth him out.
12 When righteous *men* do rejoice,
there is great glory: but when the wick-
ed rise, a man is hidden.
13 He that covereth his sins shall
not prosper: but whoso confesseth and
forsaketh *them* shall have mercy.
14 Happy *is* the man that feareth
alway: but he that hardeneth his heart
shall fall into mischief.
15 As a roaring lion, and a ranging
bear; *so is* a wicked ruler over the poor
people.
16 The prince that wanteth under-
standing *is* also a great oppressor: *but*
he that hateth covetousness shall pro-
long *his* days.
17 A man that doeth violence to the
blood of *any* person shall flee to the
pit; let no man stay him.
18 Whoso walketh uprightly shall
be saved: but *he that is* perverse *in his*
ways shall fall at once.
19 He that tilleth his land shall
have plenty of bread: but he that fol-
loweth after vain *persons* shall have
poverty enough.
20 A faithful man shall abound
with blessings: but he that maketh
haste to be rich shall not be innocent.
21 To have respect of persons *is* not
good: for for a piece of bread *that* man
will transgress.
22 He that hasteth to be rich *hath*
an evil eye, and considereth not that
poverty shall come upon him.
23 He that rebuketh a man after-
wards shall find more favour than he
that flattereth with the tongue.
24 Whoso robbeth his father or his
mother, and saith, *It is* no transgres-
sion; the same *is* the companion of a
destroyer.
25 He that is of a proud heart stir-
reth up strife: but he that putteth his
trust in the LORD shall be made fat.
26 He that trusteth in his own heart
is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he
shall be delivered.
27 He that giveth unto the poor
shall not lack: but he that hideth his
eyes shall have many a curse.
28 When the wicked rise, men hide
themselves: but when they perish, the
righteous increase.

CHAPTER 29

HE, that being often reproved har-
deneth *his* neck, shall suddenly
be destroyed, and that without reme-
dy.
2 When the righteous are in authori-
ty, the people rejoice: but when the
wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.
3 Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth
his father: but he that keepeth com-
pany with harlots spendeth *his* sub-
stance.
4 The king by judgment establish-
eth the land: but he that receiveth
gifts overthroweth it.
5 A man that flattereth his neigh-
bour spreadeth a net for his feet.
6 In the transgression of an evil
man *there is* a snare: but the righteous
doth sing and rejoice.
7 The righteous considereth the
cause of the poor: *but* the wicked re-
gardeth not to know *it*.
8 Scornful men bring a city into a
snare: but wise *men* turn away wrath.
9 *If* a wise man contendeth with a
foolish man, whether he rage or laugh,
there is no rest.
10 The bloodthirsty hate the up-
right: but the just seek his soul.
11 A fool uttereth all his mind: but
a wise *man* keepeth it in till after-
wards.
12 If a ruler hearken to lies, all his
servants *are* wicked.
13 The poor and the deceitful man
meet together: the LORD lighteneth
both their eyes.
14 The king that faithfully judgeth
the poor, his throne shall be estab-
lished for ever.
15 The rod and reproof give wis-
dom: but a child left *to himself* bring-
eth his mother to shame.
16 When the wicked are multiplied,
transgression increaseth: but the right-
eous shall see their fall.
17 Correct thy son, and he shall
give thee rest; yea, he shall give de-
light unto thy soul.
18 Where *there is* no vision, the peo-

ple perish: but he that keepeth the
law, happy *is* he.
19 A servant will not be corrected
by words: for though he understand he
will not answer.
20 Seest thou a man *that is* hasty in
his words? *there is* more hope of a fool
than of him.
21 He that delicately bringeth up
his servant from a child shall have him
become *his* son at the length.
22 An angry man stirreth up strife,
and a furious man aboundeth in trans-
gression.
23 A man's pride shall bring him
low: but honour shall uphold the hum-
ble in spirit.
24 Whoso is partner with a thief
hateth his own soul: he heareth curs-
ing, and bewrayeth *it* not.
25 The fear of man bringeth a snare:
but whoso putteth his trust in the
LORD shall be safe.
26 Many seek the ruler's favour; but
every man's judgment *cometh* from the
LORD.
27 An unjust man *is* an abomina-
tion to the just: and *he that is* upright
in the way *is* abomination to the
wicked.

CHAPTER 30

THE words of A'-gur the son of Ja'-
keh, *even* the prophecy: the man
spake unto Ith'-i-el, even unto Ith'-i-el
and U'-cal,
2 Surely I *am* more brutish than
any man, and have not the under-
standing of a man.
3 I neither learned wisdom, nor
have the knowledge of the holy.
4 Who hath ascended up into heav-
en, or descended? who hath gathered
the wind in his fists? who hath bound
the waters in a garment? who hath es-
tablished all the ends of the earth?
what *is* his name, and what *is* his son's
name, if thou canst tell?
5 Every word of God *is* pure: he *is*
a shield unto them that put their trust
in him.
6 Add thou not unto his words, lest
he reprove thee, and thou be found a
liar.
7 Two *things* have I required of
thee; deny me *them* not before I die:
8 Remove far from me vanity and
lies: give me neither poverty nor
riches; feed me with food convenient
for me:
9 Lest I be full, and deny *thee*, and
say, Who *is* the LORD? or lest I be poor,
and steal, and take the name of my
God *in vain*.
10 Accuse not a servant unto his
master, lest he curse thee, and thou be
found guilty.
11 *There is* a generation *that* curseth
their father, and doth not bless their
mother.
12 *There is* a generation *that are*
pure in their own eyes, and *yet* is not
washed from their filthiness.
13 *There is* a generation, O how
lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids
are lifted up.
14 *There is* a generation, whose
teeth *are as* swords, and their jaw
teeth *as* knives, to devour the poor
from off the earth, and the needy from
among men.
15 The horseleach hath two daugh-
ters, *crying*, Give, give. There are three
things that are never satisfied, *yea*, four
things say not, *It is* enough:
16 The grave; and the barren
womb; the earth *that* is not filled with
water; and the fire *that* saith not, *It is*
enough.
17 The eye *that* mocketh at *his* fa-
ther, and despiseth to obey *his* mother,
the ravens of the valley shall pick it
out, and the young eagles shall eat it.
18 There be three *things which* are
too wonderful for me, yea, four which
I know not:
19 The way of an eagle in the air;
the way of a serpent upon a rock; the
way of a ship in the midst of the sea;
and the way of a man with a maid.
20 Such *is* the way of an adulterous
woman; she eateth, and wipeth her
mouth, and saith, I have done no
wickedness.
21 For three *things* the earth is dis-
quieted, and for four *which* it cannot
bear:
22 For a servant when he reigneth;
and a fool when he is filled with meat;
23 For an odious *woman* when she
is married; and an handmaid that is
heir to her mistress.
24 There be four *things which are*
little upon the earth, but they *are* ex-
ceeding wise:
25 The ants *are* a people not strong,
yet they prepare their meat in the
summer;
26 The conies *are but* a feeble folk,
yet make they their houses in the rocks;
27 The locusts have no king, yet go
they forth all of them by bands;

28 The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.

29 There be three *things* which go well, yea, four are comely in going:

30 A lion *which is* strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any;

31 A greyhound; an he goat also; and a king, against whom *there is* no rising up.

32 If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, *lay* thine hand upon thy mouth.

33 Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

CHAPTER 31

THE words of king Lem'-u-el, the prophecy that his mother taught him.

2 What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?

3 Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.

4 *It is* not for kings, O Lem'-u-el, *it is* not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:

5 Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.

6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.

7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

8 Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction.

9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price *is* far above rubies.

11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

15 She riseth also while *it is* yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

18 She perceiveth that her merchandise *is* good: her candle goeth not out by night.

19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household *are* clothed with scarlet.

22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing *is* silk and purple.

23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth *it;* and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

25 Strength and honour *are* her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue *is* the law of kindness.

27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband *also,* and he praiseth her.

29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

30 Favour *is* deceitful, and beauty *is* vain: *but* a woman *that* feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Ecclesiastes;

or, The Preacher

CHAPTER 1

THE words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

2 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all *is* vanity.

3 What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?

4 *One* generation passeth away, and *another* generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever.

5 The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose.

6 The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.

7 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea *is* not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.

8 All things *are* full of labour; man cannot utter *it:* the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

9 The thing that hath been, it *is that* which shall be; and that which is done *is* that which shall be done: and *there is* no new *thing* under the sun.

10 Is there *any* thing whereof it may be said, See, this *is* new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.

11 *There is* no remembrance of former *things;* neither shall there be *any* remembrance of *things* that are to come with *those* that shall come after.

12 I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

13 And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all *things* that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith.

14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

15 *That which is* crooked cannot be made straight: and that which is wanting cannot be numbered.

16 I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all *they* that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.

17 And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit.

18 For in much wisdom *is* much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

CHAPTER 2

I SAID in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also *is* vanity.

2 I said of laughter, *It is* mad: and of mirth, What doeth it?

3 I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what *was* that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.

4 I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards:

5 I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all *kind of* fruits:

6 I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees:

7 I got *me* servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me:

8 I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, *as* musical instruments, and that of all sorts.

9 So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me.

10 And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and

this was my portion of all my labour.
11 Then I looked on all the works
that my hands had wrought, and on
the labour that I had laboured to do:
and, behold, all *was* vanity and vexation
of spirit, and *there was* no profit
under the sun.
12 And I turned myself to behold
wisdom, and madness, and folly: for
what *can* the man *do* that cometh after
the king? *even* that which hath been
already done.
13 Then I saw that wisdom excelleth
folly, as far as light excelleth darkness.
14 The wise man's eyes *are* in his
head; but the fool walketh in darkness:
and I myself perceived also that
one event happeneth to them all.
15 Then said I in my heart, As it
happeneth to the fool, so it happeneth
even to me; and why was I then more
wise? Then I said in my heart, that
this also *is* vanity.
16 For *there is* no remembrance of
the wise more than of the fool for ever;
seeing that which now *is* in the days
to come shall all be forgotten. And
how dieth the wise *man*? as the fool.
17 Therefore I hated life; because
the work that is wrought under the sun
is grievous unto me: for all *is* vanity
and vexation of spirit.
18 Yea, I hated all my labour which
I had taken under the sun: because I
should leave it unto the man that shall
be after me.
19 And who knoweth whether he
shall be a wise *man* or a fool? yet shall
he have rule over all my labour wherein
I have laboured, and wherein I have
shewed myself wise under the sun.
This *is* also vanity.
20 Therefore I went about to cause
my heart to despair of all the labour
which I took under the sun.
21 For there is a man whose labour
is in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in
equity; yet to a man that hath not
laboured therein shall he leave it *for*
his portion. This also *is* vanity and a
great evil.
22 For what hath man of all his labour,
and of the vexation of his heart,
wherein he hath laboured under the
sun?
23 For all his days *are* sorrows, and
his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh
not rest in the night. This is also vanity.
24 *There is* nothing better for a
man, *than* that he should eat and
drink, and *that* he should make his
soul enjoy good in his labour. This also
I saw, that it *was* from the hand of
God.
25 For who can eat, or who else can
hasten *hereunto*, more than I?
26 For *God* giveth to a man that *is*
good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge,
and joy: but to the sinner he
giveth travail, to gather and to heap
up, that he may give to *him that is*
good before God. This also *is* vanity
and vexation of spirit.

CHAPTER 3

TO every *thing there is* a season, and
a time to every purpose under the
heaven:
2 A time to be born, and a time to
die; a time to plant, and a time to
pluck up *that which is* planted;
3 A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to
build up;
4 A time to weep, and a time to
laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to
dance;
5 A time to cast away stones, and a
time to gather stones together; a time
to embrace, and a time to refrain from
embracing;
6 A time to get, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast
away;
7 A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to
speak;
8 A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.
9 What profit hath he that worketh
in that wherein he laboureth?
10 I have seen the travail, which
God hath given to the sons of men to
be exercised in it.
11 He hath made every *thing* beautiful
in his time: also he hath set the
world in their heart, so that no man
can find out the work that God maketh
from the beginning to the end.
12 I know that *there is* no good in
them, but for *a man* to rejoice, and to
do good in his life.
13 And also that every man should
eat and drink, and enjoy the good of
all his labour, it *is* the gift of God.
14 I know that, whatsoever God
doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can
be put to it, nor any thing taken from
it: and God doeth *it*, that *men* should
fear before him.

15 That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past.

16 And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, *that* wickedness *was* there; and the place of righteousness, *that* iniquity *was* there.

17 I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for *there is* a time there for every purpose and for every work.

18 I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts.

19 For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all *is* vanity.

20 All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

21 Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?

22 Wherefore I perceive that *there is* nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that *is* his portion: for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?

CHAPTER 4

SO I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of *such as were* oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors *there was* power; but they had no comforter.

2 Wherefore I praised the dead which are already dead more than the living which are yet alive.

3 Yea, better *is he* than both they, which hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.

4 Again, I considered all travail, and every right work, that for this a man is envied of his neighbour. This *is* also vanity and vexation of spirit.

5 The fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh.

6 Better *is* an handful *with* quietness, than both the hands full *with* travail and vexation of spirit.

7 Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun.

8 There is one *alone*, and *there is* not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother: yet *is there* no end of all his labour; neither is his eye satisfied with riches; neither *saith he*, For whom do I labour, and bereave my soul of good? This *is* also vanity, yea, it *is* a sore travail.

9 Two *are* better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him *that is* alone when he falleth; for *he hath* not another to help him up.

11 Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm *alone?*

12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

13 Better *is* a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king, who will no more be admonished.

14 For out of prison he cometh to reign; whereas also *he that is* born in his kingdom becometh poor.

15 I considered all the living which walk under the sun, with the second child that shall stand up in his stead.

16 *There is* no end of all the people, *even* of all that have been before them: they also that come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

CHAPTER 5

KEEP thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.

2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter *any* thing before God: for God *is* in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice *is known* by multitude of words.

4 When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for *he hath* no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.

5 Better *is it* that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.

6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy

flesh to sin; neither say thou before the
angel, that it *was* an error: wherefore
should God be angry at thy voice, and
destroy the work of thine hands?
7 For in the multitude of dreams
and many words *there are* also *divers*
vanities: but fear thou God.
8 If thou seest the oppression of the
poor, and violent perverting of judg-
ment and justice in a province, marvel
not at the matter: for *he that is* higher
than the highest regardeth; and *there
be* higher than they.
9 Moreover the profit of the earth
is for all: the king *himself* is served by
the field.
10 He that loveth silver shall not be
satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth
abundance with increase: this *is* also
vanity.
11 When goods increase, they are
increased that eat them: and what
good *is there* to the owners thereof, sav-
ing the beholding *of them* with their
eyes?
12 The sleep of a labouring man *is*
sweet, whether he eat little or much:
but the abundance of the rich will not
suffer him to sleep.
13 There is a sore evil *which* I have
seen under the sun, *namely* riches kept
for the owners thereof to their hurt.
14 But those riches perish by evil
travail: and he begetteth a son, and
there is nothing in his hand.
15 As he came forth of his mother's
womb, naked shall he return to go as
he came, and shall take nothing of his
labour, which he may carry away in
his hand.
16 And this also *is* a sore evil, *that*
in all points as he came, so shall he go:
and what profit hath he that hath la-
boured for the wind?
17 All his days also he eateth in
darkness, and *he hath* much sorrow and
wrath with his sickness.
18 Behold *that* which I have seen:
it is good and comely *for one* to eat and
to drink, and to enjoy the good of all
his labour that he taketh under the
sun all the days of his life, which God
giveth him: for it *is* his portion.
19 Every man also to whom God
hath given riches and wealth, and hath
given him power to eat thereof, and to
take his portion, and to rejoice in his
labour; this *is* the gift of God.
20 For he shall not much remember
the days of his life; because God an-
swereth *him* in the joy of his heart.

CHAPTER 6

THERE is an evil which I have seen
under the sun, and it *is* common
among men:
2 A man to whom God hath given
riches, wealth, and honour, so that he
wanteth nothing for his soul of all that
he desireth, yet God giveth him not
power to eat thereof, but a stranger
eateth it: this *is* vanity, and it *is* an
evil disease.
3 If a man beget an hundred *chil-
dren*, and live many years, so that the
days of his years be many, and his soul
be not filled with good, and also *that*
he have no burial; I say, *that* an un-
timely birth *is* better than he.
4 For he cometh in with vanity, and
departeth in darkness, and his name
shall be covered with darkness.
5 Moreover he hath not seen the
sun, nor known *any thing*: this hath
more rest than the other.
6 Yea, though he live a thousand
years twice *told*, yet hath he seen no
good: do not all go to one place?
7 All the labour of man *is* for his
mouth, and yet the appetite is not
filled.
8 For what hath the wise more than
the fool? what hath the poor, that
knoweth to walk before the living?
9 Better *is* the sight of the eyes than
the wandering of the desire: this *is* also
vanity and vexation of spirit.
10 That which hath been is named
already, and it is known that it *is*
man: neither may he contend with
him that is mightier than he.
11 Seeing there be many things
that increase vanity, what *is* man the
better?
12 For who knoweth what *is* good
for man in *this* life, all the days of his
vain life which he spendeth as a shad-
ow? for who can tell a man what shall
be after him under the sun?

CHAPTER 7

A GOOD name *is* better than pre-
cious ointment; and the day of
death than the day of one's birth.
2 *It is* better to go to the house of
mourning, than to go to the house of
feasting: for that *is* the end of all men;
and the living will lay *it* to his heart.
3 Sorrow *is* better than laughter:
for by the sadness of the countenance
the heart is made better.

4 The heart of the wise *is* in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools *is* in the house of mirth.

5 *It is* better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.

6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so *is* the laughter of the fool: this also *is* vanity.

7 Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad; and a gift destroyeth the heart.

8 Better *is* the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: *and* the patient in spirit *is* better than the proud in spirit.

9 Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

10 Say not thou, What is *the cause* that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this.

11 Wisdom *is* good with an inheritance: and *by it there is* profit to them that see the sun.

12 For wisdom *is* a defence, *and* money *is* a defence: but the excellency of knowledge *is, that* wisdom giveth life to them that have it.

13 Consider the work of God: for who can make *that* straight, which he hath made crooked?

14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

15 All *things* have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is a just *man* that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked *man* that prolongeth *his life* in his wickedness.

16 Be not righteous over much; neither make thyself over wise: why shouldest thou destroy thyself?

17 Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldest thou die before thy time?

18 *It is* good that thou shouldest take hold of this; yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand: for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all.

19 Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty *men* which are in the city.

20 For *there is* not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

21 Also take no heed unto all words that are spoken; lest thou hear thy servant curse thee:

22 For oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others.

23 All this have I proved by wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it *was* far from me.

24 That which is far off, and exceeding deep, who can find it out?

25 I applied mine heart to know and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason *of things*, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness *and* madness:

26 And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart *is* snares and nets, *and* her hands *as* bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her.

27 Behold, this have I found, saith the preacher, *counting* one by one, to find out the account:

28 Which yet my soul seeketh, but I find not: one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found.

29 Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

CHAPTER 8

WHO *is* as the wise *man?* and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.

2 I *counsel thee* to keep the king's commandment, and *that* in regard of the oath of God.

3 Be not hasty to go out of his sight: stand not in an evil thing; for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him.

4 Where the word of a king *is, there is* power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?

5 Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment.

6 Because to every purpose there is time and judgment, therefore the misery of man *is* great upon him.

7 For he knoweth not that which shall be: for who can tell him when it shall be?

8 *There is* no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither *hath he* power in the day of death: and *there is* no discharge in *that* war;

neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.

9 All this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun: *there is* a time wherein one man ruleth over another to his own hurt.

10 And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done: this *is* also vanity.

11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

12 Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his *days* be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him:

13 But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong *his* days, *which are* as a shadow; because he feareth not before God.

14 There is a vanity which is done upon the earth; that there be just *men*, unto whom it happeneth according to the work of the wicked; again, there be wicked *men*, to whom it happeneth according to the work of the righteous: I said that this also *is* vanity.

15 Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry: for that shall abide with him of his labour the days of his life, which God giveth him under the sun.

16 When I applied mine heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done upon the earth: (for also *there is that* neither day nor night seeth sleep with his eyes:)

17 Then I beheld all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun: because though a man labour to seek *it* out, yet he shall not find *it*; yea farther; though a wise *man* think to know *it*, yet shall he not be able to find *it*.

CHAPTER 9

FOR all this I considered in my heart even to declare all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, *are* in the hand of God: no man knoweth either love or hatred *by* all *that is* before them.

2 All *things come* alike to all: *there is* one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not: as *is* the good, so *is* the sinner; *and* he that sweareth, as *he* that feareth an oath.

3 This *is* an evil among all *things* that are done under the sun, that *there is* one event unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness *is* in their heart while they live, and after that *they go* to the dead.

4 For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

5 For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any *thing* that is done under the sun.

7 Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works.

8 Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment.

9 Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that *is* thy portion in *this* life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun.

10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do *it* with thy might; for *there is* no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

11 I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race *is* not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.

12 For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so *are* the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

13 This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it *seemed* great unto me:

14 *There was* a little city, and few
men within it; and there came a great
king against it, and besieged it, and
built great bulwarks against it:
15 Now there was found in it a poor
wise man, and he by his wisdom de-
livered the city; yet no man remem-
bered that same poor man.
16 Then said I, Wisdom *is* better
than strength: nevertheless the poor
man's wisdom *is* despised, and his
words are not heard.
17 The words of wise *men are* heard
in quiet more than the cry of him that
ruleth among fools.
18 Wisdom *is* better than weapons
of war: but one sinner destroyeth much
good.

CHAPTER 10

DEAD flies cause the ointment of
the apothecary to send forth a
stinking savour: *so doth* a little folly
him that is in reputation for wisdom
and honour.
2 A wise man's heart *is* at his right
hand; but a fool's heart at his left.
3 Yea also, when he that is a fool
walketh by the way, his wisdom fail-
eth *him*, and he saith to every one *that*
he is a fool.
4 If the spirit of the ruler rise up
against thee, leave not thy place; for
yielding pacifieth great offences.
5 There is an evil *which* I have seen
under the sun, as an error *which* pro-
ceedeth from the ruler:
6 Folly is set in great dignity, and
the rich sit in low place.
7 I have seen servants upon horses,
and princes walking as servants upon
the earth.
8 He that diggeth a pit shall fall
into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge,
a serpent shall bite him.
9 Whoso removeth stones shall be
hurt therewith; *and* he that cleaveth
wood shall be endangered thereby.
10 If the iron be blunt, and he do
not whet the edge, then must he put
to more strength: but wisdom *is* profit-
able to direct.
11 Surely the serpent will bite with-
out enchantment; and a babbler is no
better.
12 The words of a wise man's mouth
are gracious; but the lips of a fool will
swallow up himself.
13 The beginning of the words of
his mouth *is* foolishness: and the end
of his talk *is* mischievous madness.
14 A fool also is full of words: a man
cannot tell what shall be; and what
shall be after him, who can tell him?
15 The labour of the foolish wea-
rieth every one of them, because he
knoweth not how to go to the city.
16 Woe to thee, O land, when thy
king *is* a child, and thy princes eat in
the morning!
17 Blessed *art* thou, O land, when
thy king *is* the son of nobles, and thy
princes eat in due season, for strength,
and not for drunkenness!
18 By much slothfulness the build-
ing decayeth; and through idleness of
the hands the house droppeth through.
19 A feast is made for laughter, and
wine maketh merry: but money an-
swereth all *things*.
20 Curse not the king, no not in thy
thought; and curse not the rich in thy
bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall
carry the voice, and that which hath
wings shall tell the matter.

CHAPTER 11

CAST thy bread upon the waters:
for thou shalt find it after many
days.
2 Give a portion to seven, and also
to eight; for thou knowest not what
evil shall be upon the earth.
3 If the clouds be full of rain, they
empty *themselves* upon the earth: and
if the tree fall toward the south, or
toward the north, in the place where
the tree falleth, there it shall be.
4 He that observeth the wind shall
not sow; and he that regardeth the
clouds shall not reap.
5 As thou knowest not what *is* the
way of the spirit, *nor* how the bones
do grow in the womb of her that is with
child: even so thou knowest not the
works of God who maketh all.
6 In the morning sow thy seed, and
in the evening withhold not thine
hand: for thou knowest not whether
shall prosper, either this or that, or
whether they both *shall be* alike good.
7 Truly the light *is* sweet, and a
pleasant *thing it is* for the eyes to be-
hold the sun:
8 But if a man live many years, *and*
rejoice in them all; yet let him remem-
ber the days of darkness; for they shall
be many. All that cometh *is* vanity.
9 Rejoice, O young man, in thy
youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in
the days of thy youth, and walk in the
ways of thine heart, and in the sight of

thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these *things* God will bring thee into judgment.

10 Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth *are* vanity.

CHAPTER 12

REMEMBER now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou *shalt* say, I have no pleasure in them;

2 While the sun, or the light, or the moon, *or the stars*, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain:

3 In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened,

4 And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low;

5 Also *when* they shall be afraid of *that which is* high, and fears *shall be* in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets:

6 Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or *the pitcher* be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

7 *Then shall* the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

8 Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all *is* vanity.

9 And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, *and* set in order many proverbs.

10 The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and *that which was* written *was* upright, *even* words of truth.

11 The words of the wise *are* as goads, and as nails fastened *by* the masters of assemblies, *which* are given from one shepherd.

12 And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books *there is* no end; and much study *is* a weariness of the flesh.

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.

14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.

The Song of Solomon

CHAPTER 1

THE song of songs, which *is* Solomon's.

2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love *is* better than wine.

3 Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name *is as* ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee.

4 Draw me, we will run after thee: the king hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee.

5 I *am* black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Ke'dar, as the curtains of Solomon.

6 Look not upon me, because I *am* black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; *but* mine own vineyard have I not kept.

7 Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest *thy flock* to rest at noon: for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions?

8 If thou know not, O thou fairest among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.

9 I have compared thee, O my love, to a company of horses in Pharaoh's chariots.

10 Thy cheeks are comely with rows *of jewels,* thy neck with chains *of gold.*

11 We will make thee borders of gold with studs of silver.

12 While the king *sitteth* at his table, my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof.

13 A bundle of myrrh *is* my wellbeloved unto me; he shall lie all night betwixt my breasts.

14 My beloved *is* unto me *as* a cluster of camphire in the vineyards of En-ge'-di.

15 Behold, thou *art* fair, my love; behold, thou *art* fair; thou *hast* doves' eyes.

16 Behold, thou *art* fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also our bed *is* green.

17 The beams of our house *are* cedar, *and* our rafters of fir.

CHAPTER 2

I AM the rose of Sharon, *and* the lily of the valleys.

2 As the lily among thorns, so *is* my love among the daughters.

3 As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so *is* my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit *was* sweet to my taste.

4 He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me *was* love.

5 Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples: for I *am* sick of love.

6 His left hand *is* under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me.

7 I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love, till he please.

8 The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.

9 My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice.

10 My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

11 For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over *and* gone;

12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing *of birds* is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;

13 The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines *with* the tender grape give a *good* smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

14 O my dove, *that art* in the clefts of the rock, in the secret *places* of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet *is* thy voice, and thy countenance *is* comely.

15 Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines *have* tender grapes.

16 My beloved *is* mine, and I *am* his: he feedeth among the lilies.

17 Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of Be'-ther.

CHAPTER 3

BY night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.

2 I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.

3 The watchmen that go about the city found me: *to whom I said,* Saw ye him whom my soul loveth?

4 *It was* but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

5 I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love, till he please.

6 Who *is* this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant?

7 Behold his bed, which is Solomon's; threescore valiant men *are* about it, of the valiant of Israel.

8 They all hold swords, *being* expert in war: every man *hath* his sword upon his thigh because of fear in the night.

9 King Solomon made himself a chariot of the wood of Lebanon.

10 He made the pillars thereof *of* silver, the bottom thereof *of* gold, the covering of it *of* purple, the midst thereof being paved *with* love, for the daughters of Jerusalem.

11 Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion,

and behold king Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.

CHAPTER 4

BEHOLD, thou *art* fair, my love; behold, thou *art* fair; thou *hast* doves' eyes within thy locks: thy hair *is* as a flock of goats, that appear from mount Gilead.

2 Thy teeth *are* like a flock *of sheep that are even* shorn, which came up from the washing; whereof every one bear twins, and none *is* barren among them.

3 Thy lips *are* like a thread of scarlet, and thy speech *is* comely: thy temples *are* like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks.

4 Thy neck *is* like the tower of David builded for an armoury, whereon there hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men.

5 Thy two breasts *are* like two young roes that are twins, which feed among the lilies.

6 Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense.

7 Thou *art* all fair, my love; *there is* no spot in thee.

8 Come with me from Lebanon, *my* spouse, with me from Lebanon: look from the top of Am'-a-na, from the top of She'-nir and Her'-mon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.

9 Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, *my* spouse; thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes, with one chain of thy neck.

10 How fair is thy love, my sister, *my* spouse! how much better is thy love than wine! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices!

11 Thy lips, O *my* spouse, drop *as* the honeycomb: honey and milk *are* under thy tongue; and the smell of thy garments *is* like the smell of Lebanon.

12 A garden inclosed *is* my sister, *my* spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

13 Thy plants *are* an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; camphire, with spikenard,

14 Spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices:

15 A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon.

16 Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, *that* the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits.

CHAPTER 5

I AM come into my garden, my sister, *my* spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved.

2 I sleep, but my heart waketh: *it is* the voice of my beloved that knocketh, *saying*, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, *and* my locks with the drops of the night.

3 I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?

4 My beloved put in his hand by the hole *of the door*, and my bowels were moved for him.

5 I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped *with* myrrh, and my fingers *with* sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock.

6 I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, *and* was gone: my soul failed when he spake: I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.

7 The watchmen that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my vail from me.

8 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, that ye tell him, that I *am* sick of love.

9 What *is* thy beloved more than *another* beloved, O thou fairest among women? what *is* thy beloved more than *another* beloved, that thou dost so charge us?

10 My beloved *is* white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand.

11 His head *is as* the most fine gold, his locks *are* bushy, *and* black as a raven.

12 His eyes *are* as *the eyes* of doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, *and* fitly set.

13 His cheeks *are* as a bed of spices,

as sweet flowers: his lips *like* lilies,
dropping sweet smelling myrrh.
14 His hands *are as* gold rings set
with the beryl: his belly *is as* bright
ivory overlaid *with* sapphires.
15 His legs *are as* pillars of marble,
set upon sockets of fine gold: his coun-
tenance *is* as Lebanon, excellent as the
cedars.
16 His mouth *is* most sweet: yea, he
is altogether lovely. This *is* my be-
loved, and this *is* my friend, O daugh-
ters of Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 6

WHITHER is thy beloved gone,
O thou fairest among women?
whither is thy beloved turned aside?
that we may seek him with thee.
2 My beloved is gone down into his
garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in
the gardens, and to gather lilies.
3 I *am* my beloved's, and my be-
loved *is* mine: he feedeth among the
lilies.
4 Thou *art* beautiful, O my love, as
Tir'-zah, comely as Jerusalem, terrible
as *an army* with banners.
5 Turn away thine eyes from me,
for they have overcome me: thy hair
is as a flock of goats that appear from
Gilead.
6 Thy teeth *are* as a flock of sheep
which go up from the washing, whereof
every one beareth twins, and *there is*
not one barren among them.
7 As a piece of a pomegranate *are*
thy temples within thy locks.
8 There are threescore queens, and
fourscore concubines, and virgins with-
out number.
9 My dove, my undefiled is *but* one;
she *is* the *only* one of her mother, she
is the choice *one* of her that bare her.
The daughters saw her, and blessed
her; *yea*, the queens and the concu-
bines, and they praised her.
10 Who *is* she *that* looketh forth as
the morning, fair as the moon, clear as
the sun, *and* terrible as *an army* with
banners?
11 I went down into the garden of
nuts to see the fruits of the valley, *and*
to see whether the vine flourished, *and*
the pomegranates budded.
12 Or ever I was aware, my soul
made me *like* the chariots of Am-mi'-
na-dib.
13 Return, return, O Shu'-lam-ite;
return, return, that we may look upon
thee. What will ye see in the Shu'-lam-
ite? As it were the company of two
armies.

CHAPTER 7

HOW beautiful are thy feet with
shoes, O prince's daughter! the
joints of thy thighs *are* like jewels, the
work of the hands of a cunning work-
man.
2 Thy navel *is like* a round goblet,
which wanteth not liquor: thy belly *is*
like an heap of wheat set about with
lilies.
3 Thy two breasts *are* like two
young roes *that are* twins.
4 Thy neck *is* as a tower of ivory;
thine eyes *like* the fishpools in Hesh'-
bon, by the gate of Bath-rab'-bim: thy
nose *is* as the tower of Lebanon which
looketh toward Damascus.
5 Thine head upon thee *is* like Car-
mel, and the hair of thine head like
purple; the king *is* held in the galleries.
6 How fair and how pleasant art
thou, O love, for delights!
7 This thy stature is like to a palm
tree, and thy breasts to clusters *of*
grapes.
8 I said, I will go up to the palm
tree, I will take hold of the boughs
thereof: now also thy breasts shall be
as clusters of the vine, and the smell of
thy nose like apples;
9 And the roof of thy mouth like
the best wine for my beloved, that go-
eth *down* sweetly, causing the lips of
those that are asleep to speak.
10 I *am* my beloved's, and his de-
sire *is* toward me.
11 Come, my beloved, let us go
forth into the field; let us lodge in the
villages.
12 Let us get up early to the vine-
yards; let us see if the vine flourish,
whether the tender grape appear, *and*
the pomegranates bud forth: there will
I give thee my loves.
13 The mandrakes give a smell, and
at our gates *are* all manner of pleasant
fruits, new and old, *which* I have laid
up for thee, O my beloved.

CHAPTER 8

O THAT thou *wert* as my brother,
that sucked the breasts of my
mother! *when* I should find thee with-
out, I would kiss thee; yea, I should
not be despised.
2 I would lead thee, *and* bring thee
into my mother's house, *who* would in-
struct me: I would cause thee to drink

of spiced wine of the juice of my pome-
granate.
3 His left hand *should be* under my
head, and his right hand should em-
brace me.
4 I charge you, O *daughters of* Jeru-
salem, that ye stir not up, nor awake
my love, until he please.
5 Who *is this that* cometh up from
the wilderness, leaning upon her be-
loved? I raised thee up under the apple
tree: there thy mother brought thee
forth: there she brought thee forth
that bare thee.
6 Set me as a seal upon thine heart,
as a seal upon thine arm: for love *is*
strong as death; jealousy *is* cruel as the
grave: the coals thereof *are* coals of
fire, *which hath* a most vehement flame.
7 Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it: if a
man would give all the substance of
his house for love, it would utterly be
contemned.
8 We have a little sister, and she
hath no breasts: what shall we do for
our sister in the day when she shall be
spoken for?
9 If she *be* a wall, we will build upon
her a palace of silver: and if she *be* a
door, we will inclose her with boards
of cedar.
10 I *am* a wall, and my breasts like
towers: then was I in his eyes as one
that found favour.
11 Solomon had a vineyard at Ba'-
al–ha'-mon; he let out the vineyard un-
to keepers; every one for the fruit
thereof was to bring a thousand *pieces*
of silver.
12 My vineyard, which *is* mine, *is*
before me: thou, O Solomon, *must have*
a thousand, and those that keep the
fruit thereof two hundred.
13 Thou that dwellest in the gar-
dens, the companions hearken to thy
voice: cause me to hear *it*.
14 Make haste, my beloved, and be
thou like to a roe or to a young hart
upon the mountains of spices.

The Book of the Prophet Isaiah

CHAPTER 1

THE vision of Isaiah the son of
Amoz, which he saw concerning
Judah and Jerusalem in the days
of Uz-zi'-ah, Jo'-tham, Ahaz, *and* Hez-
e-ki'-ah, kings of Judah.
2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O
earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I
have nourished and brought up chil-
dren, and they have rebelled against
me.
3 The ox knoweth his owner, and
the ass his master's crib: *but* Israel
doth not know, my people doth not
consider.
4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden
with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, chil-
dren that are corrupters: they have
forsaken the LORD, they have pro-
voked the Holy One of Israel unto an-
ger, they are gone away backward.
5 Why should ye be stricken any
more? ye will revolt more and more:
the whole head is sick, and the whole
heart faint.
6 From the sole of the foot even un-
to the head *there is* no soundness in it;
but wounds, and bruises, and putrify-
ing sores: they have not been closed,
neither bound up, neither mollified
with ointment.
7 Your country *is* desolate, your
cities *are* burned with fire: your land,
strangers devour it in your presence,
and *it is* desolate, as overthrown by
strangers.
8 And the daughter of Zion is left
as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge
in a garden of cucumbers, as a be-
sieged city.
9 Except the LORD of hosts had left
unto us a very small remnant, we
should have been as Sodom, *and* we
should have been like unto Go-mor'-
rah.
10 Hear the word of the LORD, ye
rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law
of our God, ye people of Go-mor'-rah.
11 To what purpose *is* the multi-
tude of your sacrifices unto me? saith
the LORD: I am full of the burnt offer-
ings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts;
and I delight not in the blood of bul-
locks, or of lambs, or of he goats.
12 When ye come to appear before

me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?

13 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; *it is* iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear *them*.

15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;

17 Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

21 How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.

22 Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water:

23 Thy princes *are* rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

24 Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies:

25 And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin:

26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.

27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.

28 And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners *shall be* together, and they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed.

29 For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen.

30 For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water.

31 And the strong shall be as tow, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench *them*.

CHAPTER 2

THE word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

6 Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished from the east, and *are* soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers.

7 Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither *is there any* end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither *is there any* end of their chariots:

8 Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made:

9 And the mean man boweth down, and the great man humbleth himself: therefore forgive them not.

10 Enter into the rock, and hide

thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD,
and for the glory of his majesty.
11 The lofty looks of man shall be
humbled, and the haughtiness of men
shall be bowed down, and the LORD
alone shall be exalted in that day.
12 For the day of the LORD of hosts
shall be upon every *one that is* proud
and lofty, and upon every *one that is*
lifted up; and he shall be brought low:
13 And upon all the cedars of Leb-
anon, *that are* high and lifted up, and
upon all the oaks of Ba'-shan,
14 And upon all the high moun-
tains, and upon all the hills *that are*
lifted up,
15 And upon every high tower, and
upon every fenced wall,
16 And upon all the ships of Tar-
shish, and upon all pleasant pictures.
17 And the loftiness of man shall be
bowed down, and the haughtiness of
men shall be made low: and the LORD
alone shall be exalted in that day.
18 And the idols he shall utterly
abolish.
19 And they shall go into the holes
of the rocks, and into the caves of the
earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the
glory of his majesty, when he ariseth
to shake terribly the earth.
20 In that day a man shall cast his
idols of silver, and his idols of gold,
which they made *each one* for himself
to worship, to the moles and to the
bats;
21 To go into the clefts of the rocks,
and into the tops of the ragged rocks,
for fear of the LORD, and for the glory
of his majesty, when he ariseth to
shake terribly the earth.
22 Cease ye from man, whose
breath *is* in his nostrils: for wherein is
he to be accounted of?

CHAPTER 3

FOR, behold, the Lord, the LORD of
hosts, doth take away from Jeru-
salem and from Judah the stay and
the staff, the whole stay of bread, and
the whole stay of water,
2 The mighty man, and the man of
war, the judge, and the prophet, and
the prudent, and the ancient,
3 The captain of fifty, and the hon-
ourable man, and the counsellor, and
the cunning artificer, and the eloquent
orator.
4 And I will give children *to be* their
princes, and babes shall rule over
them.
5 And the people shall be oppressed,
every one by another, and every one
by his neighbour: the child shall be-
have himself proudly against the an-
cient, and the base against the hon-
ourable.
6 When a man shall take hold of his
brother of the house of his father, *say-
ing*, Thou hast clothing, be thou our
ruler, and *let* this ruin *be* under thy
hand:
7 In that day shall he swear, say-
ing, I will not be an healer; for in my
house *is* neither bread nor clothing:
make me not a ruler of the people.
8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Ju-
dah is fallen: because their tongue and
their doings *are* against the LORD, to
provoke the eyes of his glory.
9 The shew of their countenance
doth witness against them; and they
declare their sin as Sodom, they hide
it not. Woe unto their soul! for they
have rewarded evil unto themselves.
10 Say ye to the righteous, that *it
shall be* well *with him:* for they shall eat
the fruit of their doings.
11 Woe unto the wicked! *it shall be*
ill *with him:* for the reward of his hands
shall be given him.
12 *As for* my people, children *are*
their oppressors, and women rule over
them. O my people, they which lead
thee cause *thee* to err, and destroy the
way of thy paths.
13 The LORD standeth up to plead,
and standeth to judge the people.
14 The LORD will enter into judg-
ment with the ancients of his people,
and the princes thereof: for ye have
eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the
poor *is* in your houses.
15 What mean ye *that* ye beat my
people to pieces, and grind the faces of
the poor? saith the Lord GOD of hosts.
16 Moreover the LORD saith, Be-
cause the daughters of Zion are haugh-
ty, and walk with stretched forth
necks and wanton eyes, walking and
mincing *as* they go, and making a tin-
kling with their feet:
17 Therefore the Lord will smite
with a scab the crown of the head of
the daughters of Zion, and the LORD
will discover their secret parts.
18 In that day the Lord will take
away the bravery of *their* tinkling or-
naments *about their feet*, and *their* cauls,
and *their* round tires like the moon,
19 The chains, and the bracelets,
and the mufflers,

20 The bonnets, and the ornaments
of the legs, and the headbands, and the
tablets, and the earrings,
21 The rings, and nose jewels,
22 The changeable suits of apparel,
and the mantles, and the wimples, and
the crisping pins,
23 The glasses, and the fine linen,
and the hoods, and the vails.
24 And it shall come to pass, *that*
instead of sweet smell there shall be
stink; and instead of a girdle a rent;
and instead of well set hair baldness;
and instead of a stomacher a girding
of sackcloth; *and* burning instead of
beauty.
25 Thy men shall fall by the sword,
and thy mighty in the war.
26 And her gates shall lament and
mourn; and she *being* desolate shall sit
upon the ground.

CHAPTER 4

AND in that day seven women shall
take hold of one man, saying, We
will eat our own bread, and wear our
own apparel: only let us be called by
thy name, to take away our reproach.
2 In that day shall the branch of
the LORD be beautiful and glorious,
and the fruit of the earth *shall be* ex-
cellent and comely for them that are
escaped of Israel.
3 And it shall come to pass, *that he*
that is left in Zion, and *he that* remain-
eth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy,
even every one that is written among
the living in Jerusalem:
4 When the Lord shall have washed
away the filth of the daughters of Zion,
and shall have purged the blood of
Jerusalem from the midst thereof by
the spirit of judgment, and by the
spirit of burning.
5 And the LORD will create upon
every dwelling place of mount Zion,
and upon her assemblies, a cloud and
smoke by day, and the shining of a
flaming fire by night: for upon all the
glory *shall be* a defence.
6 And there shall be a tabernacle
for a shadow in the daytime from the
heat, and for a place of refuge, and for
a covert from storm and from rain.

CHAPTER 5

NOW will I sing to my wellbeloved
a song of my beloved touching
his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a
vineyard in a very fruitful hill:
2 And he fenced it, and gathered
out the stones thereof, and planted it
with the choicest vine, and built a
tower in the midst of it, and also made
a winepress therein: and he looked
that it should bring forth grapes, and
it brought forth wild grapes.
3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusa-
lem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray
you, betwixt me and my vineyard.
4 What could have been done more
to my vineyard, that I have not done
in it? wherefore, when I looked that it
should bring forth grapes, brought it
forth wild grapes?
5 And now go to; I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard: I will
take away the hedge thereof, and it
shall be eaten up; *and* break down the
wall thereof, and it shall be trodden
down:
6 And I will lay it waste: it shall not
be pruned, nor digged; but there shall
come up briers and thorns: I will also
command the clouds that they rain no
rain upon it.
7 For the vineyard of the LORD of
hosts *is* the house of Israel, and the
men of Judah his pleasant plant: and
he looked for judgment, but behold
oppression; for righteousness, but be-
hold a cry.
8 Woe unto them that join house to
house, *that* lay field to field, till *there be*
no place, that they may be placed
alone in the midst of the earth!
9 In mine ears *said* the LORD of
hosts, Of a truth many houses shall be
desolate, *even* great and fair, without
inhabitant.
10 Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall
yield one bath, and the seed of an
homer shall yield an ephah.
11 Woe unto them that rise up
early in the morning, *that* they may
follow strong drink; that continue un-
til night, *till* wine inflame them!
12 And the harp, and the viol, the
tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in
their feasts: but they regard not the
work of the LORD, neither consider the
operation of his hands.
13 Therefore my people are gone in-
to captivity, because *they have* no
knowledge: and their honourable men
are famished, and their multitude
dried up with thirst.
14 Therefore hell hath enlarged her-
self, and opened her mouth without
measure: and their glory, and their
multitude, and their pomp, and he
that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

15 And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty *shall be humbled:*

16 But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

17 Then shall the lambs feed after their manner, and the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat.

18 Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope:

19 That say, Let him make speed, *and* hasten his work, that we may see *it:* and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know *it!*

20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

21 Woe unto *them that are* wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

22 Woe unto *them that are* mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:

23 Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

24 Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, *so* their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

25 Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcases *were* torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

26 And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly:

27 None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken:

28 Whose arrows *are* sharp, and all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind:

29 Their roaring *shall be* like a lion, they shall roar like young lions: yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry *it* away safe, and none shall deliver *it.*

30 And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea: and if *one* look unto the land, behold darkness *and* sorrow, and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof.

CHAPTER 6

IN the year that king Uz-zi'ah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, *is* the LORD of hosts: the whole earth *is* full of his glory.

4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 Then said I, Woe *is* me! for I am undone; because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

7 And he laid *it* upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here *am* I; send me.

9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

11 Then said I, Lord, how long?

And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,

12 And the LORD have removed men far away, and *there be* a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

13 But yet in it *shall be* a tenth, and *it* shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance *is* in them, when they cast *their leaves:* so the holy seed *shall be* the substance thereof.

CHAPTER 7

AND it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jo'-tham, the son of Uz-zi'-ah, king of Judah, *that* Re'-zin the king of Syria, and Pe'-kah the son of Rem-a-li'-ah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it.

2 And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is confederate with E'-phra-im. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.

3 Then said the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and She'-ar--ja'-shub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field;

4 And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Re'-zin with Syria, and of the son of Rem-a-li'-ah.

5 Because Syria, E'-phra-im, and the son of Rem-a-li'-ah, have taken evil counsel against thee, saying,

6 Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst of it, *even* the son of Ta'-be-al:

7 Thus saith the Lord GOD, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass.

8 For the head of Syria *is* Damascus, and the head of Damascus *is* Re'-zin; and within threescore and five years shall E'-phra-im be broken, that it be not a people.

9 And the head of E'-phra-im *is* Sa-ma'-ri-a, and the head of Sa-ma'-ri-a *is* Rem-a-li'-ah's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.

10 Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying,

11 Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.

12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD.

13 And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; *Is it* a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also?

14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Im-man'-u-el.

15 Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

16 For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.

17 The LORD shall bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father's house, days that have not come, from the day that E'-phra-im departed from Judah; *even* the king of Assyria.

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the LORD shall hiss for the fly that *is* in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that *is* in the land of Assyria.

19 And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all bushes.

20 In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired, *namely*, by them beyond the river, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet: and it shall also consume the beard.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep;

22 And it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk *that* they shall give he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the land.

23 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* every place shall be, where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silverlings, it shall *even* be for briers and thorns.

24 With arrows and with bows shall *men* come thither; because all the land shall become briers and thorns.

25 And *on* all hills that shall be digged with the mattock, there shall not come thither the fear of briers and thorns: but it shall be for the sending

forth of oxen, and for the treading of
lesser cattle.

CHAPTER 8

MOREOVER the LORD said unto
me, Take thee a great roll, and
write in it with a man's pen concerning
Ma'-her-shal'-al-hash'-baz.
2 And I took unto me faithful wit-
nesses to record, U-ri'-ah the priest,
and Zech-a-ri'-ah the son of Je-ber-e-
chi'-ah.
3 And I went unto the prophetess;
and she conceived, and bare a son.
Then said the LORD to me, Call his
name Ma'-her-shal'-al-hash'-baz.
4 For before the child shall have
knowledge to cry, My father, and my
mother, the riches of Damascus and
the spoil of Sa-ma'-ri-a shall be taken
away before the king of Assyria.
5 The LORD spake also unto me
again, saying,
6 Forasmuch as this people refuseth
the waters of Shi-lo'-ah that go softly,
and rejoice in Re'-zin and Rem-a-li'-
ah's son;
7 Now therefore, behold, the Lord
bringeth up upon them the waters of
the river, strong and many, *even* the
king of Assyria, and all his glory: and
he shall come up over all his channels,
and go over all his banks:
8 And he shall pass through Judah;
he shall overflow and go over, he shall
reach *even* to the neck; and the stretch-
ing out of his wings shall fill the
breadth of thy land, O Im-man'-u-el.
9 Associate yourselves, O ye people,
and ye shall be broken in pieces; and
give ear, all ye of far countries: gird
yourselves, and ye shall be broken in
pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be
broken in pieces.
10 Take counsel together, and it
shall come to nought; speak the word,
and it shall not stand: for God *is* with
us.
11 For the LORD spake thus to me
with a strong hand, and instructed me
that I should not walk in the way of
this people, saying,
12 Say ye not, A confederacy, to all
them to whom this people shall say, A
confederacy; neither fear ye their fear,
nor be afraid.
13 Sanctify the LORD of hosts him-
self; and *let* him *be* your fear, and *let*
him *be* your dread.
14 And he shall be for a sanctuary;
but for a stone of stumbling and for a
rock of offence to both the houses of
Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the
inhabitants of Jerusalem.
15 And many among them shall
stumble, and fall, and be broken, and
be snared, and be taken.
16 Bind up the testimony, seal the
law among my disciples.
17 And I will wait upon the LORD,
that hideth his face from the house of
Jacob, and I will look for him.
18 Behold, I and the children whom
the LORD hath given me *are* for signs
and for wonders in Israel from the
LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in
mount Zion.
19 And when they shall say unto
you, Seek unto them that have famil-
iar spirits, and unto wizards that peep,
and that mutter: should not a people
seek unto their God? for the living to
the dead?
20 To the law and to the testimony:
if they speak not according to this
word, *it is* because *there is* no light in
them.
21 And they shall pass through it,
hardly bestead and hungry: and it
shall come to pass, that when they
shall be hungry, they shall fret them-
selves, and curse their king and their
God, and look upward.
22 And they shall look unto the
earth; and behold trouble and dark-
ness, dimness of anguish; and *they shall*
be driven to darkness.

CHAPTER 9

NEVERTHELESS the dimness
shall not *be* such as *was* in her
vexation, when at the first he lightly
afflicted the land of Zeb'-u-lun and the
land of Naph'-ta-li, and afterward did
more grievously afflict *her by* the way
of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee
of the nations.
2 The people that walked in dark-
ness have seen a great light: they that
dwell in the land of the shadow of
death, upon them hath the light
shined.
3 Thou hast multiplied the nation,
and not increased the joy: they joy be-
fore thee according to the joy in har-
vest, *and* as *men* rejoice when they
divide the spoil.
4 For thou hast broken the yoke of
his burden, and the staff of his shoul-
der, the rod of his oppressor, as in the
day of Mid'-i-an.
5 For every battle of the warrior *is*

with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but *this* shall be with burning *and* fuel of fire.

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

8 The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel.

9 And all the people shall know, *even* E'-phra-im and the inhabitant of Sa-ma'-ri-a, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart,

10 The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the sycomores are cut down, but we will change *them into* cedars.

11 Therefore the LORD shall set up the adversaries of Re'-zin against him, and join his enemies together;

12 The Syrians before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

13 For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, neither do they seek the LORD of hosts.

14 Therefore the LORD will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, in one day.

15 The ancient and honourable, he *is* the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he *is* the tail.

16 For the leaders of this people cause *them* to err; and *they that are* led of them *are* destroyed.

17 Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows: for every one *is* an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

18 For wickedness burneth as the fire: it shall devour the briers and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up *like* the lifting up of smoke.

19 Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts is the land darkened, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire: no man shall spare his brother.

20 And he shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied: they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm:

21 Ma-nas'-seh, E'-phra-im; and E'-phra-im, Ma-nas'-seh: *and* they together *shall be* against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

CHAPTER 10

WOE unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness *which* they have prescribed;

2 To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and *that* they may rob the fatherless!

3 And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation *which* shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory?

4 Without me they shall bow down under the prisoners, and they shall fall under the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

5 O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.

6 I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

7 Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but *it is* in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few.

8 For he saith, *Are* not my princes altogether kings?

9 *Is* not Cal'-no as Car'-che-mish? *is* not Ha'-math as Ar'-pad? *is* not Sa-ma'-ri-a as Damascus?

10 As my hand hath found the kingdoms of the idols, and whose graven images did excel them of Jerusalem and of Sa-ma'-ri-a;

11 Shall I not, as I have done unto Sa-ma'-ri-a and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?

12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, *that* when the Lord hath performed his

whole work upon mount Zion and on
Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of
the stout heart of the king of Assyria,
and the glory of his high looks.
13 For he saith, By the strength of
my hand I have done *it*, and by my
wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have
removed the bounds of the people, and
have robbed their treasures, and I
have put down the inhabitants like a
valiant *man*:
14 And my hand hath found as a
nest the riches of the people: and as
one gathereth eggs *that are* left, have I
gathered all the earth; and there was
none that moved the wing, or opened
the mouth, or peeped.
15 Shall the axe boast itself against
him that heweth therewith? *or* shall
the saw magnify itself against him
that shaketh it? as if the rod should
shake *itself* against them that lift it up,
or as if the staff should lift up *itself, as
if it were* no wood.
16 Therefore shall the Lord, the
Lord of hosts, send among his fat ones
leanness; and under his glory he shall
kindle a burning like the burning of a
fire.
17 And the light of Israel shall be
for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame:
and it shall burn and devour his thorns
and his briers in one day;
18 And shall consume the glory of
his forest, and of his fruitful field, both
soul and body: and they shall be as
when a standardbearer fainteth.
19 And the rest of the trees of his
forest shall be few, that a child may
write them.
20 And it shall come to pass in that
day, *that* the remnant of Israel, and
such as are escaped of the house of Ja-
cob, shall no more again stay upon him
that smote them; but shall stay upon
the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in
truth.
21 The remnant shall return, *even*
the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty
God.
22 For though thy people Israel be
as the sand of the sea, *yet* a remnant of
them shall return: the consumption
decreed shall overflow with righteous-
ness.
23 For the Lord GOD of hosts shall
make a consumption, even deter-
mined, in the midst of all the land.
24 Therefore thus saith the Lord
GOD of hosts, O my people that dwell-
est in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyr-
ian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and
shall lift up his staff against thee, after
the manner of Egypt.
25 For yet a very little while, and
the indignation shall cease, and mine
anger in their destruction.
26 And the LORD of hosts shall stir
up a scourge for him according to the
slaughter of Mid´-i-an at the rock of
O´-reb: and *as* his rod *was* upon the sea,
so shall he lift it up after the manner
of Egypt.
27 And it shall come to pass in that
day, *that* his burden shall be taken
away from off thy shoulder, and his
yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke
shall be destroyed because of the
anointing.
28 He is come to A-i´-ath, he is
passed to Mig´-ron; at Mich´-mash he
hath laid up his carriages:
29 They are gone over the passage:
they have taken up their lodging at
Ge´-ba; Ra´-mah is afraid; *Gib´-e-ah* of
Saul is fled.
30 Lift up thy voice, O daughter of
Gal´-lim: cause it to be heard unto La´-
ish, O poor An´-a-thoth.
31 Mad-me´-nah is removed; the in-
habitants of Ge´-bim gather them-
selves to flee.
32 As yet shall he remain at Nob
that day: he shall shake his hand
against the mount of the daughter of
Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.
33 Behold, the Lord, the LORD of
hosts, shall lop the bough with terror:
and the high ones of stature *shall* be
hewn down, and the haughty shall be
humbled.
34 And he shall cut down the thick-
ets of the forest with iron, and Leba-
non shall fall by a mighty one.

CHAPTER 11

AND there shall come forth a rod out
of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch
shall grow *out of his* roots:
2 And the spirit of the LORD shall
rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom
and understanding, the spirit of coun-
sel and might, the spirit of knowledge
and of the fear of the LORD;
3 And shall make him of quick un-
derstanding in the fear of the LORD:
and he shall not judge after the sight
of his eyes, neither reprove after the
hearing of his ears:
4 But with righteousness shall he
judge the poor, and reprove with
equity for the meek of the earth: and

he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice den.

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

11 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Path'-ros, and from Cush, and from E'-lam, and from Shi'-nar, and from Ha'-math, and from the islands of the sea.

12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

13 The envy also of E'-phra-im shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: E'-phra-im shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex E'-phra-im.

14 But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.

15 And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make *men* go over dryshod.

16 And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as *it* was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

CHAPTER 12

AND in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

2 Behold, God *is* my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH *is* my strength and *my* song; he also is become my salvation.

3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

4 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

5 Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this *is* known in all the earth.

6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great *is* the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

CHAPTER 13

THE burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see.

2 Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.

3 I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, *even* them that rejoice in my highness.

4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle.

5 They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, *even* the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

6 Howl ye; for the day of the LORD *is* at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:

8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces *shall be as* flames.

Di'-mon, lions upon him that escapeth of Moab, and upon the remnant of the land.

CHAPTER 16

SEND ye the lamb to the ruler of the land from Se'-la to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion.

2 For it shall be, *that*, as a wandering bird cast out of the nest, *so* the daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of Arnon.

3 Take counsel, execute judgment; make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; bewray not him that wandereth.

4 Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler: for the extortioner is at an end, the spoiler ceaseth, the oppressors are consumed out of the land.

5 And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness.

6 We have heard of the pride of Moab; *he is* very proud: *even* of his haughtiness, and his pride, and his wrath: *but* his lies *shall* not *be* so.

7 Therefore shall Moab howl for Moab, every one shall howl: for the foundations of Kir–har'-e-seth shall ye mourn; surely *they are* stricken.

8 For the fields of Hesh'-bon languish, *and* the vine of Sib'-mah: the lords of the heathen have broken down the principal plants thereof, they are come *even* unto Ja'-zer, they wandered *through* the wilderness: her branches are stretched out, they are gone over the sea.

9 Therefore I will bewail with the weeping of Ja'-zer the vine of Sib'-mah: I will water thee with my tears, O Hesh'-bon, and E-le-a'-leh: for the shouting for thy summer fruits and for thy harvest is fallen.

10 And gladness is taken away, and joy out of the plentiful field; and in the vineyards there shall be no singing, neither shall there be shouting: the treaders shall tread out no wine in *their* presses; I have made *their vintage* shouting to cease.

11 Wherefore my bowels shall sound like an harp for Moab, and mine inward parts for Kir–ha'-resh.

12 And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Moab is weary on the high place, that he shall come to his sanctuary to pray; but he shall not prevail.

13 This *is* the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning Moab since *that time*.

14 But now the LORD hath spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of an hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be contemned, with all that great multitude; and the remnant *shall be* very small *and* feeble.

CHAPTER 17

THE burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from *being* a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.

2 The cities of Ar'-o-er *are* forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid.

3 The fortress also shall cease from E'-phra-im, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 And in that day it shall come to pass, *that* the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.

5 And it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the corn, and reapeth the ears with his arm; and it shall be as he that gathereth ears in the valley of Reph'-a-im.

6 Yet gleaning grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two *or* three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four *or* five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, saith the LORD God of Israel.

7 At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel.

8 And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall respect *that* which his fingers have made, either the groves, or the images.

9 In that day shall his strong cities be as a forsaken bough, and an uppermost branch, which they left because of the children of Israel: and there shall be desolation.

10 Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy strength, therefore shalt thou plant pleasant plants, and shalt set it with strange slips:

11 In the day shalt thou make thy
plant to grow, and in the morning
shalt thou make thy seed to flourish:
but the harvest *shall be* a heap in the
day of grief and of desperate sorrow.
12 Woe to the multitude of many
people, *which* make a noise like the
noise of the seas; and to the rushing of
nations, *that* make a rushing like the
rushing of mighty waters!
13 The nations shall rush like the
rushing of many waters: but *God* shall
rebuke them, and they shall flee far
off, and shall be chased as the chaff of
the mountains before the wind, and
like a rolling thing before the whirl-
wind.
14 And behold at eveningtide trou-
ble; *and* before the morning he *is* not.
This *is* the portion of them that spoil
us, and the lot of them that rob us.

CHAPTER 18

WOE to the land shadowing with
wings, which *is* beyond the riv-
ers of E-thi-o'-pi-a:
2 That sendeth ambassadors by the
sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon
the waters, *saying*, Go, ye swift mes-
sengers, to a nation scattered and
peeled, to a people terrible from their
beginning hitherto; a nation meted out
and trodden down, whose land the
rivers have spoiled!
3 All ye inhabitants of the world,
and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when
he lifteth up an ensign on the moun-
tains; and when he bloweth a trumpet,
hear ye.
4 For so the LORD said unto me, I
will take my rest, and I will consider
in my dwelling place like a clear heat
upon herbs, *and* like a cloud of dew in
the heat of harvest.
5 For afore the harvest, when the
bud is perfect, and the sour grape is
ripening in the flower, he shall both
cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks,
and take away *and* cut down the
branches.
6 They shall be left together unto
the fowls of the mountains, and to the
beasts of the earth: and the fowls shall
summer upon them, and all the beasts
of the earth shall winter upon them.
7 In that time shall the present be
brought unto the LORD of hosts of a
people scattered and peeled, and from
a people terrible from their beginning
hitherto; a nation meted out and trod-
den under foot, whose land the rivers
have spoiled, to the place of the name
of the LORD of hosts, the mount Zion.

CHAPTER 19

THE burden of Egypt. Behold, the
LORD rideth upon a swift cloud,
and shall come into Egypt: and the
idols of Egypt shall be moved at his
presence, and the heart of Egypt shall
melt in the midst of it.
2 And I will set the Egyptians
against the Egyptians: and they shall
fight every one against his brother,
and every one against his neighbour;
city against city, *and* kingdom against
kingdom.
3 And the spirit of Egypt shall fail
in the midst thereof; and I will destroy
the counsel thereof: and they shall
seek to the idols, and to the charmers,
and to them that have familiar spirits,
and to the wizards.
4 And the Egyptians will I give
over into the hand of a cruel lord; and
a fierce king shall rule over them, saith
the Lord, the LORD of hosts.
5 And the waters shall fail from the
sea, and the river shall be wasted and
dried up.
6 And they shall turn the rivers far
away; *and* the brooks of defence shall
be emptied and dried up: the reeds and
flags shall wither.
7 The paper reeds by the brooks, by
the mouth of the brooks, and every
thing sown by the brooks, shall wither,
be driven away, and be no *more*.
8 The fishers also shall mourn, and
all they that cast angle into the brooks
shall lament, and they that spread nets
upon the waters shall languish.
9 Moreover they that work in fine
flax, and they that weave networks,
shall be confounded.
10 And they shall be broken in the
purposes thereof, all that make sluices
and ponds for fish.
11 Surely the princes of Zo'-an *are*
fools, the counsel of the wise counsel-
lors of Pharaoh is become brutish: how
say ye unto Pharaoh, I *am* the son of
the wise, the son of ancient kings?
12 Where *are* they? where *are* thy
wise *men?* and let them tell thee now,
and let them know what the LORD of
hosts hath purposed upon Egypt.
13 The princes of Zo'-an are become
fools, the princes of Noph are deceived;
they have also seduced Egypt, *even*
they that are the stay of the tribes
thereof.

14 The LORD hath mingled a perverse spirit in the midst thereof: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken *man* staggereth in his vomit.
15 Neither shall there be *any* work for Egypt, which the head or tail, branch or rush, may do.
16 In that day shall Egypt be like unto women: and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which he shaketh over it.
17 And the land of Judah shall be a terror unto Egypt, every one that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of the LORD of hosts, which he hath determined against it.
18 In that day shall five cities in the land of Egypt speak the language of Canaan, and swear to the LORD of hosts; one shall be called, The city of destruction.
19 In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD.
20 And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them.
21 And the LORD shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the LORD in that day, and shall do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow a vow unto the LORD, and perform *it*.
22 And the LORD shall smite Egypt: he shall smite and heal *it*: and they shall return *even* to the LORD, and he shall be intreated of them, and shall heal them.
23 In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians.
24 In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, *even* a blessing in the midst of the land:
25 Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed *be* Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

CHAPTER 20

IN the year that Tartan came unto Ash'-dod, (when Sar'-gon the king of Assyria sent him,) and fought against Ash'-dod, and took it;
2 At the same time spake the LORD by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put off thy shoe from thy foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.
3 And the LORD said, Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot three years *for* a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon E-thi-o'-pi-a;
4 So shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians prisoners, and the E-thi-o'-pi-ans captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with *their* buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.
5 And they shall be afraid and ashamed of E-thi-o'-pi-a their expectation, and of Egypt their glory.
6 And the inhabitant of this isle shall say in that day, Behold, such *is* our expectation, whither we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria: and how shall we escape?

CHAPTER 21

THE burden of the desert of the sea. As whirlwinds in the south pass through; *so* it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land.
2 A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O E'-lam: besiege, O Me'-di-a; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease.
3 Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing *of it*; I was dismayed at the seeing *of it*.
4 My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: the night of my pleasure hath he turned into fear unto me.
5 Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink: arise, ye princes, *and* anoint the shield.
6 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth.
7 And he saw a chariot *with* a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, *and* a chariot of camels; and he hearkened diligently with much heed:
8 And he cried, A lion: My lord, I stand continually upon the watchtower in the daytime, and I am set in my ward whole nights:

9 And, behold, here cometh a char-
iot of men, *with* a couple of horsemen.
And he answered and said, Babylon is
fallen, is fallen; and all the graven im-
ages of her gods he hath broken unto
the ground.
10 O my threshing, and the corn of
my floor: that which I have heard of
the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel,
have I declared unto you.
11 The burden of Du'-mah. He call-
eth to me out of Se'-ir, Watchman,
what of the night? Watchman, what of
the night?
12 The watchman said, The morn-
ing cometh, and also the night: if
ye will enquire, enquire ye: return,
come.
13 The burden upon Arabia. In the
forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye
travelling companies of Ded'-a-nim.
14 The inhabitants of the land of
Te'-ma brought water to him that was
thirsty, they prevented with their
bread him that fled.
15 For they fled from the swords,
from the drawn sword, and from the
bent bow, and from the grievousness
of war.
16 For thus hath the Lord said unto
me, Within a year, according to the
years of an hireling, and all the glory
of Ke'-dar shall fail:
17 And the residue of the number
of archers, the mighty men of the chil-
dren of Ke'-dar, shall be diminished:
for the LORD God of Israel hath spo-
ken *it*.

CHAPTER 22

THE burden of the valley of vision.
What aileth thee now, that thou
art wholly gone up to the housetops?
2 Thou that art full of stirs, a tu-
multuous city, a joyous city: thy slain
men are not slain with the sword, nor
dead in battle.
3 All thy rulers are fled together,
they are bound by the archers: all that
are found in thee are bound together,
which have fled from far.
4 Therefore said I, Look away from
me; I will weep bitterly, labour not to
comfort me, because of the spoiling of
the daughter of my people.
5 For *it is* a day of trouble, and of
treading down, and of perplexity by
the Lord GOD of hosts in the valley of
vision, breaking down the walls, and
of crying to the mountains.
6 And E'-lam bare the quiver with
chariots of men *and* horsemen, and Kir
uncovered the shield.
7 And it shall come to pass, *that* thy
choicest valleys shall be full of char-
iots, and the horsemen shall set them-
selves in array at the gate.
8 And he discovered the covering of
Judah, and thou didst look in that day
to the armour of the house of the
forest.
9 Ye have seen also the breaches of
the city of David, that they are many:
and ye gathered together the waters of
the lower pool.
10 And ye have numbered the
houses of Jerusalem, and the houses
have ye broken down to fortify the
wall.
11 Ye made also a ditch between
the two walls for the water of the old
pool: but ye have not looked unto the
maker thereof, neither had respect un-
to him that fashioned it long ago.
12 And in that day did the Lord
GOD of hosts call to weeping, and to
mourning, and to baldness, and to
girding with sackcloth:
13 And behold joy and gladness,
slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating
flesh, and drinking wine: let us eat and
drink; for tomorrow we shall die.
14 And it was revealed in mine ears
by the LORD of hosts, Surely this in-
iquity shall not be purged from you till
ye die, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.
15 Thus saith the Lord GOD of
hosts, Go, get thee unto this treasurer,
even unto Sheb'-na, which *is* over the
house, *and say*,
16 What hast thou here? and whom
hast thou here, that thou hast hewed
thee out a sepulchre here, *as* he that
heweth him out a sepulchre on high,
and that graveth an habitation for
himself in a rock?
17 Behold, the LORD will carry thee
away with a mighty captivity, and
will surely cover thee.
18 He will surely violently turn and
toss thee *like* a ball into a large coun-
try: there shalt thou die, and there the
chariots of thy glory *shall be* the shame
of thy lord's house.
19 And I will drive thee from thy
station, and from thy state shall he
pull thee down.
20 And it shall come to pass in that
day, that I will call my servant E-li'-a-
kim the son of Hil-ki'-ah:
21 And I will clothe him with thy
robe, and strengthen him with thy

girdle, and I will commit thy govern-
ment into his hand: and he shall be a
father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
and to the house of Judah.
22 And the key of the house of Da-
vid will I lay upon his shoulder; so he
shall open, and none shall shut; and he
shall shut, and none shall open.
23 And I will fasten him *as* a nail in
a sure place; and he shall be for a glo-
rious throne to his father's house.
24 And they shall hang upon him
all the glory of his father's house, the
offspring and the issue, all vessels of
small quantity, from the vessels of
cups, even to all the vessels of flagons.
25 In that day, saith the LORD of
hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in
the sure place be removed, and be cut
down, and fall; and the burden that
was upon *it* shall be cut off: for the
LORD hath spoken *it*.

CHAPTER 23

THE burden of Tyre. Howl, ye
ships of Tarshish; for it is laid
waste, so that there is no house, no
entering in: from the land of Chit'-tim
it is revealed to them.
2 Be still, ye inhabitants of the isle;
thou whom the merchants of Zi'-don,
that pass over the sea, have replen-
ished.
3 And by great waters the seed of
Si'-hor, the harvest of the river, *is* her
revenue; and she is a mart of nations.
4 Be thou ashamed, O Zi'-don: for
the sea hath spoken, *even* the strength
of the sea, saying, I travail not, nor
bring forth children, neither do I nour-
ish up young men, *nor* bring up vir-
gins.
5 As at the report concerning
Egypt, *so* shall they be sorely pained
at the report of Tyre.
6 Pass ye over to Tarshish; howl, ye
inhabitants of the isle.
7 *Is* this your joyous *city*, whose an-
tiquity *is* of ancient days? her own
feet shall carry her afar off to sojourn.
8 Who hath taken this counsel
against Tyre, the crowning *city*, whose
merchants *are* princes, whose traffick-
ers *are* the honourable of the earth?
9 The LORD of hosts hath purposed
it, to stain the pride of all glory, *and*
to bring into contempt all the honour-
able of the earth.
10 Pass through thy land as a river,
O daughter of Tarshish: *there is* no
more strength.
11 He stretched out his hand over
the sea, he shook the kingdoms: the
LORD hath given a commandment
against the merchant *city*, to destroy
the strong holds thereof.
12 And he said, Thou shalt no more
rejoice, O thou oppressed virgin,
daughter of Zi'-don: arise, pass over to
Chit'-tim; there also shalt thou have no
rest.
13 Behold the land of the Chal-de'-
ans; this people was not, *till* the Assyr-
ian founded it for them that dwell in
the wilderness: they set up the towers
thereof, they raised up the palaces
thereof; *and* he brought it to ruin.
14 Howl, ye ships of Tarshish: for
your strength is laid waste.
15 And it shall come to pass in that
day, that Tyre shall be forgotten sev-
enty years, according to the days of
one king: after the end of seventy
years shall Tyre sing as an harlot.
16 Take an harp, go about the city,
thou harlot that hast been forgotten;
make sweet melody, sing many songs,
that thou mayest be remembered.
17 And it shall come to pass after
the end of seventy years, that the
LORD will visit Tyre, and she shall turn
to her hire, and shall commit fornica-
tion with all the kingdoms of the world
upon the face of the earth.
18 And her merchandise and her
hire shall be holiness to the LORD: it
shall not be treasured nor laid up; for
her merchandise shall be for them that
dwell before the LORD, to eat suffi-
ciently, and for durable clothing.

CHAPTER 24

BEHOLD, the LORD maketh the
earth empty, and maketh it waste,
and turneth it upside down, and scat-
tereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.
2 And it shall be, as with the people,
so with the priest; as with the servant,
so with his master; as with the maid,
so with her mistress; as with the buy-
er, so with the seller; as with the len-
der, so with the borrower; as with the
taker of usury, so with the giver of
usury to him.
3 The land shall be utterly emptied,
and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath
spoken this word.
4 The earth mourneth *and* fadeth
away, the world languisheth *and* fad-
eth away, the haughty people of the
earth do languish.

5 The earth also is defiled under the
inhabitants thereof; because they have
transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.
6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell
therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and
few men left.
7 The new wine mourneth, the vine
languisheth, all the merry-hearted do
sigh.
8 The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the
noise of them that rejoice endeth, the
joy of the harp ceaseth.
9 They shall not drink wine with a
song; strong drink shall be bitter to
them that drink it.
10 The city of confusion is broken
down: every house is shut up, that no
man may come in.
11 *There is* a crying for wine in the
streets; all joy is darkened, the mirth
of the land is gone.
12 In the city is left desolation, and
the gate is smitten with destruction.
13 When thus it shall be in the
midst of the land among the people,
there shall be as the shaking of an olive
tree, *and* as the gleaning grapes when
the vintage is done.
14 They shall lift up their voice,
they shall sing for the majesty of the
LORD, they shall cry aloud from the
sea.
15 Wherefore glorify ye the LORD in
the fires, *even* the name of the LORD
God of Israel in the isles of the sea.
16 From the uttermost part of the
earth have we heard songs, *even* glory
to the righteous. But I said, My leanness, my leanness, woe unto me! the
treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously; yea, the treacherous dealers
have dealt very treacherously.
17 Fear, and the pit, and the snare,
are upon thee, O inhabitant of the
earth.
18 And it shall come to pass, *that* he
who fleeth from the noise of the fear
shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall
be taken in the snare: for the windows
from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake.
19 The earth is utterly broken
down, the earth is clean dissolved, the
earth is moved exceedingly.
20 The earth shall reel to and fro
like a drunkard, and shall be removed
like a cottage; and the transgression
thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it
shall fall, and not rise again.
21 And it shall come to pass in that
day, *that* the LORD shall punish the
host of the high ones *that are* on high,
and the kings of the earth upon the
earth.
22 And they shall be gathered together, *as* prisoners are gathered in the
pit, and shall be shut up in the prison,
and after many days shall they be
visited.
23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when
the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount
Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his
ancients gloriously.

CHAPTER 25

O LORD, thou *art* my God; I will
exalt thee, I will praise thy name;
for thou hast done wonderful *things*;
thy counsels of old *are* faithfulness *and*
truth.
2 For thou hast made of a city an
heap; *of* a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall
never be built.
3 Therefore shall the strong people
glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee.
4 For thou hast been a strength to
the poor, a strength to the needy in his
distress, a refuge from the storm, a
shadow from the heat, when the blast
of the terrible ones *is* as a storm *against*
the wall.
5 Thou shalt bring down the noise
of strangers, as the heat in a dry place;
even the heat with the shadow of a
cloud: the branch of the terrible ones
shall be brought low.
6 And in this mountain shall the
LORD of hosts make unto all people a
feast of fat things, a feast of wines on
the lees, of fat things full of marrow,
of wines on the lees well refined.
7 And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over
all people, and the vail that is spread
over all nations.
8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away
tears from off all faces; and the rebuke
of his people shall he take away from
off all the earth: for the LORD hath
spoken *it*.
9 And it shall be said in that day,
Lo, this *is* our God; we have waited for
him, and he will save us: this *is* the

LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

10 For in this mountain *shall* the hand of the LORD rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill.

11 And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth *his hands* to swim: and he shall bring down their pride *together* with the spoils of their hands.

12 And the fortress of the high fort of thy walls shall he bring down, lay low, *and* bring to the ground, *even* to the dust.

CHAPTER 26

IN THAT day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will *God* appoint *for* walls and bulwarks.

2 Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.

3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind *is* stayed *on thee:* because he trusteth in thee.

4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JE-HO'-VAH *is* everlasting strength:

5 For he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he layeth it low; he layeth it low, *even* to the ground; he bringeth it *even* to the dust.

6 The foot shall tread it down, *even* the feet of the poor, *and* the steps of the needy.

7 The way of the just *is* uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just.

8 Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O LORD, have we waited for thee; the desire of *our* soul *is* to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.

9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments *are* in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

10 Let favour be shewed to the wicked, *yet* will he not learn righteousness; in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD.

11 LORD, *when* thy hand is lifted up, they will not see: *but* they shall see, and be ashamed for *their* envy at the people; yea, the fire of thine enemies shall devour them.

12 LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.

13 O LORD our God, *other* lords beside thee have had dominion over us: *but* by thee only will we make mention of thy name.

14 *They are* dead, they shall not live; *they are* deceased, they shall not rise: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish.

15 Thou hast increased the nation, O LORD, thou hast increased the nation: thou art glorified: thou hadst removed *it* far *unto* all the ends of the earth.

16 LORD, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer *when* thy chastening *was* upon them.

17 Like as a woman with child, *that* draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, *and* crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O LORD.

18 We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

19 Thy dead *men* shall live, *together with* my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew *is as* the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

CHAPTER 27

IN that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that *is* in the sea.

2 In that day sing ye unto her, A vineyard of red wine.

3 I the LORD do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest *any* hurt it, I will keep it night and day.

4 Fury *is* not in me: who would set

the briers *and* thorns against me in
battle? I would go through them, I
would burn them together.
5 Or let him take hold of my
strength, *that* he may make peace with
me; *and* he shall make peace with me.
6 He shall cause them that come of
Jacob to take root: Israel shall blos-
som and bud, and fill the face of the
world with fruit.
7 Hath he smitten him, as he smote
those *that* smote him? *or* is he slain ac-
cording to the slaughter of them that
are slain by him?
8 In measure, when it shooteth
forth, thou wilt debate with it: he
stayeth his rough wind in the day of
the east wind.
9 By this therefore shall the in-
iquity of Jacob be purged; and this *is*
all the fruit to take away his sin; when
he maketh all the stones of the altar as
chalkstones that are beaten in sunder,
the groves and images shall not stand
up.
10 Yet the defenced city *shall be*
desolate, *and* the habitation forsaken,
and left like a wilderness: there shall
the calf feed, and there shall he lie
down, and consume the branches
thereof.
11 When the boughs thereof are
withered, they shall be broken off: the
women come, *and* set them on fire: for
it *is* a people of no understanding:
therefore he that made them will not
have mercy on them, and he that
formed them will shew them no favour.
12 And it shall come to pass in that
day, *that* the LORD shall beat off from
the channel of the river unto the
stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gath-
ered one by one, O ye children of Is-
rael.
13 And it shall come to pass in that
day, *that* the great trumpet shall be
blown, and they shall come which
were ready to perish in the land of As-
syria, and the outcasts in the land of
Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in
the holy mount at Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 28

WOE to the crown of pride, to the
drunkards of E'-phra-im, whose
glorious beauty *is* a fading flower,
which *are* on the head of the fat val-
leys of them that are overcome with
wine!
2 Behold, the Lord hath a mighty
and strong one, which as a tempest of
hail *and* a destroying storm, as a flood
of mighty waters overflowing, shall
cast down to the earth with the hand.
3 The crown of pride, the drunkards
of E'-phra-im, shall be trodden under
feet:
4 And the glorious beauty, which *is*
on the head of the fat valley, shall be
a fading flower, *and* as the hasty fruit
before the summer; which *when* he
that looketh upon it seeth, while it *is*
yet in his hand he eateth it up.
5 In that day shall the LORD of
hosts be for a crown of glory, and for
a diadem of beauty, unto the residue
of his people,
6 And for a spirit of judgment to
him that sitteth in judgment, and for
strength to them that turn the battle
to the gate.
7 But they also have erred through
wine, and through strong drink are out
of the way; the priest and the prophet
have erred through strong drink, they
are swallowed up of wine, they are out
of the way through strong drink; they
err in vision, they stumble *in* judg-
ment.
8 For all tables are full of vomit *and*
filthiness, *so that there is* no place *clean*.
9 Whom shall he teach knowledge?
and whom shall he make to under-
stand doctrine? *them that are* weaned
from the milk, *and* drawn from the
breasts.
10 For precept *must be* upon pre-
cept, precept upon precept; line upon
line, line upon line; here a little, *and*
there a little:
11 For with stammering lips and
another tongue will he speak to this
people.
12 To whom he said, This *is* the
rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary
to rest; and this *is* the refreshing: yet
they would not hear.
13 But the word of the LORD was
unto them precept upon precept, pre-
cept upon precept; line upon line, line
upon line; here a little, *and* there a
little; that they might go, and fall
backward, and be broken, and snared,
and taken.
14 Wherefore hear the word of the
LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this
people which *is* in Jerusalem.
15 Because ye have said, We have
made a covenant with death, and with
hell are we at agreement; when the
overflowing scourge shall pass [illegible]ugh,
it shall not come unto us: fo[illegible]ve

made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:
16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste.
17 Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.
18 And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.
19 From the time *that* it goeth forth it shall take you: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and it shall be a vexation only *to* understand the report.
20 For the bed is shorter than that *a man* can stretch himself *on it:* and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself *in it*.
21 For the LORD shall rise up as *in* mount Per'-a-zim, he shall be wroth as *in* the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.
22 Now therefore be ye not mockers, lest your bands be made strong: for I have heard from the Lord GOD of hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth.
23 Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear my speech.
24 Doth the plowman plow all day to sow? doth he open and break the clods of his ground?
25 When he hath made plain the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the fitches, and scatter the cummin, and cast in the principal wheat and the appointed barley and the rie in their place?
26 For his God doth instruct him to discretion, *and* doth teach him.
27 For the fitches are not threshed with a threshing instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned about upon the cummin; but the fitches are beaten out with a staff, and the cummin with a rod.
28 Bread *corn* is bruised; because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break *it with* the wheel of his cart, nor bruise *it with* his horsemen.
29 This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, *which* is wonderful in counsel, *and* excellent in working.

CHAPTER 29

WOE to A'-ri-el, to A'-ri-el, the city *where* David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices.
2 Yet I will distress A'-ri-el, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as A'-ri-el.
3 And I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a mount, and I will raise forts against thee.
4 And thou shalt be brought down, *and* shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust.
5 Moreover the multitude of thy strangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones *shall be* as chaff that passeth away: yea, it shall be at an instant suddenly.
6 Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.
7 And the multitude of all the nations that fight against A'-ri-el, even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision.
8 It shall even be as when an hungry *man* dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, *he is* faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.
9 Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.
10 For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.
11 And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which *men* deliver to one *that is* learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it *is* sealed:
12 And the book is delivered to him

that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.
13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near *me* with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:
14 Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, *even* a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise *men* shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent *men* shall be hid.
15 Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?
16 Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?
17 *Is* it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?
18 And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.
19 The meek also shall increase *their* joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.
20 For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off:
21 That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nought.
22 Therefore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale.
23 But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.
24 They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.

CHAPTER 30

WOE to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin:
2 That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!
3 Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt *your* confusion.
4 For his princes were at Zo'an, and his ambassadors came to Ha'nes.
5 They were all ashamed of a people *that* could not profit them, nor be an help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach.
6 The burden of the beasts of the south: into the land of trouble and anguish, from whence *come* the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to a people *that* shall not profit *them*.
7 For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I cried concerning this, Their strength *is* to sit still.
8 Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever:
9 That this *is* a rebellious people, lying children, children *that* will not hear the law of the LORD:
10 Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits:
11 Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.
12 Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon:
13 Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant.
14 And he shall break it as the breaking of the potters' vessel that is broken in pieces; he shall not spare: so that there shall not be found in the bursting of it a sherd to take fire

the hearth, or to take water *withal* out
of the pit.
15 For thus saith the Lord GOD, the
Holy One of Israel; In returning and
rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and
in confidence shall be your strength:
and ye would not.
16 But ye said, No; for we will flee
upon horses; therefore shall ye flee:
and, We will ride upon the swift; there-
fore shall they that pursue you be
swift.
17 One thousand *shall flee* at the re-
buke of one; at the rebuke of five shall
ye flee: till ye be left as a beacon upon
the top of a mountain, and as an en-
sign on an hill.
18 And therefore will the LORD
wait, that he may be gracious unto
you, and therefore will he be exalted,
that he may have mercy upon you: for
the LORD *is* a God of judgment: blessed
are all they that wait for him.
19 For the people shall dwell in
Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no
more: he will be very gracious unto
thee at the voice of thy cry; when he
shall hear it, he will answer thee.
20 And *though* the Lord give you
the bread of adversity, and the water
of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers
be removed into a corner any more,
but thine eyes shall see thy teachers:
21 And thine ears shall hear a word
behind thee, saying, This *is* the way,
walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right
hand, and when ye turn to the left.
22 Ye shall defile also the covering
of thy graven images of silver, and the
ornament of thy molten images of
gold: thou shalt cast them away as a
menstruous cloth; thou shalt say unto
it, Get thee hence.
23 Then shall he give the rain of thy
seed, that thou shalt sow the ground
withal; and bread of the increase of the
earth, and it shall be fat and plenteous:
in that day shall thy cattle feed in
large pastures.
24 The oxen likewise and the young
asses that ear the ground shall eat
clean provender, which hath been win-
nowed with the shovel and with the
fan.
25 And there shall be upon every
high mountain, and upon every high
hill, rivers *and* streams of waters in the
day of the great slaughter, when the
towers fall.
26 Moreover the light of the moon
shall be as the light of the sun, and the
light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as
the light of seven days, in the day that
the LORD bindeth up the breach of his
people, and healeth the stroke of their
wound.
27 Behold, the name of the LORD
cometh from far, burning *with* his an-
ger, and the burden *thereof is* heavy:
his lips are full of indignation, and his
tongue as a devouring fire:
28 And his breath, as an overflow-
ing stream, shall reach to the midst of
the neck, to sift the nations with the
sieve of vanity: and *there shall be* a
bridle in the jaws of the people, caus-
ing *them* to err.
29 Ye shall have a song, as in the
night *when* a holy solemnity is kept;
and gladness of heart, as when one
goeth with a pipe to come into the
mountain of the LORD, to the mighty
One of Israel.
30 And the LORD shall cause his
glorious voice to be heard, and shall
shew the lighting down of his arm,
with the indignation of *his* anger, and
with the flame of a devouring fire, *with*
scattering, and tempest, and hail-
stones.
31 For through the voice of the
LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten
down, *which* smote with a rod.
32 And *in* every place where the
grounded staff shall pass, which the
LORD shall lay upon him, *it* shall be
with tabrets and harps: and in battles
of shaking will he fight with it.
33 For To'-phet *is* ordained of old;
yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath
made *it* deep *and* large: the pile thereof
is fire and much wood; the breath of
the LORD, like a stream of brimstone,
doth kindle it.

CHAPTER 31

WOE to them that go down to
Egypt for help; and stay on
horses, and trust in chariots, because
they are many; and in horsemen, be-
cause they are very strong; but they
look not unto the Holy One of Israel,
neither seek the LORD!
2 Yet he also *is* wise, and will bring
evil, and will not call back his words:
but will arise against the house of the
evildoers, and against the help of them
that work iniquity.
3 Now the Egyptians *are* men, and
not God; and their horses flesh, and
not spirit. When the LORD shall
stretch out his hand, both he that

helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together.

4 For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, *he* will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof.

5 As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver *it; and* passing over he will preserve *it*.

6 Turn ye unto *him from* whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted.

7 For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you *for* a sin.

8 Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be discomfited.

9 And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith the LORD, whose fire *is* in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 32

BEHOLD, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.

2 And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

3 And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken.

4 The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.

5 The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said *to be* bountiful.

6 For the vile person will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise hypocrisy, and to utter error against the LORD, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.

7 The instruments also of the churl *are* evil: he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speaketh right.

8 But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand.

9 Rise up, ye women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech.

10 Many days and years shall ye be troubled, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come.

11 Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and gird *sackcloth* upon *your* loins.

12 They shall lament for the teats, for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.

13 Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns *and* briers; yea, upon all the houses of joy *in* the joyous city:

14 Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left; the forts and towers shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks;

15 Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

16 Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

18 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;

19 When it shall hail, coming down on the forest; and the city shall be low in a low place.

20 Blessed *are* ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth *thither* the feet of the ox and the ass.

CHAPTER 33

WOE to thee that spoilest, and thou *wast* not spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! when thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; *and* when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee.

2 O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

3 At the noise of the tumult the
people fled; at the lifting up of thyself
the nations were scattered.
4 And your spoil shall be gathered
like the gathering of the caterpiller: as
the running to and fro of locusts shall
he run upon them.
5 The LORD is exalted; for he dwell-
eth on high: he hath filled Zion with
judgment and righteousness.
6 And wisdom and knowledge shall
be the stability of thy times, *and*
strength of salvation: the fear of the
LORD *is* his treasure.
7 Behold, their valiant ones shall
cry without: the ambassadors of peace
shall weep bitterly.
8 The highways lie waste, the way-
faring man ceaseth: he hath broken
the covenant, he hath despised the
cities, he regardeth no man.
9 The earth mourneth *and* languish-
eth: Lebanon is ashamed *and* hewn
down: Shar'-on is like a wilderness; and
Ba'-shan and Carmel shake off *their*
fruits.
10 Now will I rise, saith the LORD;
now will I be exalted; now will I lift
up myself.
11 Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall
bring forth stubble: your breath, *as*
fire, shall devour you.
12 And the people shall be *as* the
burnings of lime: *as* thorns cut up shall
they be burned in the fire.
13 Hear, ye *that are* far off, what I
have done; and, ye *that are* near, ac-
knowledge my might.
14 The sinners in Zion are afraid;
fearfulness hath surprised the hypo-
crites. Who among us shall dwell with
the devouring fire? who among us shall
dwell with everlasting burnings?
15 He that walketh righteously,
and speaketh uprightly; he that de-
spiseth the gain of oppressions, that
shaketh his hands from holding of
bribes, that stoppeth his ears from
hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes
from seeing evil;
16 He shall dwell on high: his place
of defence *shall be* the munitions of
rocks: bread shall be given him; his
waters *shall be* sure.
17 Thine eyes shall see the king in
his beauty: they shall behold the land
that is very far off.
18 Thine heart shall meditate ter-
ror. Where *is* the scribe? where *is* the
receiver? where *is* he that counted the
towers?
19 Thou shalt not see a fierce peo-
ple, a people of a deeper speech than
thou canst perceive; of a stammering
tongue, *that thou canst* not understand.
20 Look upon Zion, the city of our
solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jeru-
salem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle
that shall not be taken down; not one
of the stakes thereof shall ever be re-
moved, neither shall any of the cords
thereof be broken.
21 But there the glorious LORD *will*
be unto us a place of broad rivers *and*
streams; wherein shall go no galley
with oars, neither shall gallant ship
pass thereby.
22 For the LORD *is* our judge, the
LORD *is* our lawgiver, the LORD *is* our
king; he will save us.
23 Thy tacklings are loosed; they
could not well strengthen their mast,
they could not spread the sail: then is
the prey of a great spoil divided; the
lame take the prey.
24 And the inhabitant shall not say,
I am sick: the people that dwell therein
shall be forgiven *their* iniquity.

CHAPTER 34

COME near, ye nations, to hear; and
hearken, ye people: let the earth
hear, and all that is therein; the world,
and all things that come forth of it.
2 For the indignation of the LORD
is upon all nations, and *his* fury upon
all their armies: he hath utterly de-
stroyed them, he hath delivered them
to the slaughter.
3 Their slain also shall be cast out,
and their stink shall come up out of
their carcases, and the mountains shall
be melted with their blood.
4 And all the host of heaven shall be
dissolved, and the heavens shall be
rolled together as a scroll: and all their
host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth
off from the vine, and as a falling *fig*
from the fig tree.
5 For my sword shall be bathed in
heaven: behold, it shall come down
upon I-du-me'-a, and upon the people
of my curse, to judgment.
6 The sword of the LORD is filled
with blood, it is made fat with fatness,
and with the blood of lambs and goats,
with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for
the LORD hath a sacrifice in Boz'-rah,
and a great slaughter in the land of
I-du-me'-a.
7 And the unicorns shall come down

with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.
8 For *it is* the day of the LORD's vengeance, *and* the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.
9 And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch.
10 It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever.
11 But the cormorant and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it: and he shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness.
12 They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none *shall be* there, and all her princes shall be nothing.
13 And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof: and it shall be an habitation of dragons, *and* a court for owls.
14 The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest.
15 There shall the great owl make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow: there shall the vultures also be gathered, every one with her mate.
16 Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.
17 And he hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

CHAPTER 35

THE wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.
2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Shar'on, they shall see the glory of the LORD, *and* the excellency of our God.
3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.
4 Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompence; he will come and save you.
5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
6 Then shall the lame *man* leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.
7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, *shall be* grass with reeds and rushes.
8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it *shall be* for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *therein*.
9 No lion shall be there, nor *any* ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk *there:*
10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

CHAPTER 36

NOW it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hez-e-ki'-ah, *that* Sen-nach'-e-rib king of Assyria came up against all the defenced cities of Judah, and took them.
2 And the king of Assyria sent Rab'-sha-keh from La'-chish to Jerusalem unto king Hez-e-ki'-ah with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field.
3 Then came forth unto him E-li'-a-kim, Hil-ki'-ah's son, which was over the house, and Sheb'-na the scribe, and Jo'-ah, A'-saph's son, the recorder.
4 And Rab'-sha-keh said unto them, Say ye now to Hez-e-ki'-ah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence *is* this wherein thou trustest?
5 I say, *sayest thou*, (but *they are but* vain words) *I have* counsel and strength

for war: now on whom dost thou trust,
that thou rebellest against me?
6 Lo, thou trustest in the staff of
this broken reed, on Egypt; whereon
if a man lean, it will go into his hand,
and pierce it: so *is* Pharaoh king of
Egypt to all that trust in him.
7 But if thou say to me, We trust
in the LORD our God: *is it* not he,
whose high places and whose altars
Hez-e-ki'-ah hath taken away, and
said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye
shall worship before this altar?
8 Now therefore give pledges, I
pray thee, to my master the king of
Assyria, and I will give thee two thou-
sand horses, if thou be able on thy
part to set riders upon them.
9 How then wilt thou turn away
the face of one captain of the least of
my master's servants, and put thy
trust on Egypt for chariots and for
horsemen?
10 And am I now come up without
the LORD against this land to destroy
it? the LORD said unto me, Go up
against this land, and destroy it.
11 Then said E-li'-a-kim and Sheb'-
na and Jo'-ah unto Rab'-sha-keh,
Speak, I pray thee, unto thy servants
in the Syrian language; for we under-
stand *it:* and speak not to us in the
Jews' language, in the ears of the peo-
ple that *are* on the wall.
12 But Rab'-sha-keh said, Hath my
master sent me to thy master and to
thee to speak these words? *hath he* not
sent me to the men that sit upon the
wall, that they may eat their own
dung, and drink their own piss with
you?
13 Then Rab'-sha-keh stood, and
cried with a loud voice in the Jews'
language, and said, Hear ye the words
of the great king, the king of Assyria.
14 Thus saith the king, Let not
Hez-e-ki'-ah deceive you: for he shall
not be able to deliver you.
15 Neither let Hez-e-ki'-ah make
you trust in the LORD, saying, The
LORD will surely deliver us: this city
shall not be delivered into the hand of
the king of Assyria.
16 Hearken not to Hez-e-ki'-ah: for
thus saith the king of Assyria, Make
an agreement with me *by* a present, and
come out to me: and eat ye every one
of his vine, and every one of his fig
tree, and drink ye every one the waters
of his own cistern;
17 Until I come and take you away
to a land like your own land, a land of
corn and wine, a land of bread and
vineyards.
18 *Beware* lest Hez-e-ki'-ah per-
suade you, saying, The LORD will de-
liver us. Hath any of the gods of the
nations delivered his land out of the
hand of the king of Assyria?
19 Where *are* the gods of Ha'-math
and Ar'-phad? where *are* the gods of
Seph-ar-va'-im? and have they deliv-
ered Sa-ma'-ri-a out of my hand?
20 Who *are they* among all the gods
of these lands, that have delivered
their land out of my hand, that the
LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of
my hand?
21 But they held their peace, and
answered him not a word: for the
king's commandment was, saying, An-
swer him not.
22 Then came E-li'-a-kim, the son of
Hil-ki'-ah, that *was* over the house-
hold, and Sheb'-na the scribe, and Jo'-
ah, the son of A'-saph, the recorder, to
Hez-e-ki'-ah with their clothes rent,
and told him the words of Rab'-sha-
keh.

CHAPTER 37

AND it came to pass, when king Hez-
e-ki'-ah heard *it,* that he rent his
clothes, and covered himself with sack-
cloth, and went into the house of the
LORD.
2 And he sent E-li'-a-kim, who *was*
over the household, and Sheb'-na the
scribe, and the elders of the priests
covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah
the prophet the son of Amoz.
3 And they said unto him, Thus
saith Hez-e-ki'-ah, This day *is* a day of
trouble, and of rebuke, and of blas-
phemy: for the children are come to
the birth, and *there is* not strength to
bring forth.
4 It may be the LORD thy God will
hear the words of Rab'-sha-keh, whom
the king of Assyria his master hath
sent to reproach the living God, and
will reprove the words which the LORD
thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up
thy prayer for the remnant that is left.
5 So the servants of king Hez-e-ki'-
ah came to Isaiah.
6 And Isaiah said unto them, Thus
shall ye say unto your master, Thus
saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the
words that thou hast heard, where-
with the servants of the king of As-
syria have blasphemed me.

7 Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

8 So Rab'-sha-keh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Lib'-nah: for he had heard that he was departed from La'-chish.

9 And he heard say concerning Tir'-ha-kah king of E-thi-o'-pi-a, He is come forth to make war with thee. And when he heard *it*, he sent messengers to Hez-e-ki'-ah, saying,

10 Thus shall ye speak to Hez-e-ki'-ah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God, in whom thou trustest, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.

11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered?

12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed, *as* Go'-zan, and Ha'-ran, and Re'-zeph, and the children of Eden which *were* in Te-las'-sar?

13 Where *is* the king of Ha'-math, and the king of Ar'-phad, and the king of the city of Seph-ar-va'-im, He'-na, and I'-vah?

14 And Hez-e-ki'-ah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hez-e-ki'-ah went up unto the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

15 And Hez-e-ki'-ah prayed unto the LORD, saying,

16 O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest *between* the cherubims, that *art* the God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth.

17 Incline thine ear, O LORD, and hear; open thine eyes, O LORD, and see: and hear all the words of Sen-nach'-e-rib, which hath sent to reproach the living God.

18 Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations, and their countries.

19 And have cast their gods into the fire: for they *were* no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.

20 Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou *art* the LORD, *even* thou only.

21 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hez-e-ki'-ah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sen-nach'-e-rib king of Assyria:

22 This *is* the word which the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin, the daughter of Zion, hath despised thee, *and* laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.

23 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted *thy* voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? *even* against the Holy One of Israel.

24 By thy servants hast thou reproached the Lord, and hast said, By the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon; and I will cut down the tall cedars thereof, *and* the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the height of his border, *and* the forest of his Carmel.

25 I have digged, and drunk water; and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of the besieged places.

26 Hast thou not heard long ago, *how* I have done it; *and* of ancient times, that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste defenced cities *into* ruinous heaps.

27 Therefore their inhabitants *were* of small power, they were dismayed and confounded: they were *as* the grass of the field, and *as* the green herb, *as* the grass on the housetops, and *as corn* blasted before it be grown up.

28 But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me.

29 Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult, is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

30 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat *this* year such as groweth of itself; and the second year that which springeth of the same: and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.

31 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take

root downward, and bear fruit upward:

32 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

33 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast a bank against it.

34 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.

35 For I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

36 Then the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they *were* all dead corpses.

37 So Sen-nach'-e-rib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nin'-e-veh.

38 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nis'-roch his god, that A-dram'-me-lech and Sha-re'-zer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ar-me'-ni-a: and E'-sar-had'-don his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 38

IN those days was Hez-e-ki'-ah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live.

2 Then Hez-e-ki'-ah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD,

3 And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is* good in thy sight. And Hez-e-ki'-ah wept sore.

4 Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah, saying,

5 Go, and say to Hez-e-ki'-ah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

6 And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city.

7 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he hath spoken;

8 Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

9 The writing of Hez-e-ki'-ah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness:

10 I said in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave: I am deprived of the residue of my years.

11 I said, I shall not see the LORD, *even* the LORD, in the land of the living: I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.

12 Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent: I have cut off like a weaver my life: he will cut me off with pining sickness: from day *even* to night wilt thou make an end of me.

13 I reckoned till morning, *that*, as a lion, so will he break all my bones: from day *even* to night wilt thou make an end of me.

14 Like a crane *or* a swallow, so did I chatter: I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail *with looking* upward: O LORD, I am oppressed; undertake for me.

15 What shall I say? he hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath done *it*: I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul.

16 O Lord, by these *things men* live, and in all these *things is* the life of my spirit: so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live.

17 Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul *delivered it* from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

18 For the grave cannot praise thee, death can *not* celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.

19 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I *do* this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth.

20 The LORD *was ready* to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the LORD.

21 For Isaiah had said, Let them take a lump of figs, and lay *it* for a

plaister upon the boil, and he shall recover.

22 Hez-e-ki'-ah also had said, What *is* the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?

CHAPTER 39

AT that time Me-ro'-dach–bal'-a-dan, the son of Bal'-a-dan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hez-e-ki'-ah: for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered.

2 And Hez-e-ki'-ah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hez-e-ki'-ah shewed them not.

3 Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hez-e-ki'-ah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hez-e-ki'-ah said, They are come from a far country unto me, *even* from Babylon.

4 Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hez-e-ki'-ah answered, All that *is* in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

5 Then said Isaiah to Hez-e-ki'-ah, Hear the word of the LORD of hosts:

6 Behold, the days come, that all that *is* in thine house, and *that* which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.

7 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

8 Then said Hez-e-ki'-ah to Isaiah, Good *is* the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

CHAPTER 40

COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh *is* grass, and all the goodliness thereof *is* as the flower of the field:

7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people *is* grass.

8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

9 O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift *it* up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

10 Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong *hand*, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward *is* with him, and his work before him.

11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry *them* in his bosom, *and* shall gently lead those that are with young.

12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

13 Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or *being* his counsellor hath taught him?

14 With whom took he counsel, and *who* instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?

15 Behold, the nations *are* as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.

16 And Lebanon *is* not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering.

17 All nations before him *are* as

nothing; and they are counted to him
less than nothing, and vanity.
18 To whom then will ye liken God?
or what likeness will ye compare unto
him?
19 The workman melteth a graven
image, and the goldsmith spreadeth it
over with gold, and casteth silver
chains.
20 He that *is* so impoverished that
he hath no oblation chooseth a tree
that will not rot; he seeketh unto him
a cunning workman to prepare a graven image, *that* shall not be moved.
21 Have ye not known? have ye not
heard? hath it not been told you from
the beginning? have ye not understood
from the foundations of the earth?
22 *It is* he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants
thereof *are* as grasshoppers; that
stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent
to dwell in:
23 That bringeth the princes to
nothing; he maketh the judges of the
earth as vanity.
24 Yea, they shall not be planted;
yea, they shall not be sown: yea, their
stock shall not take root in the earth:
and he shall also blow upon them, and
they shall wither, and the whirlwind
shall take them away as stubble.
25 To whom then will ye liken me,
or shall I be equal? saith the Holy
One.
26 Lift up your eyes on high, and
behold who hath created these *things*,
that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by
the greatness of his might, for that *he*
is strong in power; not one faileth.
27 Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and
speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from
the LORD, and my judgment is passed
over from my God?
28 Hast thou not known? hast thou
not heard, *that* the everlasting God,
the LORD, the Creator of the ends of
the earth, fainteth not, neither is
weary? *there is* no searching of his understanding.
29 He giveth power to the faint;
and to *them that have* no might he increaseth strength.
30 Even the youths shall faint and
be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:
31 But they that wait upon the
LORD shall renew their strength; they
shall mount up with wings as eagles;
they shall run, and not be weary; *and*
they shall walk, and not faint.

CHAPTER 41

KEEP silence before me, O islands;
and let the people renew *their*
strength: let them come near; then let
them speak: let us come near together
to judgment.
2 Who raised up the righteous *man*
from the east, called him to his foot,
gave the nations before him, and made
him rule over kings? he gave *them* as
the dust to his sword, *and* as driven
stubble to his bow.
3 He pursued them, *and* passed
safely; *even* by the way *that* he had not
gone with his feet.
4 Who hath wrought and done *it*,
calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the first, and with
the last; I *am* he.
5 The isles saw *it*, and feared; the
ends of the earth were afraid, drew
near, and came.
6 They helped every one his neighbour; and *every one* said to his brother,
Be of good courage.
7 So the carpenter encouraged the
goldsmith, *and* he that smootheth *with*
the hammer him that smote the anvil,
saying, It *is* ready for the sodering:
and he fastened it with nails, *that* it
should not be moved.
8 But thou, Israel, *art* my servant,
Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of
Abraham my friend.
9 *Thou* whom I have taken from
the ends of the earth, and called thee
from the chief men thereof, and said
unto thee, Thou *art* my servant; I have
chosen thee, and not cast thee away.
10 Fear thou not; for I *am* with
thee: be not dismayed; for I *am* thy
God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will
help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with
the right hand of my righteousness.
11 Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed
and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee
shall perish.
12 Thou shalt seek them, and shalt
not find them, *even* them that contended with thee: they that war
against thee shall be as nothing, and
as a thing of nought.
13 For I the LORD thy God will hold
thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear
not; I will help thee.
14 Fear not, thou worm Jacob, *and*

ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith
the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy
One of Israel.
15 Behold, I will make thee a new
sharp threshing instrument having
teeth: thou shalt thresh the moun-
tains, and beat *them* small, and shalt
make the hills as chaff.
16 Thou shalt fan them, and the
wind shall carry them away, and the
whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou
shalt rejoice in the LORD, *and* shalt
glory in the Holy One of Israel.
17 *When* the poor and needy seek
water, and *there is* none, *and* their
tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD
will hear them, I the God of Israel will
not forsake them.
18 I will open rivers in high places,
and fountains in the midst of the val-
leys: I will make the wilderness a pool
of water, and the dry land springs of
water.
19 I will plant in the wilderness the
cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle,
and the oil tree; I will set in the desert
the fir tree, *and* the pine, and the box
tree together:
20 That they may see, and know,
and consider, and understand togeth-
er, that the hand of the LORD hath
done this, and the Holy One of Israel
hath created it.
21 Produce your cause, saith the
LORD; bring forth your strong *reasons*,
saith the King of Jacob.
22 Let them bring *them* forth, and
shew us what shall happen: let them
shew the former things, what they *be*,
that we may consider them, and know
the latter end of them; or declare us
things for to come.
23 Shew the things that are to come
hereafter, that we may know that ye
are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that
we may be dismayed, and behold *it* to-
gether.
24 Behold, ye *are* of nothing, and
your work of nought: an abomination
is he that chooseth you.
25 I have raised up *one* from the
north, and he shall come: from the ris-
ing of the sun shall he call upon my
name: and he shall come upon princes
as *upon* morter, and as the potter
treadeth clay.
26 Who hath declared from the be-
ginning, that we may know? and be-
foretime, that we may say, *He is*
righteous? yea, *there is* none that shew-
eth, yea, *there is* none that declareth,
yea, *there is* none that heareth your
words.
27 The first *shall say* to Zion, Be-
hold, behold them: and I will give to
Jerusalem one that bringeth good ti-
dings.
28 For I beheld, and *there was* no
man; even among them, and *there was*
no counsellor, that, when I asked of
them, could answer a word.
29 Behold, they *are* all vanity; their
works *are* nothing: their molten images
are wind and confusion.

CHAPTER 42

BEHOLD my servant, whom I up-
hold; mine elect, *in whom* my soul
delighteth; I have put my spirit upon
him: he shall bring forth judgment to
the Gentiles.
2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor
cause his voice to be heard in the
street.
3 A bruised reed shall he not break,
and the smoking flax shall he not
quench: he shall bring forth judgment
unto truth.
4 He shall not fail nor be discour-
aged, till he have set judgment in the
earth: and the isles shall wait for his
law.
5 Thus saith God the LORD, he that
created the heavens, and stretched
them out; he that spread forth the
earth, and that which cometh out of
it; he that giveth breath unto the peo-
ple upon it, and spirit to them that
walk therein:
6 I the LORD have called thee in
righteousness, and will hold thine
hand, and will keep thee, and give thee
for a covenant of the people, for a light
of the Gentiles;
7 To open the blind eyes, to bring
out the prisoners from the prison, *and*
them that sit in darkness out of the
prison house.
8 I am the LORD: that *is* my name:
and my glory will I not give to an-
other, neither my praise to graven im-
ages.
9 Behold, the former things are
come to pass, and new things do I de-
clare: before they spring forth I tell
you of them.
10 Sing unto the LORD a new song,
and his praise from the end of the
earth, ye that go down to the sea, and
all that is therein; the isles, and the in-
habitants thereof.
11 Let the wilderness and the cities

thereof lift up *their voice*, the villages
that Ke'-dar doth inhabit: let the in-
habitants of the rock sing, let them
shout from the top of the mountains.
12 Let them give glory unto the
LORD, and declare his praise in the is-
lands.
13 The LORD shall go forth as a
mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy
like a man of war: he shall cry, yea,
roar; he shall prevail against his ene-
mies.
14 I have long time holden my
peace; I have been still, *and* refrained
myself: *now* will I cry like a travailing
woman; I will destroy and devour at
once.
15 I will make waste mountains and
hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I
will make the rivers islands, and I will
dry up the pools.
16 And I will bring the blind by a
way *that* they knew not; I will lead
them in paths that they have not
known: I will make darkness light be-
fore them, and crooked things straight.
These things will I do unto them, and
not forsake them.
17 They shall be turned back, they
shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in
graven images, that say to the molten
images, Ye *are* our gods.
18 Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind,
that ye may see.
19 Who *is* blind, but my servant? or
deaf, as my messenger *that* I sent? who
is blind as *he that is* perfect, and blind
as the LORD's servant?
20 Seeing many things, but thou
observest not; opening the ears, but he
heareth not.
21 The LORD is well pleased for his
righteousness' sake; he will magnify
the law, and make *it* honourable.
22 But this *is* a people robbed and
spoiled; *they are* all of them snared in
holes, and they are hid in prison
houses: they are for a prey, and none
delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith,
Restore.
23 Who among you will give ear to
this? *who* will hearken and hear for the
time to come?
24 Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and
Israel to the robbers? did not the
LORD, he against whom we have
sinned? for they would not walk in his
ways, neither were they obedient unto
his law.
25 Therefore he hath poured upon
him the fury of his anger, and the
strength of battle: and it hath set him
on fire round about, yet he knew not;
and it burned him, yet he laid *it* not
to heart.

CHAPTER 43

BUT now thus saith the LORD that
created thee, O Jacob, and he that
formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I
have redeemed thee, I have called *thee*
by thy name; thou *art* mine.
2 When thou passest through the
waters, I *will be* with thee; and through
the rivers, they shall not overflow thee:
when thou walkest through the fire,
thou shalt not be burned; neither shall
the flame kindle upon thee.
3 For I *am* the LORD thy God, the
Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave
Egypt *for* thy ransom, E-thi-o'-pi-a
and Se'-ba for thee.
4 Since thou wast precious in my
sight, thou hast been honourable, and
I have loved thee: therefore will I give
men for thee, and people for thy life.
5 Fear not: for I *am* with thee: I
will bring thy seed from the east, and
gather thee from the west;
6 I will say to the north, Give up;
and to the south, Keep not back: bring
my sons from far, and my daughters
from the ends of the earth;
7 *Even* every one that is called by
my name: for I have created him for
my glory, I have formed him; yea, I
have made him.
8 Bring forth the blind people that
have eyes, and the deaf that have
ears.
9 Let all the nations be gathered to-
gether, and let the people be assem-
bled: who among them can declare
this, and shew us former things? let
them bring forth their witnesses, that
they may be justified: or let them hear,
and say, *It is* truth.
10 Ye *are* my witnesses, saith the
LORD, and my servant whom I have
chosen; that ye may know and believe
me, and understand that I *am* he: be-
fore me there was no God formed, nei-
ther shall there be after me.
11 I, *even* I, *am* the LORD; and be-
side me *there is* no saviour.
12 I have declared, and have saved,
and I have shewed, when *there was* no
strange *god* among you: therefore ye
are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that
I *am* God.
13 Yea, before the day *was* I *am* he;
and *there is* none that can deliver out of

my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

14 Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chal-de'-ans, whose cry *is* in the ships.

15 I *am* the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.

16 Thus saith the LORD, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters;

17 Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow.

18 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert.

20 The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

21 This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.

22 But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel.

23 Thou hast not brought me the small cattle of thy burnt offerings; neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices. I have not caused thee to serve with an offering, nor wearied thee with incense.

24 Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices: but thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities.

25 I, *even* I, *am* he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

26 Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

27 Thy first father hath sinned, and thy teachers have transgressed against me.

28 Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary, and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches.

CHAPTER 44

YET now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen:

2 Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, *which* will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jes'-u-run, whom I have chosen.

3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:

4 And they shall spring up *as* among the grass, as willows by the water courses.

5 One shall say, I *am* the LORD'S; and another shall call *himself* by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe *with* his hand unto the LORD, and surname *himself* by the name of Israel.

6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I *am* the first, and I am the last; and beside me *there is* no God.

7 And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the *things* that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them.

8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared *it?* ye *are* even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, *there is* no God; I know not *any*.

9 They that make a graven image *are* all of them vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they *are* their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed.

10 Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image *that* is profitable for nothing?

11 Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed: and the workmen, they *are* of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; *yet* they shall fear, *and* they shall be ashamed together.

12 The smith with the tongs both worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms: yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth: he drinketh no water, and is faint.

13 The carpenter stretcheth out *his* rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass, and maketh

it after the figure of a man, according
to the beauty of a man; that it may re-
main in the house.
14 He heweth him down cedars, and
taketh the cypress and the oak, which
he strengtheneth for himself among
the trees of the forest: he planteth an
ash, and the rain doth nourish *it*.
15 Then shall it be for a man to
burn: for he will take thereof, and
warm himself; yea, he kindleth *it*, and
baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god,
and worshippeth *it*; he maketh it a
graven image, and falleth down there-
to.
16 He burneth part thereof in the
fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh;
he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea,
he warmeth *himself*, and saith, Aha, I
am warm, I have seen the fire:
17 And the residue thereof he mak-
eth a god, *even* his graven image: he
falleth down unto it, and worshippeth
it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, De-
liver me; for thou *art* my god.
18 They have not known nor under-
stood: for he hath shut their eyes, that
they cannot see; *and* their hearts, that
they cannot understand.
19 And none considereth in his
heart, neither *is there* knowledge nor
understanding to say, I have burned
part of it in the fire; yea, also I have
baked bread upon the coals thereof; I
have roasted flesh, and eaten *it*: and
shall I make the residue thereof an
abomination? shall I fall down to the
stock of a tree?
20 He feedeth on ashes: a deceived
heart hath turned him aside, that he
cannot deliver his soul, nor say, *Is*
there not a lie in my right hand?
21 Remember these, O Jacob and
Israel; for thou *art* my servant: I have
formed thee; thou *art* my servant: O
Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of
me.
22 I have blotted out, as a thick
cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a
cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I
have redeemed thee.
23 Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD
hath done *it*: shout, ye lower parts of
the earth: break forth into singing, ye
mountains, O forest, and every tree
therein: for the LORD hath redeemed
Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.
24 Thus saith the LORD, thy re-
deemer, and he that formed thee from
the womb, I *am* the LORD that maketh
all *things*; that stretcheth forth the
heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad
the earth by myself;
25 That frustrateth the tokens of
the liars, and maketh diviners mad;
that turneth wise *men* backward, and
maketh their knowledge foolish;
26 That confirmeth the word of his
servant, and performeth the counsel of
his messengers; that saith to Jerusa-
lem, Thou *shalt* be inhabited; and to
the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built,
and I will raise up the decayed places
thereof:
27 That saith to the deep, Be dry,
and I will dry up thy rivers:
28 That saith of Cyrus, *He is* my
shepherd, and shall perform all my
pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem,
Thou shalt be built; and to the temple,
Thy foundation shall be laid.

CHAPTER 45

THUS saith the LORD to his anoint-
ed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I
have holden, to subdue nations before
him; and I will loose the loins of kings,
to open before him the two leaved
gates; and the gates shall not be shut;
2 I will go before thee, and make
the crooked places straight: I will
break in pieces the gates of brass, and
cut in sunder the bars of iron:
3 And I will give thee the treasures
of darkness, and hidden riches of secret
places, that thou mayest know that I,
the LORD, which call *thee* by thy name,
am the God of Israel.
4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and
Israel mine elect, I have even called
thee by thy name: I have surnamed
thee, though thou hast not known me.
5 I *am* the LORD, and *there is* none
else, *there is* no God beside me: I girded
thee, though thou hast not known me:
6 That they may know from the ris-
ing of the sun, and from the west, that
there is none beside me. I *am* the LORD,
and *there is* none else.
7 I form the light, and create dark-
ness: I make peace, and create evil: I
the LORD do all these *things*.
8 Drop down, ye heavens, from
above, and let the skies pour down
righteousness: let the earth open, and
let them bring forth salvation, and let
righteousness spring up together; I the
LORD have created it.
9 Woe unto *him that* striveth with
his Maker! *Let* the potsherd *strive* with
the potsherds of the earth. Shall the
clay say to him that fashioneth it,

What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?

10 Woe unto him that saith unto *his* father, What begettest thou? or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth?

11 Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

12 I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, *even* my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

13 I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts.

14 Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of E-thi-o′-pi-a and of the Sa-be′-ans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, *saying*, Surely God *is* in thee; and *there is* none else, *there is* no God.

15 Verily thou *art* a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour.

16 They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together *that are* makers of idols.

17 *But* Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I *am* the LORD; and *there is* none else.

19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye *that are* escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god *that* cannot save.

21 Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? *who* hath told it from that time? *have* not I the LORD? and *there is* no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; *there is* none beside me.

22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else.

23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth *in* righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

24 Surely, shall *one* say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: *even* to him shall *men* come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

25 In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

CHAPTER 46

BEL boweth down, Nebo stoopeth, their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: your carriages *were* heavy loaden; *they are* a burden to the weary *beast*.

2 They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but themselves are gone into captivity.

3 Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are borne *by me* from the belly, which are carried from the womb:

4 And *even* to *your* old age I *am* he; and *even* to hoar hairs will I carry *you*: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver *you*.

5 To whom will ye liken me, and make *me* equal, and compare me, that we may be like?

6 They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, *and* hire a goldsmith; and he maketh it a god: they fall down, yea, they worship.

7 They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry *him*, and set him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he not remove: yea, *one* shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble.

8 Remember this, and shew yourselves men: bring *it* again to mind, O ye transgressors.

9 Remember the former things of old: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else; I *am* God, and *there is* none like me,

10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done, saying, My

counsel shall stand, and I will do all
my pleasure:
11 Calling a ravenous bird from the
east, *the man that* executeth my coun-
sel from a far country: yea, I have spo-
ken *it*, I will also bring it to pass; I
have purposed *it*, I will also do it.
12 Hearken unto me, ye stoutheart-
ed, that *are* far from righteousness:
13 I bring near my righteousness; it
shall not be far off, and my salvation
shall not tarry: and I will place salva-
tion in Zion for Israel my glory.

CHAPTER 47

COME down, and sit in the dust, O
virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on
the ground: *there is* no throne, O
daughter of the Chal-de'-ans: for thou
shalt no more be called tender and
delicate.
2 Take the millstones, and grind
meal; uncover thy locks, make bare
the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over
the rivers.
3 Thy nakedness shall be uncov-
ered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I
will take vengeance, and I will not
meet *thee as* a man.
4 *As for* our redeemer, the LORD of
hosts *is* his name, the Holy One of Is-
rael.
5 Sit thou silent, and get thee into
darkness, O daughter of the Chal-de'-
ans: for thou shalt no more be called,
The lady of kingdoms.
6 I was wroth with my people, I
have polluted mine inheritance, and
given them into thine hand: thou didst
shew them no mercy; upon the ancient
hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke.
7 And thou saidst, I shall be a lady
for ever: so that thou didst not lay
these *things* to thy heart, neither didst
remember the latter end of it.
8 Therefore hear now this, *thou that
art* given to pleasures, that dwellest
carelessly, that sayest in thine heart,
I *am*, and none else beside me; I shall
not sit *as* a widow, neither shall I know
the loss of children:
9 But these two *things* shall come to
thee in a moment in one day, the loss
of children, and widowhood: they shall
come upon thee in their perfection for
the multitude of thy sorceries, *and* for
the great abundance of thine enchant-
ments.
10 For thou hast trusted in thy
wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth
me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge,
it hath perverted thee; and thou hast
said in thine heart, I *am*, and none else
beside me.
11 Therefore shall evil come upon
thee; thou shalt not know from whence
it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon
thee; thou shalt not be able to put it
off: and desolation shall come upon
thee suddenly, *which* thou shalt not
know.
12 Stand now with thine enchant-
ments, and with the multitude of thy
sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured
from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be
able to profit, if so be thou mayest pre-
vail.
13 Thou art wearied in the multi-
tude of thy counsels. Let now the as-
trologers, the stargazers, the monthly
prognosticators, stand up, and save
thee from *these things* that shall come
upon thee.
14 Behold, they shall be as stubble;
the fire shall burn them; they shall not
deliver themselves from the power of
the flame: *there shall* not *be* a coal to
warm at, *nor* fire to sit before it.
15 Thus shall they be unto thee
with whom thou hast laboured, *even*
thy merchants, from thy youth: they
shall wander every one to his quarter;
none shall save thee.

CHAPTER 48

HEAR ye this, O house of Jacob,
which are called by the name of
Israel, and are come forth out of the
waters of Judah, which swear by the
name of the LORD, and make mention
of the God of Israel, *but* not in truth,
nor in righteousness.
2 For they call themselves of the
holy city, and stay themselves upon
the God of Israel; The LORD of hosts *is*
his name.
3 I have declared the former things
from the beginning; and they went
forth out of my mouth, and I shewed
them; I did *them* suddenly, and they
came to pass.
4 Because I knew that thou *art* ob-
stinate, and thy neck *is* an iron sinew,
and thy brow brass;
5 I have even from the beginning
declared *it* to thee; before it came to
pass I shewed *it* thee: lest thou should-
est say, Mine idol hath done them, and
my graven image, and my molten im-
age, hath commanded them.
6 Thou hast heard, see all this; and
will not ye declare *it?* I have shewed

thee new things from this time, even
hidden things, and thou didst not
know them.
7 They are created now, and not
from the beginning; even before the
day when thou heardest them not; lest
thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew
them.
8 Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou
knewest not; yea, from that time *that*
thine ear was not opened: for I knew
that thou wouldest deal very treach-
erously, and wast called a transgressor
from the womb.
9 For my name's sake will I defer
mine anger, and for my praise will I
refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off.
10 Behold, I have refined thee, but
not with silver; I have chosen thee in
the furnace of affliction.
11 For mine own sake, *even* for mine
own sake, will I do *it*: for how should
my name be polluted? and I will not
give my glory unto another.
12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob and
Israel, my called; I *am* he; I *am* the
first, I also *am* the last.
13 Mine hand also hath laid the
foundation of the earth, and my right
hand hath spanned the heavens: *when*
I call unto them, they stand up to-
gether.
14 All ye, assemble yourselves, and
hear; which among them hath declared
these *things*? The LORD hath loved
him: he will do his pleasure on Baby-
lon, and his arm *shall be on* the Chal-
de'-ans.
15 I, *even* I, have spoken; yea, I
have called him: I have brought him,
and he shall make his way prosperous.
16 Come ye near unto me, hear ye
this; I have not spoken in secret from
the beginning; from the time that it
was, there *am* I: and now the Lord
GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.
17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Re-
deemer, the Holy One of Israel; I *am*
the LORD thy God which teacheth thee
to profit, which leadeth thee by the
way *that* thou shouldest go.
18 O that thou hadst hearkened to
my commandments! then had thy
peace been as a river, and thy right-
eousness as the waves of the sea:
19 Thy seed also had been as the
sand, and the offspring of thy bowels
like the gravel thereof; his name should
not have been cut off nor destroyed
from before me.
20 Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye
from the Chal-de'-ans, with a voice of
singing declare ye, tell this, utter it
even to the end of the earth; say ye,
The LORD hath redeemed his servant
Jacob.
21 And they thirsted not *when* he
led them through the deserts: he
caused the waters to flow out of the
rock for them: he clave the rock also,
and the waters gushed out.
22 *There is* no peace, saith the
LORD, unto the wicked.

CHAPTER 49

LISTEN, O isles, unto me; and
hearken, ye people, from far; The
LORD hath called me from the womb;
from the bowels of my mother hath he
made mention of my name.
2 And he hath made my mouth like
a sharp sword; in the shadow of his
hand hath he hid me, and made me a
polished shaft; in his quiver hath he
hid me;
3 And said unto me, Thou *art* my
servant, O Israel, in whom I will be
glorified.
4 Then I said, I have laboured in
vain, I have spent my strength for
nought, and in vain: *yet* surely my
judgment *is* with the LORD, and my
work with my God.
5 And now, saith the LORD that
formed me from the womb *to be* his
servant, to bring Jacob again to him,
Though Israel be not gathered, yet
shall I be glorious in the eyes of the
LORD, and my God shall be my
strength.
6 And he said, It is a light thing
that thou shouldest be my servant to
raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to re-
store the preserved of Israel: I will also
give thee for a light to the Gentiles,
that thou mayest be my salvation unto
the end of the earth.
7 Thus saith the LORD, the Re-
deemer of Israel, *and* his Holy One, to
him whom man despiseth, to him
whom the nation abhorreth, to a ser-
vant of rulers, Kings shall see and
arise, princes also shall worship, be-
cause of the LORD that is faithful, *and*
the Holy One of Israel, and he shall
choose thee.
8 Thus saith the LORD, In an ac-
ceptable time have I heard thee, and
in a day of salvation have I helped
thee: and I will preserve thee, and give
thee for a covenant of the people, to

establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;

9 That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that *are* in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures *shall be* in all high places.

10 They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

11 And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted.

12 Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Si'-nim.

13 Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

14 But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.

15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of *my* hands; thy walls *are* continually before me.

17 Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee.

18 Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, *and* come to thee. As I live, saith the LORD, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them *on thee*, as a bride *doeth*.

19 For thy waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away.

20 The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place is too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell.

21 Then shalt thou say in thine heart, who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where *had* they *been?*

22 Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in *their* arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon *their* shoulders.

23 And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with *their* face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

24 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?

25 But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.

26 And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD *am* thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

CHAPTER 50

THUS saith the LORD, Where *is* the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors *is it* to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.

2 Wherefore, when I came, *was there* no man? when I called, *was there* none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because *there is* no water, and dieth for thirst.

3 I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering.

4 The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to *him that is* weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.

5 The Lord GOD hath opened mine

ear, and I was not rebellious, neither
turned away back.
6 I gave my back to the smiters,
and my cheeks to them that plucked
off the hair: I hid not my face from
shame and spitting.
7 For the Lord GOD will help me;
therefore shall I not be confounded:
therefore have I set my face like a
flint, and I know that I shall not be
ashamed.
8 *He is* near that justifieth me; who
will contend with me? let us stand together:
who *is* mine adversary? let him
come near to me.
9 Behold, the Lord GOD will help
me; who *is* he *that* shall condemn me?
lo, they all shall wax old as a garment;
the moth shall eat them up.
10 Who *is* among you that feareth
the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of
his servant, that walketh *in* darkness,
and hath no light? let him trust in the
name of the LORD, and stay upon his
God.
11 Behold, all ye that kindle a fire,
that compass *yourselves* about with
sparks: walk in the light of your fire,
and in the sparks *that* ye have kindled.
This shall ye have of mine hand; ye
shall lie down in sorrow.

CHAPTER 51

HEARKEN to me, ye that follow
after righteousness, ye that seek
the LORD: look unto the rock *whence*
ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit
whence ye are digged.
2 Look unto Abraham your father,
and unto Sarah *that* bare you: for I
called him alone, and blessed him, and
increased him.
3 For the LORD shall comfort Zion:
he will comfort all her waste places;
and he will make her wilderness like
Eden, and her desert like the garden
of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be
found therein, thanksgiving, and the
voice of melody.
4 Hearken unto me, my people; and
give ear unto me, O my nation: for a
law shall proceed from me, and I will
make my judgment to rest for a light
of the people.
5 My righteousness *is* near; my salvation
is gone forth, and mine arms
shall judge the people; the isles shall
wait upon me, and on mine arm shall
they trust.
6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look upon the earth beneath: for
the heavens shall vanish away like
smoke, and the earth shall wax old like
a garment, and they that dwell therein
shall die in like manner: but my salvation
shall be for ever, and my righteousness
shall not be abolished.
7 Hearken unto me, ye that know
righteousness, the people in whose
heart *is* my law; fear ye not the reproach
of men, neither be ye afraid of
their revilings.
8 For the moth shall eat them up
like a garment, and the worm shall eat
them like wool: but my righteousness
shall be for ever, and my salvation
from generation to generation.
9 Awake, awake, put on strength, O
arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient
days, in the generations of old.
Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab,
and wounded the dragon?
10 *Art* thou not it which hath dried
the sea, the waters of the great deep;
that hath made the depths of the sea a
way for the ransomed to pass over?
11 Therefore the redeemed of the
LORD shall return, and come with singing
unto Zion; and everlasting joy
shall be upon their head: they shall obtain
gladness and joy; *and* sorrow and
mourning shall flee away.
12 I, *even* I, *am* he that comforteth
you: who *art* thou, that thou shouldest
be afraid of a man *that* shall die, and
of the son of man *which* shall be made
as grass;
13 And forgettest the LORD thy
maker, that hath stretched forth the
heavens, and laid the foundations of
the earth; and hast feared continually
every day because of the fury of the
oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy?
and where *is* the fury of the oppressor?
14 The captive exile hasteneth that
he may be loosed, and that he should
not die in the pit, nor that his bread
should fail.
15 But I *am* the LORD thy God,
that divided the sea, whose waves
roared: The LORD of hosts *is* his
name.
16 And I have put my words in thy
mouth, and I have covered thee in the
shadow of mine hand, that I may
plant the heavens, and lay the foundations
of the earth, and say unto Zion,
Thou *art* my people.
17 Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem,
which hast drunk at the hand
of the LORD the cup of his fury; thou

hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, *and* wrung *them* out.

18 *There is* none to guide her among all the sons *whom* she hath brought forth; neither *is there any* that taketh her by the hand of all the sons *that* she hath brought up.

19 These two *things* are come unto thee; who shall be sorry for thee? desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword: by whom shall I comfort thee?

20 Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net: they are full of the fury of the LORD, the rebuke of thy God.

21 Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine:

22 Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God *that* pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, *even* the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again:

23 But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over.

CHAPTER 52

AWAKE, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

2 Shake thyself from the dust; arise, *and* sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

3 For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money.

4 For thus saith the Lord GOD, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

5 Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD; and my name continually every day *is* blasphemed.

6 Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore *they shall know* in that day that I *am* he that doth speak: behold, *it is* I.

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.

9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

11 Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean *thing;* go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

12 For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel *will be* your rereward.

13 Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

14 As many were astonied at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

15 So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for *that* which had not been told them shall they see; and *that* which they had not heard shall they consider.

CHAPTER 53

WHO hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire him.

3 He *is* despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our

iniquities: the chastisement of our
peace *was* upon him; and with his
stripes we are healed.
6 All we like sheep have gone
astray; we have turned every one to
his own way; and the LORD hath laid
on him the iniquity of us all.
7 He was oppressed, and he was
afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth:
he is brought as a lamb to the slaugh-
ter, and as a sheep before her shearers
is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.
8 He was taken from prison and
from judgment: and who shall declare
his generation? for he was cut off out
of the land of the living: for the trans-
gression of my people was he stricken.
9 And he made his grave with the
wicked, and with the rich in his death;
because he had done no violence, nei-
ther *was any* deceit in his mouth.
10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise
him; he hath put *him* to grief: when
thou shalt make his soul an offering
for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall
prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of
the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
11 He shall see of the travail of his
soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his
knowledge shall my righteous servant
justify many; for he shall bear their
iniquities.
12 Therefore will I divide him *a por-
tion* with the great, and he shall divide
the spoil with the strong; because he
hath poured out his soul unto death:
and he was numbered with the trans-
gressors; and he bare the sin of many,
and made intercession for the trans-
gressors.

CHAPTER 54

SING, O barren, thou *that* didst not
bear; break forth into singing, and
cry aloud, thou *that* didst not travail
with child: for more *are* the children of
the desolate than the children of the
married wife, saith the LORD.
2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and
let them stretch forth the curtains of
thine habitations: spare not, lengthen
thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;
3 For thou shalt break forth on the
right hand and on the left; and thy
seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and
make the desolate cities to be inhab-
ited.
4 Fear not; for thou shalt not be
ashamed: neither be thou confounded;
for thou shalt not be put to shame: for
thou shalt forget the shame of thy
youth, and shalt not remember the
reproach of thy widowhood any
more.
5 For thy Maker *is* thine husband;
the LORD of hosts *is* his name; and thy
Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The
God of the whole earth shall he be
called.
6 For the LORD hath called thee as
a woman forsaken and grieved in spir-
it, and a wife of youth, when thou wast
refused, saith thy God.
7 For a small moment have I for-
saken thee; but with great mercies will
I gather thee.
8 In a little wrath I hid my face
from thee for a moment; but with ever-
lasting kindness will I have mercy on
thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.
9 For this *is as* the waters of Noah
unto me: for *as* I have sworn that the
waters of Noah should no more go over
the earth; so have I sworn that I would
not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke
thee.
10 For the mountains shall depart,
and the hills be removed; but my kind-
ness shall not depart from thee, neither
shall the covenant of my peace be re-
moved, saith the LORD that hath mer-
cy on thee.
11 O thou afflicted, tossed with
tempest, *and* not comforted, behold, I
will lay thy stones with fair colours,
and lay thy foundations with sap-
phires.
12 And I will make thy windows of
agates, and thy gates of carbuncles,
and all thy borders of pleasant stones.
13 And all thy children *shall be*
taught of the LORD; and great *shall be*
the peace of thy children.
14 In righteousness shalt thou be
established: thou shalt be far from op-
pression; for thou shalt not fear: and
from terror; for it shall not come near
thee.
15 Behold, they shall surely gather
together, *but* not by me: whosoever
shall gather together against thee shall
fall for thy sake.
16 Behold, I have created the smith
that bloweth the coals in the fire, and
that bringeth forth an instrument for
his work; and I have created the wast-
er to destroy.
17 No weapon that is formed
against thee shall prosper; and every
tongue *that* shall rise against thee in
judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is*
the heritage of the servants of the

LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER 55

HO, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he *that* hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2 Wherefore do ye spend money for *that which is* not bread? and your labour for *that which* satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye *that which is* good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *even* the sure mercies of David.

4 Behold, I have given him *for* a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

5 Behold, thou shalt call a nation *that* thou knowest not, and nations *that* knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9 For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off.

CHAPTER 56

THUS saith the LORD, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation *is* near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

2 Blessed *is* the man *that* doeth this, and the son of man *that* layeth hold on it: that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

3 Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I *am* a dry tree.

4 For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose *the things* that please me, and take hold of my covenant;

5 Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;

7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *shall be* accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

8 The Lord GOD which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather *others* to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.

9 All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, *yea*, all ye beasts in the forest.

10 His watchmen *are* blind: they are all ignorant, they *are* all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

11 Yea, *they are* greedy dogs *which* can never have enough, and they *are* shepherds *that* cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.

12 Come ye, *say they,* I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, *and* much more abundant.

CHAPTER 57

THE righteous perisheth, and no man layeth *it* to heart: and merciful men *are* taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil *to come.*

2 He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds *each one* walking *in* his uprightness.

3 But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore.

4 Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, *and* draw out the tongue? *are* ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood,

5 Enflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the clifts of the rocks?

6 Among the smooth *stones* of the stream *is* thy portion; they, they *are* thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink offering, thou hast offered a meat offering. Should I receive comfort in these?

7 Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed: even thither wentest thou up to offer sacrifice.

8 Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance: for thou hast discovered *thyself to another* than me, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee *a covenant* with them; thou lovedst their bed where thou sawest *it.*

9 And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase *thyself even* unto hell.

10 Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way; *yet* saidst thou not, There is no hope: thou hast found the life of thine hand; therefore thou wast not grieved.

11 And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, nor laid *it* to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of old, and thou fearest me not?

12 I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee.

13 When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take *them:* but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain;

14 And shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my people.

15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place,* with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

16 For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls *which* I have made.

17 For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart.

18 I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.

19 I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to *him that is* far off, and to *him that is* near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him.

20 But the wicked *are* like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

21 *There is* no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

CHAPTER 58

CRY aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

2 Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.

3 Wherefore have we fasted, *say they,* and thou seest not? *wherefore* have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labours.

4 Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as *ye do this*

day, to make your voice to be heard
on high.
5 Is it such a fast that I have cho-
sen? a day for a man to afflict his soul?
is it to bow down his head as a bulrush,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes *un-
der him?* wilt thou call this a fast, and
an acceptable day to the LORD?
6 *Is* not this the fast that I have
chosen? to loose the bands of wicked-
ness, to undo the heavy burdens, and
to let the oppressed go free, and that
ye break every yoke?
7 *Is it* not to deal thy bread to the
hungry, and that thou bring the poor
that are cast out to thy house? when
thou seest the naked, that thou cover
him; and that thou hide not thyself
from thine own flesh?
8 Then shall thy light break forth as
the morning, and thine health shall
spring forth speedily: and thy right-
eousness shall go before thee; the glory
of the LORD shall be thy rereward.
9 Then shalt thou call, and the
LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and
he shall say, Here I *am*. If thou take
away from the midst of thee the yoke,
the putting forth of the finger, and
speaking vanity;
10 And *if* thou draw out thy soul to
the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted
soul; then shall thy light rise in ob-
scurity, and thy darkness *be* as the
noon day:
11 And the LORD shall guide thee
continually, and satisfy thy soul in
drought, and make fat thy bones: and
thou shalt be like a watered garden,
and like a spring of water, whose wa-
ters fail not.
12 And *they that shall be* of thee shall
build the old waste places: thou shalt
raise up the foundations of many gen-
erations; and thou shalt be called, The
repairer of the breach, The restorer of
paths to dwell in.
13 If thou turn away thy foot from
the sabbath, *from* doing thy pleasure
on my holy day; and call the sabbath
a delight, the holy of the LORD, hon-
ourable; and shalt honour him, not
doing thine own ways, nor finding
thine own pleasure, nor speaking *thine
own* words:
14 Then shalt thou delight thyself
in the LORD; and I will cause thee to
ride upon the high places of the earth,
and feed thee with the heritage of Ja-
cob thy father: for the mouth of the
LORD hath spoken *it*.

CHAPTER 59

BEHOLD, the LORD's hand is not
shortened, that it cannot save;
neither his ear heavy, that it cannot
hear:
2 But your iniquities have sepa-
rated between you and your God, and
your sins have hid *his* face from you,
that he will not hear.
3 For your hands are defiled with
blood, and your fingers with iniquity;
your lips have spoken lies, your tongue
hath muttered perverseness.
4 None calleth for justice, nor *any*
pleadeth for truth: they trust in van-
ity, and speak lies; they conceive mis-
chief, and bring forth iniquity.
5 They hatch cockatrice eggs, and
weave the spider's web: he that eateth
of their eggs dieth, and that which is
crushed breaketh out into a viper.
6 Their webs shall not become gar-
ments, neither shall they cover them-
selves with their works: their works
are works of iniquity, and the act of
violence *is* in their hands.
7 Their feet run to evil, and they
make haste to shed innocent blood:
their thoughts *are* thoughts of in-
iquity; wasting and destruction *are* in
their paths.
8 The way of peace they know not;
and *there is* no judgment in their
goings: they have made them crooked
paths: whosoever goeth therein shall
not know peace.
9 Therefore is judgment far from us,
neither doth justice overtake us: we
wait for light, but behold obscurity;
for brightness, *but* we walk in dark-
ness.
10 We grope for the wall like the
blind, and we grope as if *we had* no
eyes: we stumble at noon day as in the
night; *we are* in desolate places as dead
men.
11 We roar all like bears, and
mourn sore like doves: we look for
judgment, but *there is* none; for salva-
tion, *but* it is far off from us.
12 For our transgressions are mul-
tiplied before thee, and our sins testify
against us: for our transgressions *are*
with us; and *as for* our iniquities, we
know them;
13 In transgressing and lying
against the LORD, and departing away
from our God, speaking oppression and
revolt, conceiving and uttering from
the heart words of falsehood.

14 And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.

15 Yea, truth faileth; and he *that* departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw *it*, and it displeased him that *there was* no judgment.

16 And he saw that *there was* no man, and wondered that *there was* no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

17 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance *for* clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.

18 According to *their* deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence.

19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

20 And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.

21 As for me, this *is* my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that *is* upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

CHAPTER 60

ARISE, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at *thy* side.

5 Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.

6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Mid'i-an and E'phah; all they from She'ba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD.

7 All the flocks of Ke'dar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Ne-ba'ioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.

8 Who *are* these *that* fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?

9 Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because *he* hath glorified thee.

10 And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee.

11 Therefore thy gates shall be open continually: they shall not be shut day nor night; that *men* may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and *that* their kings *may be* brought.

12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, *those* nations shall be utterly wasted.

13 The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.

14 The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

15 Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through *thee*, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.

16 Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD *am* thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

17 For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will

also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness.

18 *Violence* shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

19 The sun shall be no more thy *light* by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an *everlasting light*, and thy God thy glory.

20 Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning *shall be ended*.

21 Thy people also *shall be* all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

22 A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time.

CHAPTER 61

THE Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien *shall be* your plowmen and your vinedressers.

6 But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: *men* shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

7 For your shame *ye shall have* double; and *for* confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

8 For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

9 And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they *are* the seed *which* the LORD hath blessed.

10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels.

11 For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

CHAPTER 62

FOR Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp *that* burneth.

2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

3 Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

4 Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Heph'-zi-bah, and thy land Beu'-lah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.

5 For *as* a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and *as* the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

6 I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, *which* shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence,

7 And give him no rest, till he estab-

lish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

8 The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn *to be* meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured:

9 But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness.

10 Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.

11 Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward *is* with him, and his work before him.

12 And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

CHAPTER 63

WHO *is* this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Boz'-rah? this *that is* glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

2 Wherefore *art thou* red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?

3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people *there was* none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

4 For the day of vengeance *is* in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

5 And I looked, and *there was* none to help; and I wondered that *there was* none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.

6 And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

7 I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, *and* the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.

8 For he said, Surely they *are* my people, children *that* will not lie: so he was their Saviour.

9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

10 But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, *and* he fought against them.

11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses *and* his people, *saying*, Where *is* he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where *is* he that put his holy Spirit within him?

12 That led *them* by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name?

13 That led them through the deep, as an horse in the wilderness, *that* they should not stumble?

14 As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.

15 Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where *is* thy zeal and thy strength, the sounding of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me? are they restrained?

16 Doubtless thou *art* our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, *art* our father, our redeemer: thy name *is* from everlasting.

17 O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, *and* hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance.

18 The people of thy holiness have possessed *it* but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary.

19 We are *thine:* thou never barest rule over them; they were not called by thy name.

CHAPTER 64

OH that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence,

2 As *when* the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, *that* the nations may tremble at thy presence!

3 When thou didst terrible things *which* we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence.

4 For since the beginning of the world *men* have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, *what* he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

5 Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, *those that* remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved.

6 But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

7 And *there is* none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

8 But now, O LORD, thou *art* our father; we *are* the clay, and thou our potter; and we all *are* the work of thy hand.

9 Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we *are* all thy people.

10 Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

11 Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire: and all our pleasant things are laid waste.

12 Wilt thou refrain thyself for these *things*, O LORD? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

CHAPTER 65

I AM sought of *them that* asked not *for me;* I am found of *them that* sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation *that* was not called by my name.

2 I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way *that was* not good, after their own thoughts;

3 A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick;

4 Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable *things is in* their vessels;

5 Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me: for I am holier than thou. These *are* a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day.

6 Behold, *it is* written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom,

7 Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the LORD, which have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom.

8 Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and *one* saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing *is* in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all.

9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

10 And Shar'-on shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of A'-chor a place for the herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me.

11 But ye *are* they that forsake the LORD, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that number.

12 Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose *that* wherein I delighted not.

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed:

14 Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for

sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit.

15 And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord GOD shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name:

16 That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.

17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever *in that* which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner *being* an hundred years old shall be accursed.

21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit *them;* and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree *are* the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they *are* the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust *shall be* the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER 66

THUS saith the LORD, The heaven *is* my throne, and the earth *is* my footstool: where *is* the house that ye build unto me? and where *is* the place of my rest?

2 For all those *things* hath mine hand made, and all those *things* have been, saith the LORD: but to this *man* will I look, *even* to *him that is* poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

3 He that killeth an ox *is as if* he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, *as if* he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, *as if he offered* swine's blood; he that burneth incense, *as if* he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations.

4 I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose *that* in which I delighted not.

5 Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.

6 A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompence to his enemies.

7 Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.

8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? *or* shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut *the womb?* saith thy God.

10 Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her:

11 That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.

12 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon *her* sides, and be dandled upon *her* knees.

13 As one whom his mother com-

forteth, so will I comfort you; and ye
shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
14 And when ye see *this*, your heart
shall rejoice, and your bones shall
flourish like an herb: and the hand of
the LORD shall be known toward his
servants, and *his* indignation toward
his enemies.
15 For, behold, the LORD will
come with fire, and with his chariots
like a whirlwind, to render his anger
with fury, and his rebuke with flames
of fire.
16 For by fire and by his sword will
the LORD plead with all flesh: and the
slain of the LORD shall be many.
17 They that sanctify themselves,
and purify themselves in the gardens
behind one *tree* in the midst, eating
swine's flesh, and the abomination,
and the mouse, shall be consumed to-
gether, saith the LORD.
18 For I *know* their works and their
thoughts: it shall come, that I will
gather all nations and tongues; and
they shall come, and see my glory.
19 And I will set a sign among
them, and I will send those that escape
of them unto the nations, *to* Tarshish,
Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, *to*
Tu'-bal, and Ja'-van, *to* the isles afar
off, that have not heard my fame, nei-
ther have seen my glory: and they
shall declare my glory among the Gen-
tiles.
20 And they shall bring all your
brethren *for* an offering unto the LORD
out of all nations upon horses, and in
chariots, and in litters, and upon
mules, and upon swift beasts, to my
holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the
LORD, as the children of Israel bring an
offering in a clean vessel into the house
of the LORD.
21 And I will also take of them for
priests *and* for Levites, saith the LORD.
22 For as the new heavens and the
new earth, which I will make, shall re-
main before me, saith the LORD, so
shall your seed and your name re-
main.
23 And it shall come to pass, *that*
from one new moon to another, and
from one sabbath to another, shall all
flesh come to worship before me, saith
the LORD.
24 And they shall go forth, and look
upon the carcases of the men that have
transgressed against me: for their
worm shall not die, neither shall their
fire be quenched; and they shall be an
abhorring unto all flesh.

The Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

CHAPTER 1

THE words of Jeremiah the son of
Hil-ki'-ah, of the priests that
were in An'-a-thoth in the land of
Benjamin:
2 To whom the word of the LORD
came in the days of Jo-si'-ah the son of
Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth
year of his reign.
3 It came also in the days of Je-hoi'-
a-kim the son of Jo-si'-ah king of Ju-
dah, unto the end of the eleventh year
of Zed-e-ki'-ah the son of Jo-si'-ah king
of Judah, unto the carrying away of
Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.
4 Then the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying,
5 Before I formed thee in the belly
I knew thee; and before thou camest
forth out of the womb I sanctified
thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet
unto the nations.
6 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! be-
hold, I cannot speak: for I *am* a child.
7 But the LORD said unto me, Say
not, I *am* a child: for thou shalt go to
all that I shall send thee, and whatso-
ever I command thee thou shalt speak.
8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I
am with thee to deliver thee, saith the
LORD.
9 Then the LORD put forth his
hand, and touched my mouth. And
the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have
put my words in thy mouth.
10 See, I have this day set thee over
the nations and over the kingdoms, to
root out, and to pull down, and to de-
stroy, and to throw down, to build,
and to plant.
11 Moreover the word of the LORD

came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what
seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of
an almond tree.
12 Then said the LORD unto me,
Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten
my word to perform it.
13 And the word of the LORD came
unto me the second time, saying, What
seest thou? And I said, I see a seething
pot; and the face thereof *is* toward the
north.
14 Then the LORD said unto me,
Out of the north an evil shall break
forth upon all the inhabitants of the
land.
15 For, lo, I will call all the families
of the kingdoms of the north, saith the
LORD; and they shall come, and they
shall set every one his throne at the
entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and
against all the walls thereof round
about, and against all the cities of Ju-
dah.
16 And I will utter my judgments
against them touching all their wick-
edness, who have forsaken me, and
have burned incense unto other gods,
and worshipped the works of their own
hands.
17 Thou therefore gird up thy loins,
and arise, and speak unto them all
that I command thee: be not dismayed
at their faces, lest I confound thee be-
fore them.
18 For, behold, I have made thee
this day a defenced city, and an iron
pillar, and brasen walls against the
whole land, against the kings of Judah,
against the princes thereof, against the
priests thereof, and against the people
of the land.
19 And they shall fight against thee;
but they shall not prevail against thee;
for I *am* with thee, saith the LORD, to
deliver thee.

CHAPTER 2

MOREOVER the word of the
LORD came to me, saying,
2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusa-
lem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; I re-
member thee, the kindness of thy
youth, the love of thine espousals,
when thou wentest after me in the
wilderness, in a land *that was* not
sown.
3 Israel *was* holiness unto the LORD,
and the firstfruits of his increase: all
that devour him shall offend; evil shall
come upon them, saith the LORD.
4 Hear ye the word of the LORD, O
house of Jacob, and all the families of
the house of Israel:
5 Thus saith the LORD, What in-
iquity have your fathers found in me,
that they are gone far from me, and
have walked after vanity, and are be-
come vain?
6 Neither said they, Where *is* the
LORD that brought us up out of the
land of Egypt, that led us through the
wilderness, through a land of deserts
and of pits, through a land of drought,
and of the shadow of death, through a
land that no man passed through, and
where no man dwelt?
7 And I brought you into a plentiful
country, to eat the fruit thereof and
the goodness thereof; but when ye en-
tered, ye defiled my land, and made
mine heritage an abomination.
8 The priests said not, Where *is* the
LORD? and they that handle the law
knew me not: the pastors also trans-
gressed against me, and the prophets
prophesied by Ba'-al, and walked after
things that do not profit.
9 Wherefore I will yet plead with
you, saith the LORD, and with your
children's children will I plead.
10 For pass over the isles of Chit'-
tim, and see; and send unto Ke'-dar,
and consider diligently, and see if
there be such a thing.
11 Hath a nation changed *their*
gods, which *are* yet no gods? but my
people have changed their glory for
that which doth not profit.
12 Be astonished, O ye heavens, at
this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very
desolate, saith the LORD.
13 For my people have committed
two evils; they have forsaken me the
fountain of living waters, *and* hewed
them out cisterns, broken cisterns,
that can hold no water.
14 *Is* Israel a servant? *is* he a home-
born *slave?* why is he spoiled?
15 The young lions roared upon
him, *and* yelled, and they made his
land waste: his cities are burned with-
out inhabitant.
16 Also the children of Noph and
Ta-hap'-a-nes have broken the crown
of thy head.
17 Hast thou not procured this unto
thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the
LORD thy God, when he led thee by
the way?
18 And now what hast thou to do
in the way of Egypt, to drink the
waters of Si'-hor? or what hast thou to

do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river?

19 Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that *it is* an evil *thing* and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear *is* not in thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.

20 For of old time I have broken thy yoke, *and* burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot.

21 Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?

22 For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much sope, *yet* thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord GOD.

23 How canst thou say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Ba'-al-im? see thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done: *thou art* a swift dromedary traversing her ways;

24 A wild ass used to the wilderness, *that* snuffeth up the wind at her pleasure; in her occasion who can turn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her.

25 Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst: but thou saidst, There is no hope: no; for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go.

26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets,

27 Saying to a stock, Thou *art* my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned *their* back unto me, and not *their* face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us.

28 But where *are* thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for *according to* the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah.

29 Wherefore will ye plead with me? ye all have transgressed against me, saith the LORD.

30 In vain have I smitten your children; they received no correction: your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.

31 O generation, see ye the word of the LORD. Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? a land of darkness? wherefore say my people, We are lords; we will come no more unto thee?

32 Can a maid forget her ornaments, *or* a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number.

33 Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love? therefore hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways.

34 Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these.

35 Yet thou sayest, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will plead with thee, because thou sayest, I have not sinned.

36 Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? thou also shalt be ashamed of Egypt, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria.

37 Yea, thou shalt go forth from him, and thine hands upon thine head: for the LORD hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them.

CHAPTER 3

THEY say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the LORD.

2 Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness.

3 Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.

4 Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou *art* the guide of my youth?

5 Will he reserve *his anger* for ever? will he keep *it* to the end? Behold, thou hast spoken and done evil things as thou couldest.

6 The LORD said also unto me in the

days of Jo-si'-ah the king, Hast thou seen *that* which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot.

7 And I said after she had done all these *things*, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw *it*.

8 And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

9 And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks.

10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith the LORD.

11 And the LORD said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah.

12 Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; *and* I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I *am* merciful, saith the LORD, *and* I will not keep *anger* for ever.

13 Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD.

14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:

15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

16 And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit *it*; neither shall *that* be done any more.

17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.

18 In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.

19 But I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of nations? and I said, Thou shalt call me, My father; and shalt not turn away from me.

20 Surely *as* a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the LORD.

21 A voice was heard upon the high places, weeping *and* supplications of the children of Israel: for they have perverted their way, *and* they have forgotten the LORD their God.

22 Return, ye backsliding children, *and* I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou *art* the LORD our God.

23 Truly in vain *is salvation hoped for* from the hills, *and from* the multitude of mountains: truly in the LORD our God *is* the salvation of Israel.

24 For shame hath devoured the labour of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.

25 We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.

CHAPTER 4

IF thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the LORD, return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove.

2 And thou shalt swear, The LORD liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

3 For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.

4 Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury

come forth like fire, and burn that
none can quench *it*, because of the evil
of your doings.
5 Declare ye in Judah, and publish
in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the
trumpet in *the land*: cry, gather together,
and say, Assemble yourselves,
and let us go into the defenced cities.
6 Set up the standard toward Zion:
retire, stay not: for I will bring evil
from the north, and a great destruction.
7 The lion *is* come up from his
thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles
is on *his* way; *he is* gone forth
from his place to make thy land desolate;
and thy cities shall be laid waste,
without an inhabitant.
8 For this gird you with sackcloth,
lament and howl: for the fierce anger
of the LORD is not turned back from us.
9 And it shall come to pass at that
day, saith the LORD, *that* the heart of
the king shall perish, and the heart of
the princes; and the priests shall be astonished,
and the prophets shall wonder.
10 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! surely
thou hast greatly deceived this people
and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall
have peace; whereas the sword reacheth
unto the soul.
11 At that time shall it be said to
this people and to Jerusalem, A dry
wind of the high places in the wilderness
toward the daughter of my people,
not to fan, nor to cleanse,
12 *Even* a full wind from those
places shall come unto me: now also
will I give sentence against them.
13 Behold, he shall come up as
clouds, and his chariots *shall be* as a
whirlwind: his horses are swifter than
eagles. Woe unto us! for we are spoiled.
14 O Jerusalem, wash thine heart
from wickedness, that thou mayest be
saved. How long shall thy vain
thoughts lodge within thee?
15 For a voice declareth from Dan,
and publisheth affliction from mount
E'-phra-im.
16 Make ye mention to the nations;
behold, publish against Jerusalem,
that watchers come from a far country,
and give out their voice against the
cities of Judah.
17 As keepers of a field, are they
against her round about; because she
hath been rebellious against me, saith
the LORD.
18 Thy way and thy doings have
procured these *things* unto thee; this *is*
thy wickedness, because it is bitter,
because it reacheth unto thine heart.
19 My bowels, my bowels! I am
pained at my very heart; my heart
maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold
my peace, because thou hast heard, O
my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the
alarm of war.
20 Destruction upon destruction is
cried; for the whole land is spoiled:
suddenly are my tents spoiled, *and* my
curtains in a moment.
21 How long shall I see the standard,
and hear the sound of the trumpet?
22 For my people *is foolish, they*
have not known me; they *are* sottish
children, and they have none understanding:
they *are* wise to do evil, but
to do good they have no knowledge.
23 I beheld the earth, and, lo, *it was*
without form, and void; and the heavens,
and they *had* no light.
24 I beheld the mountains, and, lo,
they trembled, and all the hills moved
lightly.
25 I beheld, and, lo, *there was* no
man, and all the birds of the heavens
were fled.
26 I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful
place *was* a wilderness, and all the cities
thereof were broken down at the
presence of the LORD, *and* by his fierce
anger.
27 For thus hath the LORD said,
The whole land shall be desolate; yet
will I not make a full end.
28 For this shall the earth mourn,
and the heavens above be black: because
I have spoken *it*, I have purposed
it, and will not repent, neither
will I turn back from it.
29 The whole city shall flee for the
noise of the horsemen and bowmen;
they shall go into thickets, and climb
up upon the rocks: every city *shall be*
forsaken, and not a man dwell therein.
30 And *when* thou *art* spoiled, what
wilt thou do? Though thou clothest
thyself with crimson, though thou
deckest thee with ornaments of gold,
though thou rentest thy face with
painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself
fair; *thy* lovers will despise thee,
they will seek thy life.
31 For I have heard a voice as of a
woman in travail, *and* the anguish as
of her that bringeth forth her first
child, the voice of the daughter of
Zion, *that* bewaileth herself, *that*

spreadeth her hands, *saying*, Woe *is* me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.

CHAPTER 5

RUN ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be *any* that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.

2 And though they say, The LORD liveth; surely they swear falsely.

3 O LORD, *are* not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, *but* they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.

4 Therefore I said, Surely these *are* poor; they are foolish: for they know not the way of the LORD, *nor* the judgment of their God.

5 I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the LORD, *and* the judgment of their God: but these have altogether broken the yoke, *and* burst the bonds.

6 Wherefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, *and* a wolf of the evenings shall spoil them, a leopard shall watch over their cities: every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, *and* their backslidings are increased.

7 How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by *them that are* no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses.

8 They were *as* fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbour's wife.

9 Shall I not visit for these *things?* saith the LORD: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10 Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy; but make not a full end: take away her battlements; for they *are* not the LORD'S.

11 For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the LORD.

12 They have belied the LORD, and said, *It is* not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine:

13 And the prophets shall become wind, and the word *is* not in them: thus shall it be done unto them.

14 Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

15 Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the LORD; it *is* a mighty nation, it *is* an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say.

16 Their quiver *is* as an open sepulchre, they *are* all mighty men.

17 And they shall eat up thine harvest, and thy bread, *which* thy sons and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds: they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees: they shall impoverish thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustedst, with the sword.

18 Nevertheless in those days, saith the LORD, I will not make a full end with you.

19 And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, Wherefore doeth the LORD our God all these *things* unto us? then shalt thou answer them, Like as ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land *that is* not yours.

20 Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying,

21 Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not:

22 Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand *for* the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?

23 But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone.

24 Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

25 Your iniquities have turned

away these *things*, and your sins have withholden good *things* from you.

26 For among my people are found wicked *men:* they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men.

27 As a cage is full of birds, so *are* their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich.

28 They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge.

29 Shall I not visit for these *things?* saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

30 A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land;

31 The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love *to have it* so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

CHAPTER 6

O YE children of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Te-ko'-a, and set up a sign of fire in Beth-hac'-ce-rem: for evil appeareth out of the north, and great destruction.

2 I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate *woman*.

3 The shepherds with their flocks shall come unto her; they shall pitch *their* tents against her round about; they shall feed every one in his place.

4 Prepare ye war against her; arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe unto us! for the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out.

5 Arise, and let us go by night, and let us destroy her palaces.

6 For thus hath the LORD of hosts said, Hew ye down trees, and cast a mount against Jerusalem: this *is* the city to be visited; she *is* wholly oppression in the midst of her.

7 As a fountain casteth out her waters, so she casteth out her wickedness: violence and spoil is heard in her; before me continually *is* grief and wounds.

8 Be thou instructed, O Jerusalem, lest my soul depart from thee; lest I make thee desolate, a land not inhabited.

9 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall throughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine: turn back thine hand as a grapegatherer into the baskets.

10 To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear *is* uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it.

11 Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD; I am weary with holding in: I will pour it out upon the children abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together: for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with *him that is* full of days.

12 And their houses shall be turned unto others, *with their* fields and wives together: for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD.

13 For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one *is* given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.

14 They have healed also the hurt *of the daughter* of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when *there is* no peace.

15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time *that* I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where *is* the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *therein*.

17 Also I set watchmen over you, *saying*, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.

18 Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what *is* among them.

19 Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, *even* the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.

20 To what purpose cometh there to me incense from She'-ba, and the sweet cane from a far country? your

burnt offerings *are* not acceptable, nor
your sacrifices sweet unto me.
21 Therefore thus saith the LORD,
Behold, I will lay stumblingblocks before this people, and the fathers and
the sons together shall fall upon them;
the neighbour and his friend shall perish.
22 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, a
people cometh from the north country, and a great nation shall be raised
from the sides of the earth.
23 They shall lay hold on bow and
spear; they *are* cruel, and have no
mercy; their voice roareth like the sea;
and they ride upon horses, set in array
as men for war against thee, O daughter of Zion.
24 We have heard the fame thereof:
our hands wax feeble: anguish hath
taken hold of us, *and* pain, as of a woman in travail.
25 Go not forth into the field, nor
walk by the way; for the sword of the
enemy *and* fear *is* on every side.
26 O daughter of my people, gird
thee with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes: make thee mourning, *as
for* an only son, most bitter lamentation: for the spoiler shall suddenly
come upon us.
27 I have set thee *for* a tower *and* a
fortress among my people, that thou
mayest know and try their way.
28 They *are* all grievous revolters,
walking with slanders: *they are* brass
and iron; they *are* all corrupters.
29 The bellows are burned, the lead
is consumed of the fire; the founder
melteth in vain: for the wicked are not
plucked away.
30 Reprobate silver shall *men* call
them, because the LORD hath rejected
them.

CHAPTER 7

THE word that came to Jeremiah
from the LORD, saying,
2 Stand in the gate of the LORD'S
house, and proclaim there this word,
and say, Hear the word of the LORD,
all *ye of* Judah, that enter in at these
gates to worship the LORD.
3 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel, Amend your ways and
your doings, and I will cause you to
dwell in this place.
4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the
LORD, *are* these.
5 For if ye throughly amend your
ways and your doings; if ye throughly
execute judgment between a man and
his neighbour;
6 *If* ye oppress not the stranger, the
fatherless, and the widow, and shed
not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your
hurt:
7 Then will I cause you to dwell in
this place, in the land that I gave to
your fathers, for ever and ever.
8 Behold, ye trust in lying words,
that cannot profit.
9 Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and
burn incense unto Ba'-al, and walk
after other gods whom ye know not;
10 And come and stand before me
in this house, which is called by my
name, and say, We are delivered to do
all these abominations?
11 Is this house, which is called by
my name, become a den of robbers in
your eyes? Behold, even I have seen *it*,
saith the LORD.
12 But go ye now unto my place
which *was* in Shi'-loh, where I set my
name at the first, and see what I did
to it for the wickedness of my people
Israel.
13 And now, because ye have done
all these works, saith the LORD, and I
spake unto you, rising up early and
speaking, but ye heard not; and I
called you, but ye answered not;
14 Therefore will I do unto *this*
house, which is called by my name,
wherein ye trust, and unto the place
which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shi'-loh.
15 And I will cast you out of my
sight, as I have cast out all your
brethren, *even* the whole seed of E'-phra-im.
16 Therefore pray not thou for this
people, neither lift up cry nor prayer
for them, neither make intercession to
me: for I will not hear thee.
17 Seest thou not what they do in
the cities of Judah and in the streets of
Jerusalem?
18 The children gather wood, and
the fathers kindle the fire, and the
women knead *their* dough, to make
cakes to the queen of heaven, and to
pour out drink offerings unto other
gods, that they may provoke me to
anger.
19 Do they provoke me to anger?
saith the LORD: *do they* not *provoke*

themselves to the confusion of their
own faces?
20 Therefore thus saith the Lord
GOD; Behold, mine anger and my fury
shall be poured out upon this place,
upon man, and upon beast, and upon
the trees of the field, and upon the
fruit of the ground, and it shall burn,
and shall not be quenched.
21 Thus saith the LORD of hosts,
the God of Israel; Put your burnt offer-
ings unto your sacrifices and eat flesh.
22 For I spake not unto your fa-
thers, nor commanded them in the day
that I brought them out of the land of
Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or
sacrifices:
23 But this thing commanded I
them, saying, Obey my voice, and I
will be your God, and ye shall be my
people: and walk ye in all the ways
that I have commanded you, that it
may be well unto you.
24 But they hearkened not, nor in-
clined their ear, but walked in the
counsels *and* in the imagination of
their evil heart, and went backward,
and not forward.
25 Since the day that your fathers
came forth out of the land of Egypt
unto this day I have even sent unto
you all my servants the prophets, daily
rising up early and sending *them:*
26 Yet they hearkened not unto me,
nor inclined their ear, but hardened
their neck: they did worse than their
fathers.
27 Therefore thou shalt speak all
these words unto them; but they will
not hearken to thee: thou shalt also
call unto them; but they will not an-
swer thee.
28 But thou shalt say unto them,
This *is* a nation that obeyeth not the
voice of the LORD their God, nor re-
ceiveth correction: truth is perished,
and is cut off from their mouth.
29 Cut off thine hair, *O Jerusalem,*
and cast *it* away, and take up a lamen-
tation on high places; for the LORD
hath rejected and forsaken the genera-
tion of his wrath.
30 For the children of Judah have
done evil in my sight, saith the LORD:
they have set their abominations in
the house which is called by my name,
to pollute it.
31 And they have built the high
places of To´-phet, which *is* in the val-
ley of the son of Hin´-nom, to burn
their sons and their daughters in the
fire; which I commanded *them* not,
neither came it into my heart.
32 Therefore, behold, the days
come, saith the LORD, that it shall no
more be called To´-phet, nor the valley
of the son of Hin´-nom, but the val-
ley of slaughter: for they shall bury in
To´-phet, till there be no place.
33 And the carcases of this people
shall be meat for the fowls of the heav-
en, and for the beasts of the earth;
and none shall fray *them* away.
34 Then will I cause to cease from
the cities of Judah, and from the
streets of Jerusalem, the voice of
mirth, and the voice of gladness, the
voice of the bridegroom, and the voice
of the bride: for the land shall be deso-
late.

CHAPTER 8

AT that time, saith the LORD, they
shall bring out the bones of the
kings of Judah, and the bones of his
princes, and the bones of the priests,
and the bones of the prophets, and the
bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
out of their graves:
2 And they shall spread them be-
fore the sun, and the moon, and all the
host of heaven, whom they have loved,
and whom they have served, and after
whom they have walked, and whom
they have sought, and whom they
have worshipped: they shall not be
gathered, nor be buried; they shall be
for dung upon the face of the earth.
3 And death shall be chosen rather
than life by all the residue of them
that remain of this evil family, which
remain in all the places whither I
have driven them, saith the LORD of
hosts.
4 Moreover thou shalt say unto
them, Thus saith the LORD; Shall they
fall, and not arise? shall he turn away,
and not return?
5 Why *then* is this people of Jeru-
salem slidden back by a perpetual
backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they
refuse to return.
6 I hearkened and heard, *but* they
spake not aright: no man repented
him of his wickedness, saying, What
have I done? every one turned to his
course, as the horse rusheth into the
battle.
7 Yea, the stork in the heaven
knoweth her appointed times; and the
turtle and the crane and the swallow
observe the time of their coming; but

my people know not the judgment of
the LORD.
8 How do ye say, We *are* wise, and
the law of the LORD *is* with us? Lo,
certainly in vain made he *it;* the pen of
the scribes *is* in vain.
9 The wise *men* are ashamed, they
are dismayed and taken: lo, they have
rejected the word of the LORD; and
what wisdom *is* in them?
10 Therefore will I give their wives
unto others, *and* their fields to them
that shall inherit *them:* for every one
from the least even unto the greatest
is given to covetousness, from the pro-
phet even unto the priest every one
dealeth falsely.
11 For they have healed the hurt of
the daughter of my people slightly,
saying, Peace, peace; when *there is* no
peace.
12 Were they ashamed when they
had committed abomination? nay,
they were not at all ashamed, neither
could they blush: therefore shall they
fall among them that fall: in the time
of their visitation they shall be cast
down, saith the LORD.
13 I will surely consume them, saith
the LORD: *there shall be* no grapes on
the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and
the leaf shall fade; and *the things that*
I have given them shall pass away
from them.
14 Why do we *sit still?* assemble
yourselves, and let us enter into the
defenced cities, and let us be silent
there: for the LORD our God hath put
us to silence, and given us water of
gall to drink, because we have sinned
against the LORD.
15 We looked for peace, but no good
came; and for a time of health, and be-
hold trouble!
16 The snorting of his horses was
heard from Dan: the whole land trem-
bled at the sound of the neighing of
his strong ones; for they are come, and
have devoured the land, and all that
is in it; the city, and those that dwell
therein.
17 For, behold, I will send serpents,
cockatrices, among you, which *will* not
be charmed, and they shall bite you,
saith the LORD.
18 *When* I would comfort myself
against sorrow, my heart *is* faint in
me.
19 Behold the voice of the cry of the
daughter of my people because of them
that dwell in a far country: *Is* not the
LORD in Zion? *is* not her king in her?
Why have they provoked me to anger
with their graven images, *and* with
strange vanities?
20 The harvest is past, the summer
is ended, and we are not saved.
21 For the hurt of the daughter of
my people am I hurt; I am black; as-
tonishment hath taken hold on me.
22 Is *there* no balm in Gilead; *is*
there no physician there? why then is
not the health of the daughter of my
people recovered?

CHAPTER 9

OH that my head were waters, and
mine eyes a fountain of tears,
that I might weep day and night for
the slain of the daughter of my people!
2 Oh that I had in the wilderness a
lodging place of wayfaring men; that
I might leave my people, and go from
them! for they *be* all adulterers, an as-
sembly of treacherous men.
3 And they bend their tongues *like*
their bow *for* lies: but they are not
valiant for the truth upon the earth;
for they proceed from evil to evil, and
they know not me, saith the LORD.
4 Take ye heed every one of his
neighbour, and trust ye not in any
brother: for every brother will utterly
supplant, and every neighbour will
walk with slanders.
5 And they will deceive every one
his neighbour, and will not speak the
truth: they have taught their tongue
to speak lies, *and* weary themselves to
commit iniquity.
6 Thine habitation *is* in the midst
of deceit; through deceit they refuse to
know me, saith the LORD.
7 Therefore thus saith the LORD of
hosts, Behold, I will melt them, and
try them; for how shall I do for the
daughter of my people?
8 Their tongue *is as* an arrow shot
out; it speaketh deceit: *one* speaketh
peaceably to his neighbour with his
mouth, but in heart he layeth his
wait.
9 Shall I not visit them for these
things? saith the LORD: shall not my
soul be avenged on such a nation as
this?
10 For the mountains will I take up
a weeping and wailing, and for the
habitations of the wilderness a lamen-
tation, because they are burned up, so
that none can pass through *them;* nei-
ther can *men* hear the voice of the cat-

tle; both the fowl of the heavens and
the beast are fled; they are gone.
11 And I will make Jerusalem
heaps, *and* a den of dragons; and I
will make the cities of Judah desolate,
without an inhabitant.
12 Who *is* the wise man, that may
understand this? and *who is he* to
whom the mouth of the LORD hath
spoken, that he may declare it, for
what the land perisheth *and* is burned
up like a wilderness, that none passeth
through?
13 And the LORD saith, Because
they have forsaken my law which I set
before them, and have not obeyed my
voice, neither walked therein;
14 But have walked after the imagi-
nation of their own heart, and after
Ba'-al-im, which their fathers taught
them:
15 Therefore thus saith the LORD of
hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will
feed them, *even* this people, with worm-
wood, and give them water of gall
to drink.
16 I will scatter them also among
the heathen, whom neither they nor
their fathers have known: and I will
send a sword after them, till I have
consumed them.
17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts,
Consider ye, and call for the mourning
women, that they may come; and send
for cunning *women*, that they may
come:
18 And let them make haste, and
take up a wailing for us, that our eyes
may run down with tears, and our eye-
lids gush out with waters.
19 For a voice of wailing is heard
out of Zion, How are we spoiled! we
are greatly confounded, because we
have forsaken the land, because our
dwellings have cast *us* out.
20 Yet hear the word of the LORD,
O ye women, and let your ear receive
the word of his mouth, and teach your
daughters wailing, and every one her
neighbour lamentation.
21 For death is come up into our
windows, *and* is entered into our pal-
aces, to cut off the children from with-
out, *and* the young men from the
streets.
22 Speak, Thus saith the LORD,
Even the carcases of men shall fall as
dung upon the open field, and as the
handful after the harvestman, and
none shall gather *them*.
23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the
wise *man* glory in his wisdom, neither
let the mighty *man* glory in his might,
let not the rich *man* glory in his riches:
24 But let him that glorieth glory
in this, that he understandeth and
knoweth me, that I *am* the LORD
which exercise lovingkindness, judg-
ment, and righteousness, in the earth:
for in these *things* I delight, saith the
LORD.
25 Behold, the days come, saith the
LORD, that I will punish all *them which
are* circumcised with the uncircum-
cised;
26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom,
and the children of Ammon, and Mo-
ab, and all *that are* in the utmost cor-
ners, that dwell in the wilderness: for
all *these* nations *are* uncircumcised, and
all the house of Israel *are* uncircum-
cised in the heart.

CHAPTER 10

HEAR ye the word which the LORD
speaketh unto you, O house of
Israel:
2 Thus saith the LORD, Learn not
the way of the heathen, and be not dis-
mayed at the signs of heaven; for the
heathen are dismayed at them.
3 For the customs of the people *are*
vain: for *one* cutteth a tree out of the
forest, the work of the hands of the
workman, with the axe.
4 They deck it with silver and with
gold; they fasten it with nails and with
hammers, that it move not.
5 They *are* upright as the palm tree,
but speak not: they must needs be
borne, because they cannot go. Be not
afraid of them; for they cannot do evil,
neither also *is it* in them to do good.
6 Forasmuch as *there is* none like
unto thee, O LORD; thou *art* great, and
thy name *is* great in might.
7 Who would not fear thee, O King
of nations? for to thee doth it apper-
tain: forasmuch as among all the wise
men of the nations, and in all their
kingdoms, *there is* none like unto thee.
8 But they are altogether brutish
and foolish: the stock *is* a doctrine of
vanities.
9 Silver spread into plates is
brought from Tarshish, and gold from
U'-phaz, the work of the workman, and
of the hands of the founder: blue and
purple *is* their clothing: they *are* all the
work of cunning *men*.
10 But the LORD *is* the true God, he
is the living God, and an everlasting

king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.
11 Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, *even* they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.
12 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.
13 When he uttereth his voice, *there is* a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.
14 Every man is brutish in *his* knowledge: every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image *is* falsehood, and *there is* no breath in them.
15 They *are* vanity, *and* the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.
16 The portion of Jacob *is* not like them: for he *is* the former of all *things*; and Israel *is* the rod of his inheritance: The LORD of hosts *is* his name.
17 Gather up thy wares out of the land, O inhabitant of the fortress.
18 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this once, and will distress them, that they may find *it so*.
19 Woe is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous: but I said, Truly this *is* a grief, and I must bear it.
20 My tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth of me, and they *are* not: *there is* none to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains.
21 For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.
22 Behold, the noise of the bruit is come, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Judah desolate, *and* a den of dragons.
23 O LORD, I know that the way of man *is* not in himself: *it is* not in man that walketh to direct his steps.
24 O LORD, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.
25 Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name: for they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him, and consumed him, and made his habitation desolate.

CHAPTER 11

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
2 Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem;
3 And say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; Cursed *be* the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant,
4 Which I commanded your fathers in the day *that* I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God:
5 That I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as *it is* this day. Then answered I, and said, So be it, O LORD.
6 Then the LORD said unto me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and do them.
7 For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day *that* I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, *even* unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice.
8 Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the imagination of their evil heart: therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded *them* to do; but they did *them* not.
9 And the LORD said unto me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
10 They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers.
11 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them.

12 Then shall the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem go, and cry unto the gods unto whom they offer incense: but they shall not save them at all in the time of their trouble.

13 For *according to* the number of thy cities were thy gods, O Judah; and *according to* the number of the streets of Jerusalem have ye set up altars to *that* shameful thing, *even* altars to burn incense unto Ba'-al.

14 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear *them* in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble.

15 What hath my beloved to do in mine house, *seeing* she hath wrought lewdness with many, and the holy flesh is passed from thee? when thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest.

16 The LORD called thy name, A green olive tree, fair, *and* of goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken.

17 For the LORD of hosts, that planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke me to anger in offering incense unto Ba'-al.

18 And the LORD hath given me knowledge *of it*, and I know *it*: then thou shewedst me their doings.

19 But I *was* like a lamb *or* an ox *that* is brought to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised devices against me, *saying*, Let us destroy the tree with the fruit thereof, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered.

20 But, O LORD of hosts, that judgest righteously, that triest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my cause.

21 Therefore thus saith the LORD of the men of An'-a-thoth, that seek thy life, saying, Prophesy not in the name of the LORD, that thou die not by our hand:

22 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will punish them: the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine:

23 And there shall be no remnant of them: for I will bring evil upon the men of An'-a-thoth, *even* the year of their visitation.

CHAPTER 12

RIGHTEOUS *art* thou, O LORD, when I plead with thee: yet let me talk with thee of *thy* judgments: Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? *wherefore* are all they happy that deal very treacherously?

2 Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root: they grow, yea, they bring forth fruit: thou *art* near in their mouth, and far from their reins.

3 But thou, O LORD, knowest me: thou hast seen me, and tried mine heart toward thee: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter.

4 How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of every field wither, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein? the beasts are consumed, and the birds; because they said, He shall not see our last end.

5 If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and *if* in the land of peace, *wherein* thou trustedst, *they wearied thee*, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?

6 For even thy brethren, and the house of thy father, even they have dealt treacherously with thee; yea, they have called a multitude after thee: believe them not, though they speak fair words unto thee.

7 I have forsaken mine house, I have left mine heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies.

8 Mine heritage is unto me as a lion in the forest; it crieth out against me: therefore have I hated it.

9 Mine heritage *is* unto me *as* a speckled bird, the birds round about *are* against her; come ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, come to devour.

10 Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.

11 They have made it desolate, *and being* desolate it mourneth unto me; the whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth *it* to heart.

12 The spoilers are come upon all high places through the wilderness: for the sword of the LORD shall devour from the *one* end of the land even to

the *other* end of the land: no flesh shall have peace.

13 They have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns: they have put themselves to pain, *but* shall not profit: and they shall be ashamed of your revenues because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

14 Thus saith the LORD against all mine evil neighbours, that touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit; Behold, I will pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them.

15 And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.

16 And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, The LORD liveth; as they taught my people to swear by Ba'-al; then shall they be built in the midst of my people.

17 But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER 13

THUS saith the LORD unto me, Go and get thee a linen girdle, and put it upon thy loins, and put it not in water.

2 So I got a girdle according to the word of the LORD, and put *it* on my loins.

3 And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying,

4 Take the girdle that thou hast got, which *is* upon thy loins, and arise, go to Eu-phra'-tes, and hide it there in a hole of the rock.

5 So I went, and hid it by Eu-phra'-tes, as the LORD commanded me.

6 And it came to pass after many days, that the LORD said unto me, Arise, go to Eu-phra'-tes, and take the girdle from thence, which I commanded thee to hide there.

7 Then I went to Eu-phra'-tes, and digged, and took the girdle from the place where I had hid it: and, behold, the girdle was marred, it was profitable for nothing.

8 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

9 Thus saith the LORD, After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem.

10 This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing.

11 For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, saith the LORD; that they might be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear.

12 Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this word; Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Every bottle shall be filled with wine: and they shall say unto thee, Do we not certainly know that every bottle shall be filled with wine?

13 Then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness.

14 And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, *saith* the LORD: I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, but destroy them.

15 Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the LORD hath spoken.

16 Give glory to the LORD your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, *and* make *it* gross darkness.

17 But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for *your* pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the LORD's flock is carried away captive.

18 Say unto the king and to the queen, Humble yourselves, sit down: for your principalities shall come down, *even* the crown of your glory.

19 The cities of the south shall be shut up, and none shall open *them:* Judah shall be carried away captive all of it, it shall be wholly carried away captive.

20 Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the north: where *is* the flock *that* was given thee, thy beautiful flock?

21 What wilt thou say when he shall punish thee? for thou hast taught them *to be* captains, *and* as chief over

thee: shall not sorrows take thee, as a woman in travail?

22 And if thou say in thine heart, Wherefore come these things upon me? For the greatness of thine iniquity are thy skirts discovered, *and* thy heels made bare.

23 Can the E-thi-o'-pi-an change his skin, or the leopard his spots? *then* may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.

24 Therefore will I scatter them as the stubble that passeth away by the wind of the wilderness.

25 This *is* thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, saith the LORD; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood.

26 Therefore will I discover thy skirts upon thy face, that thy shame may appear.

27 I have seen thine adulteries and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, *and* thine abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! wilt thou not be made clean? when *shall it* once *be?*

CHAPTER 14

THE word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning the dearth.

2 Judah mourneth, and the gates thereof languish; they are black unto the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up.

3 And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters: they came to the pits, *and* found no water; they returned with their vessels empty; they were ashamed and confounded, and covered their heads.

4 Because the ground is chapt, for there was no rain in the earth, the plowmen were ashamed, they covered their heads.

5 Yea, the hind also calved in the field, and forsook *it*, because there was no grass.

6 And the wild asses did stand in the high places, they snuffed up the wind like dragons; their eyes did fail, because *there was* no grass.

7 O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou *it* for thy name's sake: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee.

8 O the hope of Israel, the saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man *that* turneth aside to tarry for a night?

9 Why shouldest thou be as a man astonied, as a mighty man *that* cannot save? yet thou, O LORD, *art* in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not.

10 Thus saith the LORD unto this people, Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore the LORD doth not accept them; he will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins.

11 Then said the LORD unto me, Pray not for this people for *their* good.

12 When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and an oblation, I will not accept them: but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence.

13 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place.

14 Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

15 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.

16 And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness upon them.

17 Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them; Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease: for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow.

18 If I go forth into the field, then behold the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold them that are sick with famine! yea, both the prophet and the priest go about into a land that they know not.

19 Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul lothed Zion? why hast thou smitten us, and *there is* no

healing for us? we looked for peace,
and *there is* no good; and for the time
of healing, and behold trouble!
20 We acknowledge, O LORD, our
wickedness, *and* the iniquity of our
fathers: for we have sinned against
thee.
21 Do not abhor *us*, for thy name's
sake, do not disgrace the throne of thy
glory: remember, break not thy cove-
nant with us.
22 Are there *any* among the vanities
of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or
can the heavens give showers? *art* not
thou he, O LORD our God? therefore
we will wait upon thee: for thou hast
made all these *things*.

CHAPTER 15

THEN said the LORD unto me,
Though Moses and Samuel stood
before me, *yet* my mind *could* not *be*
toward this people: cast *them* out of
my sight, and let them go forth.
2 And it shall come to pass, if they
say unto thee, Whither shall we go
forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus
saith the LORD; Such as *are* for death,
to death; and such as *are* for the sword,
to the sword; and such as *are* for the
famine, to the famine; and such as *are*
for the captivity, to the captivity.
3 And I will appoint over them four
kinds, saith the LORD: the sword to
slay, and the dogs to tear, and the
fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of
the earth, to devour and destroy.
4 And I will cause them to be re-
moved into all kingdoms of the earth,
because of Ma-nas'-seh the son of Hez-
e-ki'-ah king of Judah, for *that* which
he did in Jerusalem.
5 For who shall have pity upon
thee, O Jerusalem? or who shall be-
moan thee? or who shall go aside to ask
how thou doest?
6 Thou hast forsaken me, saith the
LORD, thou art gone backward: there-
fore will I stretch out my hand against
thee, and destroy thee; I am weary
with repenting.
7 And I will fan them with a fan in
the gates of the land; I will bereave
them of children, I will destroy my
people, *since* they return not from
their ways.
8 Their widows are increased to me
above the sand of the seas: I have
brought upon them against the mother
of the young men a spoiler at noonday:
I have caused *him* to fall upon it sud-
denly, and terrors upon the city.
9 She that hath borne seven lan-
guisheth: she hath given up the ghost;
her sun is gone down while *it was* yet
day: she hath been ashamed and con-
founded: and the residue of them will
I deliver to the sword before their ene-
mies, saith the LORD.
10 Woe is me, my mother, that thou
hast borne me a man of strife and a
man of contention to the whole earth!
I have neither lent on usury, nor men
have lent to me on usury; *yet* every one
of them doth curse me.
11 The LORD said, Verily it shall be
well with thy remnant; verily I will
cause the enemy to entreat thee *well*
in the time of evil and in the time of
affliction.
12 Shall iron break the northern
iron and the steel?
13 Thy substance and thy treasures
will I give to the spoil without price,
and *that* for all thy sins, even in all thy
borders.
14 And I will make *thee* to pass with
thine enemies into a land *which* thou
knowest not: for a fire is kindled in
mine anger, *which* shall burn upon you.
15 O LORD, thou knowest: remem-
ber me, and visit me, and revenge me
of my persecutors; take me not away
in thy longsuffering: know that for thy
sake I have suffered rebuke.
16 Thy words were found, and I did
eat them; and thy word was unto me
the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for
I am called by thy name, O LORD God
of hosts.
17 I sat not in the assembly of the
mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone be-
cause of thy hand: for thou hast filled
me with indignation.
18 Why is my pain perpetual, and
my wound incurable, *which* refuseth to
be healed? wilt thou be altogether unto
me as a liar, *and as* waters *that* fail?
19 Therefore thus saith the LORD,
If thou return, then will I bring thee
again, *and* thou shalt stand before me:
and if thou take forth the precious
from the vile, thou shalt be as my
mouth: let them return unto thee; but
return not thou unto them.
20 And I will make thee unto this
people a fenced brasen wall: and they
shall fight against thee, but they shall
not prevail against thee: for I *am* with
thee to save thee and to deliver thee,
saith the LORD.

21 And I will deliver thee out of the
hand of the wicked, and I will redeem
thee out of the hand of the terrible.

CHAPTER 16

THE word of the LORD came also
unto me, *saying*,
2 Thou shalt not take thee a wife,
neither shalt thou have sons or daugh-
ters in *this* place.
3 For thus saith the LORD concern-
ing the sons and concerning the daugh-
ters that are born in this place, and
concerning their mothers that bare
them, and concerning their fathers
that begat them in this land;
4 They shall die of grievous deaths;
they shall not be lamented; neither
shall they be buried; *but* they shall be
as dung upon the face of the earth: and
they shall be consumed by the sword,
and by famine; and their carcases shall
be meat for the fowls of heaven, and
for the beasts of the earth.
5 For thus saith the LORD, Enter
not into the house of mourning, neither
go to lament nor bemoan them: for I
have taken away my peace from this
people, saith the LORD, *even* loving-
kindness and mercies.
6 Both the great and the small shall
die in this land: they shall not be
buried, neither shall *men* lament for
them, nor cut themselves, nor make
themselves bald for them:
7 Neither shall *men* tear *themselves*
for them in mourning, to comfort them
for the dead; neither shall *men* give
them the cup of consolation to drink
for their father or for their mother.
8 Thou shalt not also go into the
house of feasting, to sit with them to
eat and to drink.
9 For thus saith the LORD of hosts,
the God of Israel; Behold, I will cause
to cease out of this place in your eyes,
and in your days, the voice of mirth,
and the voice of gladness, the voice of
the bridegroom, and the voice of the
bride.
10 And it shall come to pass, when
thou shalt shew this people all these
words, and they shall say unto thee,
Wherefore hath the LORD pronounced
all this great evil against us? or what
is our iniquity? or what *is* our sin that
we have committed against the LORD
our God?
11 Then shalt thou say unto them,
Because your fathers have forsaken
me, saith the LORD, and have walked
after other gods, and have served
them, and have worshipped them, and
have forsaken me, and have not kept
my law;
12 And ye have done worse than
your fathers; for, behold, ye walk
every one after the imagination of his
evil heart, that they may not hearken
unto me:
13 Therefore will I cast you out of
this land into a land that ye know not,
neither ye nor your fathers; and there
shall ye serve other gods day and
night; where I will not shew you fa-
vour.
14 Therefore, behold, the days
come, saith the LORD, that it shall no
more be said, The LORD liveth, that
brought up the children of Israel out
of the land of Egypt;
15 But, The LORD liveth, that
brought up the children of Israel from
the land of the north, and from all the
lands *whither he had driven them: and*
I will bring them again into their land
that I gave unto their fathers.
16 Behold, I will send for many fish-
ers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish
them; and after will I send for many
hunters, and they shall hunt them
from every mountain, and from every
hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.
17 For mine eyes *are* upon all their
ways: they are not hid from my face,
neither is their iniquity hid from mine
eyes.
18 And first I will recompense their
iniquity and their sin double; because
they have defiled my land, they have
filled mine inheritance with the car-
cases of their detestable and abomi-
nable things.
19 O LORD, my strength, and my
fortress, and my refuge in the day of
affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto
thee from the ends of the earth, and
shall say, Surely our fathers have in-
herited lies, vanity, and *things* wherein
there is no profit.
20 Shall a man make gods unto
himself, and they *are* no gods?
21 Therefore, behold, I will this
once cause them to know, I will cause
them to know mine hand and my
might; and they shall know that my
name *is* The LORD.

CHAPTER 17

THE sin of Judah *is* written with a
pen of iron, *and* with the point of a
diamond: *it is* graven upon the table of

their heart, and upon the horns of your
altars;
2 Whilst their children remember
their altars and their groves by the
green trees upon the high hills.
3 O my mountain in the field, I will
give thy substance *and* all thy treas-
ures to the spoil, *and* thy high places
for sin, throughout all thy borders.
4 And thou, even thyself, shalt dis-
continue from thine heritage that I
gave thee; and I will cause thee to
serve thine enemies in the land which
thou knowest not; for ye have kindled
a fire in mine anger, *which* shall burn
for ever.
5 Thus saith the LORD; Cursed *be*
the man that trusteth in man, and
maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart
departeth from the LORD.
6 For he shall be like the heath in
the desert, and shall not see when good
cometh; but shall inhabit the parched
places in the wilderness, *in* a salt land
and not inhabited.
7 Blessed *is* the man that trusteth
in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD
is.
8 For he shall be as a tree planted
by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out
her roots by the river, and shall not
see when heat cometh, but her leaf
shall be green; and shall not be careful
in the year of drought, neither shall
cease from yielding fruit.
9 The heart *is* deceitful above all
things, and desperately wicked: who
can know it?
10 I the LORD search the heart, *I*
try the reins, even to give every man
according to his ways, *and* according
to the fruit of his doings.
11 As the partridge sitteth *on eggs*,
and hatcheth *them* not; *so* he that get-
teth riches, and not by right, shall
leave them in the midst of his days,
and at his end shall be a fool.
12 A glorious high throne from the
beginning *is* the place of our sanctuary.
13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, all
that forsake thee shall be ashamed,
and they that depart from me shall be
written in the earth, because they have
forsaken the LORD, the fountain of
living waters.
14 Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be
healed; save me, and I shall be saved:
for thou *art* my praise.
15 Behold, they say unto me,
Where *is* the word of the LORD? let it
come now.
16 As for me, I have not hastened
from *being* a pastor to follow thee: nei-
ther have I desired the woeful day;
thou knowest: that which came out of
my lips was *right* before thee.
17 Be not a terror unto me: thou
art my hope in the day of evil.
18 Let them be confounded that
persecute me, but let not me be con-
founded: let them be dismayed, but
let not me be dismayed: bring upon
them the day of evil, and destroy them
with double destruction.
19 Thus said the LORD unto me; Go
and stand in the gate of the children
of the people, whereby the kings of Ju-
dah come in, and by the which they
go out, and in all the gates of Jerusa-
lem;
20 And say unto them, Hear ye the
word of the LORD, ye kings of Judah,
and all Judah, and all the inhabitants
of Jerusalem, that enter in by these
gates:
21 Thus saith the LORD; Take heed
to yourselves, and bear no burden on
the sabbath day, nor bring *it* in by the
gates of Jerusalem;
22 Neither carry forth a burden out
of your houses on the sabbath day,
neither do ye any work, but hallow ye
the sabbath day, as I commanded your
fathers.
23 But they obeyed not, neither in-
clined their ear, but made their neck
stiff, that they might not hear, nor re-
ceive instruction.
24 And it shall come to pass, if ye
diligently hearken unto me, saith the
LORD, to bring in no burden through
the gates of this city on the sabbath
day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do
no work therein;
25 Then shall there enter into the
gates of this city kings and princes sit-
ting upon the throne of David, riding
in chariots and on horses, they, and
their princes, the men of Judah, and
the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this
city shall remain for ever.
26 And they shall come from the
cities of Judah, and from the places
about Jerusalem, and from the land of
Benjamin, and from the plain, and
from the mountains, and from the
south, bringing burnt offerings, and
sacrifices, and meat offerings, and in-
cense, and bringing sacrifices of praise,
unto the house of the LORD.
27 But if ye will not hearken unt
me to hallow the sabbath day, and r

to bear a burden, even entering in at
the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath
day; then will I kindle a fire in the
gates thereof, and it shall devour the
palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not
be quenched.

CHAPTER 18

THE word which came to Jeremiah
from the LORD, saying,
2 Arise, and go down to the potter's
house, and there I will cause thee to
hear my words.
3 Then I went down to the potter's
house, and, behold, he wrought a work
on the wheels.
4 And the vessel that he made of
clay was marred in the hand of the
potter: so he made it again another
vessel, as seemed good to the potter to
make *it*.
5 Then the word of the LORD came
to me, saying,
6 O house of Israel, cannot I do
with you as this potter? saith the
LORD. Behold, as the clay *is* in the
potter's hand, so *are* ye in mine hand,
O house of Israel.
7 *At what* instant I shall speak con-
cerning a nation, and concerning a
kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull
down, and to destroy *it*;
8 If that nation, against whom I
have pronounced, turn from their evil,
I will repent of the evil that I thought
to do unto them.
9 And *at what* instant I shall speak
concerning a nation, and concerning a
kingdom, to build and to plant *it*;
10 If it do evil in my sight, that it
obey not my voice, then I will repent
of the good, wherewith I said I would
benefit them.
11 Now therefore go to, speak to
the men of Judah, and to the inhabit-
ants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith
the LORD; Behold, I frame evil against
you, and devise a device against you:
return ye now every one from his evil
way, and make your ways and your
doings good.
12 And they said, There is no hope:
but we will walk after our own devices,
and we will every one do the imagina-
tion of his evil heart.
13 Therefore thus saith the LORD;
Ask ye now among the heathen, who
hath heard such things: the virgin of
Israel hath done a very horrible thing.
14 Will *a man* leave the snow of
Lebanon *which cometh* from the rock of
the field? *or* shall the cold flowing wa-
ters that come from another place be
forsaken?
15 Because my people hath forgot-
ten me, they have burned incense to
vanity, and they have caused them to
stumble in their ways *from* the ancient
paths, to walk in paths, *in* a way not
cast up;
16 To make their land desolate, *and*
a perpetual hissing; every one *that*
passeth thereby shall be astonished,
and wag his head.
17 I will scatter them as with an
east wind before the enemy; I will
shew them the back, and not the face,
in the day of their calamity.
18 Then said they, Come, and let us
devise devices against Jeremiah; for
the law shall not perish from the priest,
nor counsel from the wise, nor the
word from the prophet. Come, and let
us smite him with the tongue, and let
us not give heed to any of his words.
19 Give heed to me, O LORD, and
hearken to the voice of them that con-
tend with me.
20 Shall evil be recompensed for
good? for they have digged a pit for
my soul. Remember that I stood be-
fore thee to speak good for them, *and*
to turn away thy wrath from them.
21 Therefore deliver up their chil-
dren to the famine, and pour out their
blood by the force of the sword; and let
their wives be bereaved of their chil-
dren, and *be* widows; and let their men
be put to death; *let* their young men
be slain by the sword in battle.
22 Let a cry be heard from their
houses, when thou shalt bring a troop
suddenly upon them: for they have
digged a pit to take me, and hid snares
for my feet.
23 Yet, LORD, thou knowest all
their counsel against me to slay *me*:
forgive not their iniquity, neither blot
out their sin from thy sight, but let
them be overthrown before thee; deal
thus with them in the time of thine
anger.

CHAPTER 19

THUS saith the LORD, Go and get
a potter's earthen bottle, and *take*
of the ancients of the people, and of
the ancients of the priests;
2 And go forth unto the valley of
the son of Hin'-nom, which *is* by the
entry of the east gate, and proclaim
there the words that I shall tell thee,

3 And say, Hear ye the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the which whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle.
4 Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents;
5 They have built also the high places of Ba'-al, to burn their sons with fire *for* burnt offerings unto Ba'-al, which I commanded not, nor spake *it*, neither came *it* into my mind:
6 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that this place shall no more be called To'-phet, nor The valley of the son of Hin'-nom, but The valley of slaughter.
7 And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hands of them that seek their lives: and their carcases will I give to be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.
8 And I will make this city desolate, and an hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished and hiss because of all the plagues thereof.
9 And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend in the siege and straitness, wherewith their enemies, and they that seek their lives, shall straiten them.
10 Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee,
11 And shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Even so will I break this people and this city, as *one* breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again: and they shall bury *them* in To'-phet, till *there be* no place to bury.
12 Thus will I do unto this place, saith the LORD, and to the inhabitants thereof, and *even* make this city as To'-phet:
13 And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall be defiled as the place of To'-phet, because of all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink offerings unto other gods.
14 Then came Jeremiah from To'-phet, whither the LORD had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the LORD's house; and said to all the people,
15 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it, because they have hardened their necks, that they might not hear my words.

CHAPTER 20

NOW Pash'-ur the son of Im'-mer the priest, who *was* also chief governor in the house of the LORD, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things.
2 Then Pash'-ur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that *were* in the high gate of Benjamin, which *was* by the house of the LORD.
3 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pash'-ur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah unto him, The LORD hath not called thy name Pash'-ur, but Ma'-gor-mis'-sa-bib.
4 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends: and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold *it*: and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword.
5 Moreover I will deliver all the strength of this city, and all the labours thereof, and all the precious things thereof, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, which shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon.
6 And thou, Pash'-ur, and all that dwell in thine house shall go into captivity: and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and shalt be buried there, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied lies.
7 O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived: thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me.

8 For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily.

9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But *his word* was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not *stay*.

10 For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, *say they*, and we will report it. All my familiars watched for my halting, *saying*, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.

11 But the LORD *is* with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: *their* everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten.

12 But, O LORD of hosts, that triest the righteous, *and* seest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my cause.

13 Sing unto the LORD, praise ye the LORD: for he hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evildoers.

14 Cursed *be* the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed.

15 Cursed *be* the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man child is born unto thee; making him very glad.

16 And let that man be as the cities which the LORD overthrew, and repented not: and let him hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noontide;

17 Because he slew me not from the womb; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb *to be* always great *with me*.

18 Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see labour and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?

CHAPTER 21

THE word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, when king Zed-e-ki'-ah sent unto him Pash'-ur the son of Mel-chi'-ah, and Zeph-a-ni'-ah the son of Ma-a-se'-iah the priest, saying,

2 Enquire, I pray thee, of the LORD for us; for Neb-u-chad-rez'-zar king of Babylon maketh war against us; if so be that the LORD will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may go up from us.

3 Then said Jeremiah unto them, Thus shall ye say to Zed-e-ki'-ah:

4 Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that *are* in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the king of Babylon, and *against* the Chal-de'-ans, which besiege you without the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city.

5 And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath.

6 And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence.

7 And afterward, saith the LORD, I will deliver Zed-e-ki'-ah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Neb-u-chad-rez'-zar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their life: and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy.

8 And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death.

9 He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth out, and falleth to the Chal-de'-ans that besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be unto him for a prey.

10 For I have set my face against this city for evil, and not for good, saith the LORD: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

11 And touching the house of the king of Judah, *say*, Hear ye the word of the LORD;

12 O house of David, thus saith the LORD; Execute judgment in the morning, and deliver *him that is* spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my fury go out like fire, and burn that none can quench *it*, because of the evil of your doings.

13 Behold, I *am* against thee, O in-

habitant of the valley, *and* rock of the plain, saith the LORD; which say, Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations?

14 But I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, saith the LORD: and I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about it.

CHAPTER 22

THUS saith the LORD; Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word,

2 And say, Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy people that enter in by these gates:

3 Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.

4 For if ye do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people.

5 But if ye will not hear these words, I swear by myself, saith the LORD, that this house shall become a desolation.

6 For thus saith the LORD unto the king's house of Judah; thou *art* Gilead unto me, *and* the head of Lebanon: *yet* surely I will make thee a wilderness, *and* cities *which* are not inhabited.

7 And I will prepare destroyers against thee, every one with his weapons: and they shall cut down thy choice cedars, and cast *them* into the fire.

8 And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbour, Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this great city?

9 Then they shall answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them.

10 Weep ye not for the dead, neither bemoan him: *but* weep sore for him that goeth away: for he shall return no more, nor see his native country.

11 For thus saith the LORD touching Shal´-lum the son of Jo-si´-ah king of Judah, which reigned instead of Josi´-ah his father, which went forth out of this place; He shall not return thither any more:

12 But he shall die in the place whither they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more.

13 Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; *that* useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work;

14 That saith, I will build me a wide house and large chambers, and cutteth him out windows; and *it is* cieled with cedar, and painted with vermilion.

15 Shalt thou reign, because thou closest *thyself* in cedar? did not thy father eat and drink, and do judgment and justice, *and* then *it was* well with him?

16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then *it was* well *with him*: *was* not this to know me? saith the LORD.

17 But thine eyes and thine heart *are* not but for thy covetousness, and for to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do *it*.

18 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning Je-hoi´-a-kim the son of Jo-si´-ah king of Judah; They shall not lament for him, *saying*, Ah my brother! or, Ah sister! they shall not lament for him, *saying*, Ah lord! or, Ah his glory!

19 He shall be buried with the burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

20 Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up thy voice in Ba´-shan, and cry from the passages: for all thy lovers are destroyed.

21 I spake unto thee in thy prosperity; *but* thou saidst, I will not hear. This *hath been* thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not my voice.

22 The wind shall eat up all thy pastors, and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness.

23 O inhabitant of Lebanon, that makest thy nest in the cedars, how gracious shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee, the pain as of a woman in travail!

24 As I live, saith the LORD, though Co-ni´-ah the son of Je-hoi´-a-kim king

of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence;

25 And I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life, and into the hand *of them* whose face thou fearest, even into the hand of Neb-u-chad-rez´-zar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chal-de´-ans.

26 And I will cast thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, into another country, where ye were not born; and there shall ye die.

27 But to the land whereunto they desire to return, thither shall they not return.

28 *Is* this man Co-ni´-ah a despised broken idol? *is he* a vessel wherein *is* no pleasure? wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into a land which they know not?

29 O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD.

30 Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man *that* shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.

CHAPTER 23

WOE be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.

2 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD.

3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.

5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this *is* his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

7 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

8 But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

9 Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of the LORD, and because of the words of his holiness.

10 For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force *is* not right.

11 For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD.

12 Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery *ways* in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, *even* the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.

13 And I have seen folly in the prophets of Sa-ma´-ri-a; they prophesied in Ba´-al, and caused my people Israel to err.

14 I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Go-mor´-rah.

15 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land.

16 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, *and* not out of the mouth of the LORD.

17 They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination

of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you.

18 For who hath stood in the counsel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard *it*?

19 Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked.

20 The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.

21 I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.

22 But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

23 *Am* I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off?

24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

25 I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

26 How long shall *this* be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart;

27 Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Ba'-al.

28 The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What *is* the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.

29 *Is* not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer *that* breaketh the rock in pieces?

30 Therefore, behold, I *am* against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.

31 Behold, I *am* against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues, and say, He saith.

32 Behold, I *am* against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.

33 And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What *is* the burden of the LORD? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? I will even forsake you, saith the LORD.

34 And *as for* the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of the LORD, I will even punish that man and his house.

35 Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, What hath the LORD answered? and, What hath the LORD spoken?

36 And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God.

37 Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath the LORD answered thee? and, What hath the LORD spoken?

38 But since ye say, The burden of the LORD; therefore thus saith the LORD; Because ye say this word, The burden of the LORD, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the LORD;

39 Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, *and cast you* out of my presence:

40 And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

CHAPTER 24

THE LORD shewed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs *were* set before the temple of the LORD, after that Neb-u-chad-rez'-zar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jec-o-ni'-ah the son of Je-hoi'-a-kim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon.

2 One basket *had* very good figs, *even* like the figs *that are* first ripe: and the other basket *had* very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad.

3 Then said the LORD unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good;

and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

4 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

5 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chal-de'-ans for *their* good.

6 For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull *them* down; and I will plant them, and not pluck *them* up.

7 And I will give them an heart to know me, that I *am* the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.

8 And as the evil figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so evil; surely thus saith the LORD, So will I give Zed-e-ki'-ah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and them that dwell in the land of Egypt:

9 And I will deliver them to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for *their* hurt, *to be* a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them.

10 And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

CHAPTER 25

THE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Je-hoi'-a-kim the son of Jo-si'-ah king of Judah, that *was* the first year of Neb-u-chad-rez'-zar king of Babylon;

2 The which Jeremiah the prophet spake unto all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,

3 From the thirteenth year of Jo-si'-ah the son of Amon king of Judah, even unto this day, that *is* the three and twentieth year, the word of the LORD hath come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye have not hearkened.

4 And the LORD hath sent unto you all his servants the prophets, rising early and sending *them;* but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear.

5 They said, Turn ye again now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the LORD hath given unto you and to your fathers for ever and ever:

6 And go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke me not to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no hurt.

7 Yet ye have not hearkened unto me, saith the LORD; that ye might provoke me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt.

8 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Because ye have not heard my words,

9 Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Neb-u-chad-rez'-zar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations.

10 Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle.

11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, *and* an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

12 And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, *that* I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chal-de'-ans, and will make it perpetual desolations.

13 And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, *even* all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations.

14 For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them also: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands.

15 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the

nations, to whom I send thee, to
drink it.
16 And they shall drink, and be
moved, and be mad, because of the
sword that I will send among them.
17 Then took I the cup at the
LORD'S hand, and made all the nations
to drink, unto whom the LORD had
sent me:
18 *To wit*, Jerusalem, and the cities
of Judah, and the kings thereof, and
the princes thereof, to make them a
desolation, an astonishment, an hiss-
ing, and a curse; as *it is* this day;
19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his
servants, and his princes, and all his
people;
20 And all the mingled people, and
all the kings of the land of Uz, and all
the kings of the land of the Philistines,
and Ash'-ke-lon, and Az'-zah, and Ek-
ron, and the remnant of Ash'-dod,
21 Edom, and Moab, and the chil-
dren of Ammon,
22 And all the kings of Ty'-rus, and
all the kings of Zi'-don, and the kings
of the isles which *are* beyond the sea,
23 De'-dan, and Te'-ma, and Buz,
and all *that are* in the utmost corners,
24 And all the kings of Arabia, and
all the kings of the mingled people
that dwell in the desert,
25 And all the kings of Zimri, and
all the kings of E'-lam, and all the
kings of the Medes,
26 And all the kings of the north,
far and near, one with another, and all
the kingdoms of the world, which *are*
upon the face of the earth: and the
king of She'-shach shall drink after
them.
27 Therefore thou shalt say unto
them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts,
the God of Israel; Drink ye, and be
drunken, and spue, and fall, and rise
no more, because of the sword which I
will send among you.
28 And it shall be, if they refuse to
take the cup at thine hand to drink,
then shalt thou say unto them, Thus
saith the LORD of hosts; Ye shall cer-
tainly drink.
29 For, lo, I begin to bring evil on
the city which is called by my name,
and should ye be utterly unpunished?
Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will
call for a sword upon all the inhabit-
ants of the earth, saith the LORD of
hosts.
30 Therefore prophesy thou against
them all these words, and say unto
them, The LORD shall roar from on
high, and utter his voice from his holy
habitation; he shall mightily roar upon
his habitation; he shall give a shout, as
they that tread *the grapes*, against all
the inhabitants of the earth.
31 A noise shall come *even* to the
ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a
controversy with the nations, he will
plead with all flesh; he will give them
that are wicked to the sword, saith the
LORD.
32 Thus saith the LORD of hosts,
Behold, evil shall go forth from nation
to nation, and a great whirlwind shall
be raised up from the coasts of the
earth.
33 And the slain of the LORD shall
be at that day from *one* end of the
earth even unto the *other* end of the
earth: they shall not be lamented, nei-
ther gathered, nor buried; they shall
be dung upon the ground.
34 Howl, ye shepherds, and cry;
and wallow yourselves *in the ashes*, ye
principal of the flock: for the days of
your slaughter and of your dispersions
are accomplished; and ye shall fall like
a pleasant vessel.
35 And the shepherds shall have no
way to flee, nor the principal of the
flock to escape.
36 A voice of the cry of the shep-
herds, and an howling of the principal
of the flock, *shall be heard:* for the
LORD hath spoiled their pasture.
37 And the peaceable habitations
are cut down because of the fierce an-
ger of the LORD.
38 He hath forsaken his covert, as
the lion: for their land is desolate be-
cause of the fierceness of the oppressor,
and because of his fierce anger.

CHAPTER 26

IN the beginning of the reign of Je-
hoi'-a-kim the son of Jo-si'-ah king
of Judah came this word from the
LORD, saying,
2 Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the
court of the LORD'S house, and speak
unto all the cities of Judah, which
come to worship in the LORD'S house,
all the words that I command thee to
speak unto them; diminish not a word:
3 If so be they will hearken, and
turn every man from his evil way, that
I may repent me of the evil, which I
purpose to do unto them because of
the evil of their doings.
4 And thou shalt say unto them,

Thus saith the LORD; If ye will not
hearken to me, to walk in my law,
which I have set before you,
5 To hearken to the words of my
servants the prophets, whom I sent
unto you, both rising up early, and
sending *them*, but ye have not heark-
ened;
6 Then will I make this house like
Shi'-loh, and will make this city a curse
to all the nations of the earth.
7 So the priests and the prophets
and all the people heard Jeremiah
speaking these words in the house of
the LORD.
8 Now it came to pass, when Jere-
miah had made an end of speaking all
that the LORD had commanded *him* to
speak unto all the people, that the
priests and the prophets and all the
people took him, saying, Thou shalt
surely die.
9 Why hast thou prophesied in the
name of the LORD, saying, This house
shall be like Shi'-loh, and this city shall
be desolate without an inhabitant?
And all the people were gathered
against Jeremiah in the house of the
LORD.
10 When the princes of Judah heard
these things, then they came up from
the king's house unto the house of the
LORD, and sat down in the entry of the
new gate of the LORD's *house*.
11 Then spake the priests and the
prophets unto the princes and to all
the people, *saying*, This man *is* worthy
to die; for he hath prophesied against
this city, as ye have heard with your
ears.
12 Then spake Jeremiah unto all
the princes and to all the people, say-
ing, The LORD sent me to prophesy
against this house and against this city
all the words that ye have heard.
13 Therefore now amend your ways
and your doings, and obey the voice
of the LORD your God; and the LORD
will repent him of the evil that he hath
pronounced against you.
14 As for me, behold, I *am* in your
hand: do with me as seemeth good and
meet unto you.
15 But know ye for certain, that if
ye put me to death, ye shall surely
bring innocent blood upon yourselves,
and upon this city, and upon the in-
habitants thereof: for of a truth the
LORD hath sent me unto you to speak
all these words in your ears.
16 Then said the princes and all the
people unto the priests and to the
prophets; This man *is* not worthy to die:
for he hath spoken to us in the name
of the LORD our God.
17 Then rose up certain of the elders
of the land, and spake to all the assem-
bly of the people, saying,
18 Mi'-cah the Mo'-ras-thite prophe-
sied in the days of Hez-e-ki'-ah king of
Judah, and spake to all the people of
Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD of
hosts; Zion shall be plowed *like* a field,
and Jerusalem shall become heaps,
and the mountain of the house as the
high places of a forest.
19 Did Hez-e-ki'-ah king of Judah
and all Judah put him at all to death?
did he not fear the LORD, and besought
the LORD, and the LORD repented him
of the evil which he had pronounced
against them? Thus might we procure
great evil against our souls.
20 And there was also a man that
prophesied in the name of the LORD,
U-ri'-jah the son of She-ma'-iah
of Kir'-jath-je'-a-rim, who prophesied
against this city and against this land
according to all the words of Jeremiah:
21 And when Je-hoi'-a-kim the king,
with all his mighty men, and all the
princes, heard his words, the king
sought to put him to death: but when
U-ri'-jah heard it, he was afraid, and
fled, and went into Egypt;
22 And Je-hoi'-a-kim the king sent
men into Egypt, *namely*, El'-na-than
the son of Ach'-bor, and *certain* men
with him into Egypt.
23 And they fetched forth U-ri'-jah
out of Egypt, and brought him unto
Je-hoi'-a-kim the king; who slew him
with the sword, and cast his dead body
into the graves of the common people.
24 Nevertheless the hand of A-hi'-
kam the son of Sha'-phan was with Jere-
miah, that they should not give him
into the hand of the people to put him
to death.

CHAPTER 27

IN the beginning of the reign of Je-
hoi'-a-kim the son of Jo-si'-ah king
of Judah came this word unto Jere-
miah from the LORD, saying,
2 Thus saith the LORD to me; Make
thee bonds and yokes, and put them
upon thy neck,
3 And send them to the king of
Edom, and to the king of Moab, and
to the king of the Ammonites, and to
the king of Ty'-rus, and to the king of

Zi′-don, by the hand of the messengers which come to Jerusalem unto Zed-e-ki′-ah king of Judah;

4 And command them to say unto their masters, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say unto your masters;

5 I have made the earth, the man and the beast that *are* upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me.

6 And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Neb-u-chad-nez′-zar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him.

7 And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the very time of his land come: and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him.

8 And it shall come to pass, *that* the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Neb-u-chad-nez′-zar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, saith the LORD, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand.

9 Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon:

10 For they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land; and that I should drive you out, and ye should perish.

11 But the nations that bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, those will I let remain still in their own land, saith the LORD; and they shall till it, and dwell therein.

12 I spake also to Zed-e-ki′-ah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live.

13 Why will ye die, thou and thy people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as the LORD hath spoken against the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon?

14 Therefore hearken not unto the words of the prophets that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon: for they prophesy a lie unto you.

15 For I have not sent them, saith the LORD, yet they prophesy a lie in my name; that I might drive you out, and that ye might perish, ye, and the prophets that prophesy unto you.

16 Also I spake to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Hearken not to the words of your prophets that prophesy unto you, saying, Behold, the vessels of the LORD'S house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon: for they prophesy a lie unto you.

17 Hearken not unto them; serve the king of Babylon, and live: wherefore should this city be laid waste?

18 But if they *be* prophets, and if the word of the LORD be with them, let them now make intercession to the LORD of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of the LORD, and *in* the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon.

19 For thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels that remain in this city,

20 Which Neb-u-chad-nez′-zar king of Babylon took not, when he carried away captive Jec-o-ni′-ah the son of Je-hoi′-a-kim king of Judah from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem;

21 Yea, thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain *in* the house of the LORD, and *in* the house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem;

22 They shall be carried to Babylon, and there shall they be until the day that I visit them, saith the LORD; then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.

CHAPTER 28

AND it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zed-e-ki′-ah king of Judah, in the fourth year, *and* in the fifth month, *that* Han-a-ni′-ah the son of A′-zur the prophet, which *was* of Gibeon, spake unto me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying,

2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

3 Within two full years will I bring

Thus saith the LORD; If ye will not
hearken to me, to walk in my law,
which I have set before you,
5 To hearken to the words of my
servants the prophets, whom I sent
unto you, both rising up early, and
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to the king of the Ammonites, and to
the king of Ty'-rus, and to the king of

again into this place all the vessels of
the LORD'S house, that Neb-u-chad-
nez'-zar king of Babylon took away
from this place, and carried them to
Babylon:
4 And I will bring again to this
place Jec-o-ni'-ah the son of Je-hoi'-a-
kim king of Judah, with all the cap-
tives of Judah, that went into Baby-
lon, saith the LORD: for I will break
the yoke of the king of Babylon.
5 Then the prophet Jeremiah said
unto the prophet Han-a-ni'-ah in the
presence of the priests, and in the pres-
ence of all the people that stood in the
house of the LORD,
6 Even the prophet Jeremiah said,
Amen: the LORD do so: the LORD per-
form thy words which thou hast pro-
phesied, to bring again the vessels of
the LORD'S house, and all that is car-
ried away captive, from Babylon into
this place.
7 Nevertheless hear thou now this
word that I speak in thine ears, and in
the ears of all the people;
8 The prophets that have been be-
fore me and before thee of old prophe-
sied both against many countries, and
against great kingdoms, of war, and of
evil, and of pestilence.
9 The prophet which prophesieth of
peace, when the word of the prophet
shall come to pass, *then* shall the pro-
phet be known, that the LORD hath
truly sent him.
10 Then Han-a-ni'-ah the prophet
took the yoke from off the prophet
Jeremiah's neck, and brake it.
11 And Han-a-ni'-ah spake in the
presence of all the people, saying, Thus
saith the LORD; Even so will I break
the yoke of Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar king
of Babylon from the neck of all na-
tions within the space of two full years.
And the prophet Jeremiah went his
way.
12 Then the word of the LORD came
unto Jeremiah *the prophet*, after that
Han-a-ni'-ah the prophet had broken
the yoke from off the neck of the pro-
phet Jeremiah, saying,
13 Go and tell Han-a-ni'-ah, saying,
Thus saith the LORD; Thou hast bro-
ken the yokes of wood; but thou shalt
make for them yokes of iron.
14 For thus saith the LORD of hosts,
the God of Israel; I have put a yoke of
iron upon the neck of all these nations,
that they may serve Neb-u-chad-nez'-
zar king of Babylon; and they shall
serve him: and I have given him the
beasts of the field also.
15 Then said the prophet Jeremiah
unto Han-a-ni'-ah the prophet, Hear
now, Han-a-ni'-ah; The LORD hath not
sent thee; but thou makest this people
to trust in a lie.
16 Therefore thus saith the LORD;
Behold, I will cast thee from off the
face of the earth: this year thou shalt
die, because thou hast taught rebellion
against the LORD.
17 So Han-a-ni'-ah the prophet died
the same year in the seventh month.

CHAPTER 29

NOW these *are* the words of the
letter that Jeremiah the prophet
sent from Jerusalem unto the residue
of the elders which were carried away
captives, and to the priests, and to the
prophets, and to all the people whom
Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar had carried away
captive from Jerusalem to Babylon;
2 (After that Jec-o-ni'-ah the king,
and the queen, and the eunuchs, the
princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and
the carpenters, and the smiths, were
departed from Jerusalem;)
3 By the hand of El'-a-sah the son
of Sha'-phan, and Gem-a-ri'-ah the son
of Hil-ki'-ah, (whom Zed-e-ki'-ah king
of Judah sent unto Babylon to Neb-u-
chad-nez'-zar king of Babylon) say-
ing,
4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel, unto all that are carried
away captives, whom I have caused to
be carried away from Jerusalem unto
Babylon;
5 Build ye houses, and dwell *in
them*; and plant gardens, and eat the
fruit of them;
6 Take ye wives, and beget sons and
daughters; and take wives for your
sons, and give your daughters to hus-
bands, that they may bear sons and
daughters; that ye may be increased
there, and not diminished.
7 And seek the peace of the city
whither I have caused you to be car-
ried away captives, and pray unto the
LORD for it: for in the peace thereof
shall ye have peace.
8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts,
the God of Israel; Let not your pro-
phets and your diviners, that *be* in the
midst of you, deceive you, neither
hearken to your dreams which ye
cause to be dreamed.

9 For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD.

10 For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

13 And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

15 Because ye have said, The LORD hath raised us up prophets in Babylon;

16 *Know* that thus saith the LORD of the king that sitteth upon the throne of David, and of all the people that dwelleth in this city, *and* of your brethren that are not gone forth with you into captivity;

17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

18 And I will persecute them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will deliver them to be removed to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a curse, and an astonishment, and an hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations whither I have driven them:

19 Because they have not hearkened to my words, saith the LORD, which I sent unto them by my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them;* but ye would not hear, saith the LORD.

20 Hear ye therefore the word of the LORD, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon:

21 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, of Ahab the son of Ko-lai'-ah, and of Zed-e-ki'-ah the son of Ma-a-se'-iah, which prophesy a lie unto you in my name; Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Neb-u-chad-rez'-zar king of Babylon; and he shall slay them before your eyes;

22 And of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captivity of Judah which *are* in Babylon, saying, The LORD make thee like Zed-e-ki'-ah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire;

23 Because they have committed villany in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbours' wives, and have spoken lying words in my name, which I have not commanded them; even I know, and *am* a witness, saith the LORD.

24 *Thus* shalt thou also speak to She-ma'-iah the Ne-hel'-a-mite, saying,

25 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because thou hast sent letters in thy name unto all the people that *are* at Jerusalem, and to Zeph-a-ni'-ah the son of Ma-a-se'-iah the priest, and to all the priests, saying,

26 The LORD hath made thee priest in the stead of Je-hoi'-a-da the priest, that ye should be officers in the house of the LORD, for every man *that is* mad, and maketh himself a prophet, that thou shouldest put him in prison, and in the stocks.

27 Now therefore why hast thou not reproved Jeremiah of An'-a-thoth, which maketh himself a prophet to you?

28 For therefore he sent unto us *in* Babylon, saying, This *captivity is* long: build ye houses, and dwell *in them;* and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

29 And Zeph-a-ni'-ah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.

30 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,

31 Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus saith the LORD concerning She-ma'-iah the Ne-hel'-a-mite; Because that She-ma'-iah hath prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and he caused you to trust in a lie:

32 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will punish She-ma'-iah the Ne-hel'-a-mite, and his seed: he shall not have a man to dwell among this people; neither shall he behold the

good that I will do for my people, saith the LORD; because he hath taught rebellion against the LORD.

CHAPTER 30

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
2 Thus speaketh the LORD God of
Israel, saying, Write thee all the words
that I have spoken unto thee in a
book.
3 For, lo, the days come, saith the
LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah,
saith the LORD: and I will cause them
to return to the land that I gave to
their fathers, and they shall possess it.
4 And these *are* the words that the
LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah.
5 For thus saith the LORD; We have
heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and
not of peace.
6 Ask ye now, and see whether a
man doth travail with child? wherefore
do I see every man with his hands on
his loins, as a woman in travail, and
all faces are turned into paleness?
7 Alas! for that day *is* great, so that
none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of
Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved
out of it.
8 For it shall come to pass in that
day, saith the LORD of hosts, *that* I
will break his yoke from off thy neck,
and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of
him:
9 But they shall serve the LORD
their God, and David their king, whom
I will raise up unto them.
10 Therefore fear thou not, O my
servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither
be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will
save thee from afar, and thy seed
from the land of their captivity; and
Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest,
and be quiet, and none shall make *him*
afraid.
11 For I *am* with thee, saith the
LORD, to save thee: though I make a
full end of all nations whither I have
scattered thee, yet will I not make a
full end of thee: but I will correct thee
in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.
12 For thus saith the LORD, Thy
bruise is incurable, *and* thy wound *is*
grievous.
13 *There is* none to plead thy cause,
that thou mayest be bound up: thou
hast no healing medicines.
14 All thy lovers have forgotten
thee; they seek thee not; for I have
wounded thee with the wound of an
enemy, with the chastisement of a
cruel one, for the multitude of thine
iniquity; *because* thy sins were increased.
15 Why criest thou for thine affliction? thy sorrow *is* incurable for the
multitude of thine iniquity: *because*
thy sins were increased, I have done
these things unto thee.
16 Therefore all they that devour
thee shall be devoured; and all thine
adversaries, every one of them, shall
go into captivity; and they that spoil
thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey
upon thee will I give for a prey.
17 For I will restore health unto
thee, and I will heal thee of thy
wounds, saith the LORD; because
they called thee an Outcast, *saying*,
This *is* Zion, whom no man seeketh
after.
18 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I
will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his
dwellingplaces; and the city shall be
builded upon her own heap, and the
palace shall remain after the manner
thereof.
19 And out of them shall proceed
thanksgiving and the voice of them
that make merry: and I will multiply
them, and they shall not be few; I will
also glorify them, and they shall not
be small.
20 Their children also shall be as
aforetime, and their congregation shall
be established before me, and I will
punish all that oppress them.
21 And their nobles shall be of
themselves, and their governor shall
proceed from the midst of them; and
I will cause him to draw near, and he
shall approach unto me: for who *is* this
that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the LORD.
22 And ye shall be my people, and
I will be your God.
23 Behold, the whirlwind of the
LORD goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind: it shall fall with
pain upon the head of the wicked.
24 The fierce anger of the LORD
shall not return, until he have done *it*,
and until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye
shall consider it.

CHAPTER 31

AT the same time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

2 Thus saith the LORD, The people *which were* left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; *even* Israel, when I went to cause him to rest.

3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, *saying*, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

4 Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.

5 Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Sa-ma'-ri-a: the planters shall plant, and shall eat *them* as common things.

6 For there shall be a day, *that* the watchman upon the mount E'-phra-im shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God.

7 For thus saith the LORD; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.

8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, *and* with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither.

9 They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and E'-phra-im *is* my firstborn.

10 Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare *it* in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd *doth* his flock.

11 For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of *him that was* stronger than he.

12 Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.

13 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

14 And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD.

15 Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ra'-mah, lamentation, *and* bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they *were* not.

16 Thus saith the LORD; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy.

17 And there is hope in thine end, saith the LORD, that thy children shall come again to their own border.

18 I have surely heard E'-phra-im bemoaning himself *thus;* Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed *to the yoke:* turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou *art* the LORD my God.

19 Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon *my* thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth.

20 Is E'-phra-im my dear son? *is he* a pleasant child? for since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my bowels are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the LORD.

21 Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps: set thine heart toward the highway, *even* the way *which* thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities.

22 How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? for the LORD hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man.

23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity; The LORD bless thee, O habitation of justice, *and* mountain of holiness.

24 And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all the cities thereof to-

gether, husbandmen, and they *that* go
forth with flocks.
25 For I have satiated the weary
soul, and I have replenished every sor-
rowful soul.
26 Upon this I awaked, and beheld;
and my sleep was sweet unto me.
27 Behold, the days come, saith the
LORD, that I will sow the house of Is-
rael and the house of Judah with the
seed of man, and with the seed of
beast.
28 And it shall come to pass, *that*
like as I have watched over them, to
pluck up, and to break down, and to
throw down, and to destroy, and to
afflict; so will I watch over them, to
build, and to plant, saith the LORD.
29 In those days they shall say no
more, The fathers have eaten a sour
grape, and the children's teeth are set
on edge.
30 But every one shall die for his
own iniquity: every man that eateth
the sour grape, his teeth shall be set
on edge.
31 Behold, the days come, saith the
LORD, that I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel and with the
house of Judah:
32 Not according to the covenant
that I made with their fathers in the
day *that* I took them by the hand to
bring them out of the land of Egypt;
which my covenant they brake, al-
though I was an husband unto them,
saith the LORD:
33 But this *shall be* the covenant
that I will make with the house of Is-
rael; After those days, saith the LORD,
I will put my law in their inward parts,
and write it in their hearts; and will be
their God, and they shall be my people.
34 And they shall teach no more
every man his neighbour, and every
man his brother, saying, Know the
LORD: for they shall all know me, from
the least of them unto the greatest of
them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive
their iniquity, and I will remember
their sin no more.
35 Thus saith the LORD, which giv-
eth the sun for a light by day, *and* the
ordinances of the moon and of the
stars for a light by night, which divid-
eth the sea when the waves thereof
roar; The LORD of hosts *is* his name:
36 If those ordinances depart from
before me, saith the LORD, *then* the
seed of Israel also shall cease from
being a nation before me for ever.
37 Thus saith the LORD; If heaven
above can be measured, and the foun-
dations of the earth searched out be-
neath, I will also cast off all the seed of
Israel for all that they have done,
saith the LORD.
38 Behold, the days come, saith the
LORD, that the city shall be built to
the LORD from the tower of Ha-nan'-e-
el unto the gate of the corner.
39 And the measuring line shall yet
go forth over against it upon the hill
Ga'-reb, and shall compass about to
Go'-ath.
40 And the whole valley of the dead
bodies, and of the ashes, and all the
fields unto the brook of Kidron, unto
the corner of the horse gate toward the
east, *shall be* holy unto the LORD; it
shall not be plucked up, nor thrown
down any more for ever.

CHAPTER 32

THE word that came to Jeremiah
from the LORD in the tenth year of
Zed-e-ki'-ah king of Judah, which *was*
the eighteenth year of Neb-u-chad-
rez-zar.
2 For then the king of Babylon's
army besieged Jerusalem: and Jeremi-
ah the prophet was shut up in the
court of the prison, which *was* in the
king of Judah's house.
3 For Zed-e-ki'-ah king of Judah
had shut him up, saying, Wherefore
dost thou prophesy, and say, Thus
saith the LORD, Behold, I will give
this city into the hand of the king of
Babylon, and he shall take it;
4 And Zed-e-ki'-ah king of Judah
shall not escape out of the hand of the
Chal-de'-ans, but shall surely be de-
livered into the hand of the king of
Babylon, and shall speak with him
mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall be-
hold his eyes;
5 And he shall lead Zed-e-ki'-ah to
Babylon, and there shall he be until I
visit him, saith the LORD: though ye
fight with the Chal-de'-ans, ye shall not
prosper.
6 And Jeremiah said, The word of
the LORD came unto me, saying,
7 Behold, Ha-nam'-e-el the son of
Shal'-lum thine uncle shall come unto
thee, saying, Buy thee my field that *is*
in An'-a-thoth: for the right of redemp-
tion *is* thine to buy *it*.
8 So Ha-nam'-e-el mine uncle's son
came to me in the court of the prison
according to the word of the LORD, and

said unto me, Buy my field, I pray thee, that *is* in An'-a-thoth, which *is* in the country of Benjamin: for the right of inheritance *is* thine, and the redemption *is* thine; buy *it* for thyself. Then I knew that this *was* the word of the LORD.

9 And I bought the field of Hanam'-e-el my uncle's son, that *was* in An'-a-thoth, and weighed him the money, *even* seventeen shekels of silver.

10 And I subscribed the evidence, and sealed *it*, and took witnesses, and weighed *him* the money in the balances.

11 So I took the evidence of the purchase, *both* that which was sealed *according* to the law and custom, and that which was open:

12 And I gave the evidence of the purchase unto Ba'-ruch the son of Neri'-ah, the son of Ma-a-se'-iah, in the sight of Ha-nam'-e-el mine uncle's *son*, and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the book of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the prison.

13 And I charged Ba'-ruch before them, saying,

14 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may continue many days.

15 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land.

16 Now when I had delivered the evidence of the purchase unto Ba'-ruch the son of Ne-ri'-ah, I prayed unto the LORD, saying,

17 Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, *and* there is nothing too hard for thee:

18 Thou shewest lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, the Mighty God, the LORD of hosts, *is* his name,

19 Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for thine eyes *are* open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings:

20 Which hast set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, *even* unto this day, and in Israel, and among *other* men; and hast made thee a name, as at this day;

21 And hast brought forth thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with great terror;

22 And hast given them this land, which thou didst swear to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey;

23 And they came in, and possessed it; but they obeyed not thy voice, neither walked in thy law; they have done nothing of all that thou commandedst them to do: therefore thou hast caused all this evil to come upon them:

24 Behold the mounts, they are come unto the city to take it: and the city is given into the hand of the Chalde'-ans, that fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence: and what thou hast spoken is come to pass; and, behold, thou seest *it*.

25 And thou hast said unto me, O Lord GOD, Buy thee the field for money, and take witnesses; for the city is given into the hand of the Chalde'-ans.

26 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,

27 Behold, I *am* the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?

28 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chal-de'-ans, and into the hand of Neb-u-chad-rez'-zar king of Babylon, and he shall take it:

29 And the Chal-de'-ans, that fight against this city, shall come and set fire on this city, and burn it with the houses, upon whose roofs they have offered incense unto Ba'-al, and poured out drink offerings unto other gods, to provoke me to anger.

30 For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have only done evil before me from their youth: for the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, saith the LORD.

31 For this city hath been to me *as* a provocation of mine anger and of my fury from the day that they built it even unto this day; that I should remove it from before my fac[illegible]

32 Because of all the evi[illegible] chil-

dren of Israel and of the children of
Judah, which they have done to pro-
voke me to anger, they, their kings,
their princes, their priests, and their
prophets, and the men of Judah, and
the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
33 And they have turned unto me
the back, and not the face: though I
taught them, rising up early and teach-
ing *them*, yet they have not hearkened
to receive instruction.
34 But they set their abominations
in the house, which is called by my
name, to defile it.
35 And they built the high places of
Ba'-al, which *are* in the valley of the
son of Hin'-nom, to cause their sons
and their daughters to pass through
the fire unto Mo'-lech; which I com-
manded them not, neither came it into
my mind, that they should do this
abomination, to cause Judah to sin.
36 And now therefore thus saith the
LORD, the God of Israel, concerning
this city, whereof ye say, It shall be
delivered into the hand of the king of
Babylon by the sword, and by the
famine, and by the pestilence;
37 Behold, I will gather them out of
all countries, whither I have driven
them in mine anger, and in my fury,
and in great wrath; and I will bring
them again unto this place, and I will
cause them to dwell safely:
38 And they shall be my people,
and I will be their God:
39 And I will give them one heart,
and one way, that they may fear me
for ever, for the good of them, and of
their children after them:
40 And I will make an everlasting
covenant with them, that I will not
turn away from them, to do them
good; but I will put my fear in their
hearts, that they shall not depart from
me.
41 Yea, I will rejoice over them to
do them good, and I will plant them
in this land assuredly with my whole
heart and with my whole soul.
42 For thus saith the LORD; Like as
I have brought all this great evil upon
this people, so will I bring upon them
all the good that I have promised
them.
43 And fields shall be bought in this
land, whereof ye say, *It is* desolate
without man or beast; it is given into
the hand of the Chal-de'-ans.
44 Men shall buy fields for money,
and subscribe evidences, and seal
them, and take witnesses in the land of
Benjamin, and in the places about
Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah,
and in the cities of the mountains, and
in the cities of the valley, and in the
cities of the south: for I will cause
their captivity to return, saith the
LORD.

CHAPTER 33

MOREOVER the word of the
LORD came unto Jeremiah the
second time, while he was yet shut up
in the court of the prison, saying,
2 Thus saith the LORD the maker
thereof, the LORD that formed it, to
establish it; the LORD *is* his name;
3 Call unto me, and I will answer
thee, and shew thee great and mighty
things, which thou knowest not.
4 For thus saith the LORD, the God
of Israel, concerning the houses of this
city, and concerning the houses of the
kings of Judah, which are thrown
down by the mounts, and by the
sword;
5 They come to fight with the Chal-
de'-ans, but *it is* to fill them with the
dead bodies of men, whom I have slain
in mine anger and in my fury, and for
all whose wickedness I have hid my
face from this city.
6 Behold, I will bring it health and
cure, and I will cure them, and will re-
veal unto them the abundance of
peace and truth.
7 And I will cause the captivity of
Judah and the captivity of Israel to
return, and will build them, as at the
first.
8 And I will cleanse them from all
their iniquity, whereby they have
sinned against me; and I will pardon
all their iniquities, whereby they have
sinned, and whereby they have trans-
gressed against me.
9 And it shall be to me a name of
joy, a praise and an honour before all
the nations of the earth, which shall
hear all the good that I do unto them:
and they shall fear and tremble for all
the goodness and for all the prosperity
that I procure unto it.
10 Thus saith the LORD; Again
there shall be heard in this place,
which ye say *shall be* desolate without
man and without beast, *even* in the
cities of Judah, and in the streets of
Jerusalem, that are desolate, without
man, and without inhabitant, and
without beast,

11 The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD *is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever: *and* of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.

12 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Again in this place, which is desolate without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, shall be an habitation of shepherds causing *their* flocks to lie down.

13 In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the vale, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him that telleth *them*, saith the LORD.

14 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

15 In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

16 In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this *is the name* wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness.

17 For thus saith the LORD; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;

18 Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

19 And the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying,

20 Thus saith the LORD; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;

21 *Then* may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.

22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.

23 Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

24 Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which the LORD hath chosen, he hath even cast them off? thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them.

25 Thus saith the LORD; If my covenant *be* not with day and night, *and if* I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;

26 Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, *so* that I will not take *any* of his seed *to be* rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

CHAPTER 34

THE word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, when Neb-u-chad-nez′-zar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth of his dominion, and all the people, fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities thereof, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Go and speak to Zed-e-ki′-ah king of Judah, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire:

3 And thou shalt not escape out of his hand, but shalt surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak with thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon.

4 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O Zed-e-ki′-ah king of Judah; Thus saith the LORD of thee, Thou shalt not die by the sword:

5 *But* thou shalt die in peace: and with the burnings of thy fathers, the former kings which were before thee, so shall they burn *odours* for thee; and they will lament thee, *saying*, Ah lord! for I have pronounced the word, saith the LORD.

6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spake all these words unto Zed-e-ki′-ah king of Judah in Jerusalem,

7 When the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that [illegible] left,

against La'-chish, and against A-ze'-kah: for these defenced cities remained of the cities of Judah.

8 *This is* the word that came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, after that the king Zed-e-ki'-ah had made a covenant with all the people which *were* at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty unto them;

9 That every man should let his manservant, and every man his maidservant, *being* an Hebrew or an Hebrewess, go free; that none should serve himself of them, *to wit*, of a Jew his brother.

10 Now when all the princes, and all the people, which had entered into the covenant, heard that every one should let his manservant, and every one his maidservant, go free, that none should serve themselves of them any more, then they obeyed, and let *them* go.

11 But afterward they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids.

12 Therefore the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

13 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondmen, saying,

14 At the end of seven years let ye go every man his brother an Hebrew, which hath been sold unto thee; and when he hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee: but your fathers hearkened not unto me, neither inclined their ear.

15 And ye were now turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name:

16 But ye turned and polluted my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom he had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids.

17 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Ye have not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother, and every man to his neighbour: behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, saith the LORD, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

18 And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, which have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before me, when they cut the calf in twain, and passed between the parts thereof,

19 The princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, which passed between the parts of the calf;

20 I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life: and their dead bodies shall be for meat unto the fowls of the heaven, and to the beasts of the earth.

21 And Zed-e-ki'-ah king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which are gone up from you.

22 Behold, I will command, saith the LORD, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without an inhabitant.

CHAPTER 35

THE word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Je-hoi'-a-kim the son of Jo-si'-ah king of Judah, saying,

2 Go unto the house of the Re'-chab-ites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink.

3 Then I took Ja-az-a-ni'-ah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Hab-a-zi-ni'-ah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Re'-chab-ites;

4 And I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Ha'-nan, the son of Ig-da-li'-ah, a man of God, which *was* by the chamber of the princes, which *was* above the chamber of Ma-a-se'-iah the son of Shal'-lum, the keeper of the door:

5 And I set before the sons of the house of the Re'-chab-ites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine.

6 But they said, We will drink no

wine: for Jon'-a-dab the son of Re'-
chab our father commanded us, saying,
Ye shall drink no wine, *neither* ye, nor your sons for ever:
7 Neither shall ye build house, nor
sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have
any: but all your days ye shall dwell
in tents; that ye may live many days
in the land where ye *be* strangers.
8 Thus have we obeyed the voice of
Jon'-a-dab the son of Re'-chab our
father in all that he hath charged us,
to drink no wine all our days, we, our
wives, our sons, nor our daughters;
9 Nor to build houses for us to
dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor
field, nor seed:
10 But we have dwelt in tents, and
have obeyed, and done according to
all that Jon'-a-dab our father commanded us.
11 But it came to pass, when Neb-
u-chad-rez'-zar king of Babylon came
up into the land, that we said, Come,
and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of
the army of the Chal-de'-ans, and for
fear of the army of the Syrians: so we
dwell at Jerusalem.
12 Then came the word of the LORD
unto Jeremiah, saying,
13 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel; Go and tell the men of
Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
Will ye not receive instruction to
hearken to my words? saith the LORD.
14 The words of Jon'-a-dab the son
of Re'-chab, that he commanded his
sons not to drink wine, are performed;
for unto this day they drink none, but
obey their father's commandment:
notwithstanding I have spoken unto
you, rising early and speaking; but ye
hearkened not unto me.
15 I have sent also unto you all my
servants the prophets, rising up early
and sending *them*, saying, Return ye
now every man from his evil way, and
amend your doings, and go not after
other gods to serve them, and ye shall
dwell in the land which I have given
to you and to your fathers: but ye have
not inclined your ear, nor hearkened
unto me.
16 Because the sons of Jon'-a-dab
the son of Re'-chab have performed the
commandment of their father, which
he commanded them; but this people
hath not hearkened unto me:
17 Therefore thus saith the LORD
God of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold,
I will bring upon Judah and
upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem
all the evil that I have pronounced
against them: because I have spoken
unto them, but they have not heard;
and I have called unto them, but they
have not answered.
18 And Jeremiah said unto the
house of the Re'-chab-ites, Thus saith
the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel;
Because ye have obeyed the commandment
of Jon'-a-dab your father,
and kept all his precepts, and done according
unto all that he hath commanded you:
19 Therefore thus saith the LORD of
hosts, the God of Israel; Jon'-a-dab the
son of Re'-chab shall not want a man
to stand before me for ever.

CHAPTER 36

AND it came to pass in the fourth
year of Je-hoi'-a-kim the son of
Jo-si'-ah king of Judah, *that* this word
came unto Jeremiah from the LORD,
saying,
2 Take thee a roll of a book, and
write therein all the words that I have
spoken unto thee against Israel, and
against Judah, and against all the nations,
from the day I spake unto thee,
from the days of Jo-si'-ah, even unto
this day.
3 It may be that the house of Judah
will hear all the evil which I purpose
to do unto them; that they may return
every man from his evil way; that I
may forgive their iniquity and their
sin.
4 Then Jeremiah called Ba'-ruch the
son of Ne-ri'-ah: and Ba'-ruch wrote
from the mouth of Jeremiah all the
words of the LORD, which he had spoken
unto him, upon a roll of a book.
5 And Jeremiah commanded Ba'-ruch,
saying, I *am* shut up; I cannot go
into the house of the LORD:
6 Therefore go thou, and read in the
roll, which thou hast written from my
mouth, the words of the LORD in the
ears of the people in the LORD's house
upon the fasting day: and also thou
shalt read them in the ears of all Judah
that come out of their cities.
7 It may be they will present their
supplication before the LORD, and will
return every one from his evil way: for
great *is* the anger and the fury that the
LORD hath pronounced against this
people.
8 And Ba'-ruch the son of Ne-ri'-ah
did according to all that Jeremia[illegible]

prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.

9 And it came to pass in the fifth year of Je-hoi'-a-kim the son of Jo-si'-ah king of Judah, in the ninth month, *that* they proclaimed a fast before the LORD to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem.

10 Then read Ba'-ruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gem-a-ri'-ah the son of Sha'-phan the scribe, in the higher court, at the entry of the new gate of the LORD's house, in the ears of all the people.

11 When Mi-cha'-iah the son of Gem-a-ri'-ah, the son of Sha'-phan, had heard out of the book all the words of the LORD,

12 Then he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber: and, lo, all the princes sat there, *even* E-lish'-a-ma the scribe, and Del-a-i'-ah the son of She-ma'-iah, and El'-na-than *the* son of Ach'-bor, and Gem-a-ri'-ah the son of Sha'-phan, and Zed-e-ki'-ah the son of Han-a-ni'-ah, and all the princes.

13 Then Mi-cha'-iah declared unto them all the words that he had heard, when Ba'-ruch read the book in the ears of the people.

14 Therefore all the princes sent Je-hu'-di the son of Neth-a-ni'-ah, the son of Shel-e-mi'-ah, the son of Cu'-shi, unto Ba'-ruch, saying, Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come. So Ba'-ruch the son of Ne-ri'-ah took the roll in his hand, and came unto them.

15 And they said unto him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Ba'-ruch read *it* in their ears.

16 Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they were afraid both one and other, and said unto Ba'-ruch, We will surely tell the king of all these words.

17 And they asked Ba'-ruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at his mouth?

18 Then Ba'-ruch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote *them* with ink in the book.

19 Then said the princes unto Ba'-ruch, Go, hide thee, thou and Jeremiah; and let no man know where ye be.

20 And they went in to the king into the court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of E-lish'-a-ma the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king.

21 So the king sent Je-hu'-di to fetch the roll: and he took it out of E-lish'-a-ma the scribe's chamber. And Je-hu'-di read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king.

22 Now the king sat in the winterhouse *in the ninth month: and there was a fire* on the hearth burning before him.

23 And it came to pass, *that* when Je-hu'-di had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast *it* into the fire that *was* on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that *was* on the hearth.

24 Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, *neither* the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words.

25 Nevertheless El'-na-than and Del-a-i'-ah and Gem-a-ri'-ah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll: but he would not hear them.

26 But the king commanded Je-rah'-me-el the son of Ham'-me-lech, and Ser-a-i'-ah the son of Az'-ri-el, and Shel-e-mi'-ah the son of Ab'-de-el, to take Ba'-ruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but the LORD hid them.

27 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Ba'-ruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying,

28 Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Je-hoi'-a-kim the king of Judah hath burned.

29 And thou shalt say to Je-hoi'-a-kim king of Judah, Thus saith the LORD; Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast?

30 Therefore thus saith the LORD of Je-hoi'-a-kim king of Judah; He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost.

31 And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their in-

iquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them; but they hearkened not.

32 Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Ba'-ruch the scribe, the son of Ne-ri'-ah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Je-hoi'-a-kim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words.

CHAPTER 37

AND king Zed-e-ki'-ah the son of Jo-si'-ah reigned instead of Co-ni'-ah the son of Je-hoi'-a-kim, whom Neb-u-chad-rez'-zar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah.

2 But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, did hearken unto the words of the LORD, which he spake by the prophet Jeremiah.

3 And Zed-e-ki'-ah the king sent Je-hu'-cal the son of Shel-e-mi'-ah and Zeph-a-ni'-ah the son of Ma-a-se'-iah the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now unto the LORD our God for us.

4 Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people: for they had not put him into prison.

5 Then Pharaoh's army was come forth out of Egypt: and when the Chal-de'-ans that besieged Jerusalem heard tidings of them, they departed from Jerusalem.

6 Then came the word of the LORD unto the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

7 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say to the king of Judah, that sent you unto me to enquire of me; Behold, Pharaoh's army, which is come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land.

8 And the Chal-de'-ans shall come again, and fight against this city, and take it, and burn it with fire.

9 Thus saith the LORD; Deceive not yourselves, saying, The Chal-de'-ans shall surely depart from us: for they shall not depart.

10 For though ye had smitten the whole army of the Chal-de'-ans that fight against you, and there remained *but* wounded men among them, *yet* should they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

11 And it came to pass, that when the army of the Chal-de'-ans was broken up from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army,

12 Then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to separate himself thence in the midst of the people.

13 And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the ward *was* there, whose name *was* I-ri'-jah, the son of Shel-e-mi'-ah, the son of Han-a-ni'-ah; and he took Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Thou fallest away to the Chal-de'-ans.

14 Then said Jeremiah, *It is* false; I fall not away to the Chal-de'-ans. But he hearkened not to him: so I-ri'-jah took Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes.

15 Wherefore the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe: for they had made that the prison.

16 When Jeremiah was entered into the dungeon, and into the cabins, and Jeremiah had remained there many days;

17 Then Zed-e-ki'-ah the king sent, and took him out: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there *any* word from the LORD? And Jeremiah said, There is: for, said he, thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.

18 Moreover Jeremiah said unto king Zed-e-ki'-ah, What have I offended against thee, or against thy servants, or against this people, that ye have put me in prison?

19 Where *are* now your prophets which prophesied unto you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land?

20 Therefore hear now, I pray thee, O my lord the king: let my supplication, I pray thee, be accepted before thee; that thou cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there.

21 Then Zed-e-ki'-ah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah into the court of the prison, and that they should give him daily a piece of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city were spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

CHAPTER 38

THEN Sheph-a-ti'-ah the son of Mat'-tan, and Ged-a-li'-ah the son

of Pash'-ur, and Ju'-cal the son of Shel-
e-mi'-ah, and Pash'-ur the son of Mal-
chi'-ah, heard the words that Jeremiah
had spoken unto all the people, say-
ing,
2 Thus saith the LORD, He that re-
maineth in this city shall die by the
sword, by the famine, and by the pes-
tilence: but he that goeth forth to the
Chal-de'-ans shall live; for he shall have
his life for a prey, and shall live.
3 Thus saith the LORD, This city
shall surely be given into the hand of
the king of Babylon's army, which
shall take it.
4 Therefore the princes said unto
the king, We beseech thee, let this
man be put to death: for thus he weak-
eneth the hands of the men of war that
remain in this city, and the hands of
all the people, in speaking such words
unto them: for this man seeketh not
the welfare of this people, but the hurt.
5 Then Zed-e-ki'-ah the king said,
Behold, he *is* in your hand: for the king
is not *he that* can do *any* thing against
you.
6 Then took they Jeremiah, and
cast him into the dungeon of Mal-chi'-
ah the son of Ham'-me-lech, that *was*
in the court of the prison: and they let
down Jeremiah with cords. And in the
dungeon *there was* no water, but mire:
so Jeremiah sunk in the mire.
7 Now when E'-bed–me'-lech the
E-thi-o'-pi-an, one of the eunuchs
which was in the king's house, heard
that they had put Jeremiah in the
dungeon; the king then sitting in the
ate of Benjamin;
8 E'-bed–me'-lech went forth out of
the king's house, and spake to the
king, saying,
9 My lord the king, these men have
done evil in all that they have done to
Jeremiah the prophet, whom they
have cast into the dungeon; and he is
like to die for hunger in the place
where he is: for *there is* no more bread
in the city.
10 Then the king commanded E'-
bed–me'-lech the E-thi-o'-pi-an, say-
ing, Take from hence thirty men with
thee, and take up Jeremiah the pro-
phet out of the dungeon, before he die.
11 So E'-bed–me'-lech took the men
with him, and went into the house of
the king under the treasury, and took
thence old cast clouts and old rotten
rags, and let them down by cords into
the dungeon to Jeremiah.
12 And E'-bed–me'-lech the E-thi-o'-
pi-an said unto Jeremiah, Put now
these old cast clouts and rotten rags
under thine armholes under the cords.
And Jeremiah did so.
13 So they drew up Jeremiah with
cords, and took him up out of the
dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in
the court of the prison.
14 Then Zed-e-ki'-ah the king sent,
and took Jeremiah the prophet unto
him into the third entry that *is* in the
house of the LORD: and the king said
unto Jeremiah, I will ask thee a thing;
hide nothing from me.
15 Then Jeremiah said unto Zed-e-
ki'-ah, If I declare *it* unto thee, wilt
thou not surely put me to death? and
if I give thee counsel, wilt thou not
hearken unto me?
16 So Zed-e-ki'-ah the king sware
secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, As the
LORD liveth, that made us this soul, I
will not put thee to death, neither will
I give thee into the hand of these men
that seek thy life.
17 Then said Jeremiah unto Zed-e-
ki'-ah, Thus saith the LORD, the God
of hosts, the God of Israel; If thou wilt
assuredly go forth unto the king of
Babylon's princes, then thy soul shall
live, and this city shall not be burned
with fire; and thou shalt live, and thine
house:
18 But if thou wilt not go forth to
the king of Babylon's princes, then
shall this city be given into the hand
of the Chal-de'-ans, and they shall burn
it with fire, and thou shalt not escape
out of their hand.
19 And Zed-e-ki'-ah the king said
unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the
Jews that are fallen to the Chal-de'-
ans, lest they deliver me into their
hand, and they mock me.
20 But Jeremiah said, They shall
not deliver *thee*. Obey, I beseech thee,
the voice of the LORD, which I speak
unto thee: so it shall be well unto thee,
and thy soul shall live.
21 But if thou refuse to go forth,
this *is* the word that the LORD hath
shewed me:
22 And, behold, all the women that
are left in the king of Judah's house
shall be brought forth to the king of
Babylon's princes, and those *women*
shall say, Thy friends have set thee on,
and have prevailed against thee: thy
feet are sunk in the mire, *and* they are
turned away back.

and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy life shall be for a prey unto thee: because thou hast put thy trust in me, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER 40

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after that Neb'-u-zar–a'-dan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ra'-mah, when he had taken him being bound in chains among all that were carried away captive of Jerusalem and Judah, which were carried away captive unto Babylon.

2 And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said unto him, The LORD thy God hath pronounced this evil upon this place.

3 Now the LORD hath brought *it*, and done according as he hath said: because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing is come upon you.

4 And now, behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which *were* upon thine hand. If it seem good unto thee to come with me into Babylon, come; and I will look well unto thee: but if it seem ill unto thee to come with me into Babylon, forbear: behold, all the land *is* before thee: whither it seemeth good and convenient for thee to go, thither go.

5 Now while he was not yet gone back, *he said*, Go back also to Ged-a-li'-ah the son of A-hi'-kam the son of Sha'-phan, whom the king of Babylon hath made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people: or go wheresoever it seemeth convenient unto thee to go. So the captain of the guard gave him victuals and a reward, and let him go.

6 Then went Jeremiah unto Ged-a-li'-ah the son of A-hi'-kam to Mizpah; and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land.

7 Now when all the captains of the forces which *were* in the fields, *even* they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Ged-a-li'-ah the son of A-hi'-kam governor in the land, and had committed unto him men, and women, and children, and of the poor of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Babylon;

8 Then they came to Ged-a-li'-ah to Mizpah, even Ish'-ma-el the son of Neth-a-ni'-ah, and Jo-ha'-nan and Jonathan the sons of Ka-re'-ah, and Ser-a-i'-ah the son of Tan'-hu-meth, and the sons of E'-phai the Ne-toph'-a-thite, and Jez-a-ni'-ah the son of a Ma-ach'-a-thite, they and their men.

9 And Ged-a-li'-ah the son of A-hi'-kam the son of Sha'-phan sware unto them and to their men, saying, Fear not to serve the Chal-de'-ans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.

10 As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, to serve the Chal-de'-ans, which will come unto us: but ye, gather ye wine, and summer fruits, and oil, and put *them* in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that ye have taken.

11 Likewise when all the Jews that *were* in Moab, and among the Ammonites, and in Edom, and that *were* in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Ged-a-li'-ah the son of A-hi'-kam the son of Sha'-phan;

12 Even all the Jews returned out of all places whither they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Ged-a-li'-ah, unto Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits very much.

13 Moreover Jo-ha'-nan the son of Ka-re'-ah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* in the fields, came to Ged-a-li'-ah to Mizpah,

14 And said unto him, Dost thou certainly know that Ba'-al-is the king of the Ammonites hath sent Ish'-ma-el the son of Neth-a-ni'-ah to slay thee? But Ged-a-li'-ah the son of A-hi'-kam believed them not.

15 Then Jo-ha'-nan the son of Ka-re'-ah spake to Ged-a-li'-ah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Let me go, I pray thee, and I will slay Ish'-ma-el the son of Neth-a-ni'-ah, and no man shall know *it*: wherefore should he slay thee, that all the Jews which are gathered unto thee should be scattered, and the remnant in Judah perish?

16 But Ged-a-li'-ah the son of A-hi'-kam said unto Jo-ha'-nan the son of Ka-re'-ah, Thou shalt not do this thing: for thou speakest falsely of Ish'-ma-el.

CHAPTER 41

NOW it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ish'-ma-el the son of Neth-a-ni'-ah the son of E-lish'-a-ma, of the seed royal, and the princes of the king, even ten men with him, came unto Ged-a-li'-ah the son of A-hi'-

kam to Mizpah; and there they did eat bread together in Mizpah.

2 Then arose Ish'-ma-el the son of Neth-a-ni'-ah, and the ten men that were with him, and smote Ged-a-li'-ah the son of A-hi'-kam the son of Sha'-phan with the sword, and slew him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land.

3 Ish'-ma-el also slew all the Jews that were with him, *even* with Ged-a-li'-ah, at Mizpah, and the Chal-de'-ans that were found there, *and* the men of war.

4 And it came to pass the second day after he had slain Ged-a-li'-ah, and no man knew *it*,

5 That there came certain from She'-chem, from Shi'-loh, and from Sa-ma'-ri-a, *even* fourscore men, having their beards shaven, and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring *them* to the house of the LORD.

6 And Ish'-ma-el the son of Neth-a-ni'-ah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went: and it came to pass, as he met them, he said unto them, Come to Ged-a-li'-ah the son of A-hi'-kam.

7 And it was *so*, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ish'-ma-el the son of Neth-a-ni'-ah slew them, *and cast them* into the midst of the pit, he, and the men that *were* with him.

8 But ten men were found among them that said unto Ish'-ma-el, Slay us not: for we have treasures in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he forbare, and slew them not among their brethren.

9 Now the pit wherein Ish'-ma-el had cast all the dead bodies of the men, whom he had slain because of Ged-a-li'-ah, *was* it which A'-sa the king had made for fear of Ba'-a-sha king of Israel: *and* Ish'-ma-el the son of Neth-a-ni'-ah filled it with *them that were* slain.

10 Then Ish'-ma-el carried away captive all the residue of the people that *were* in Mizpah, *even* the king's daughters, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom Neb'-u-zar-a'-dan the captain of the guard had committed to Ged-a-li'-ah the son of A-hi'-kam: and Ish'-ma-el the son of Neth-a-ni'-ah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the Ammonites.

11 But when Jo-ha'-nan the son of Ka-re'-ah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, heard of all the evil that Ish'-ma-el the son of Neth-a-ni'-ah had done,

12 Then they took all the men, and went to fight with Ish'-ma-el the son of Neth-a-ni'-ah, and found him by the great waters that *are* in Gibeon.

13 Now it came to pass, *that* when all the people which *were* with Ish'-ma-el saw Jo-ha'-nan the son of Ka-re'-ah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, then they were glad.

14 So all the people that Ish'-ma-el had carried away captive from Mizpah cast about and returned, and went unto Jo-ha'-nan the son of Ka-re'-ah.

15 But Ish'-ma-el the son of Neth-a-ni'-ah escaped from Jo-ha'-nan with eight men, and went to the Ammonites.

16 Then took Jo-ha'-nan the son of Ka-re'-ah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ish'-ma-el the son of Neth-a-ni'-ah, from Mizpah, after *that* he had slain Ged-a-li'-ah the son of A-hi'-kam, *even* mighty men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought again from Gibeon:

17 And they departed, and dwelt in the habitation of Chim'-ham, which is by Beth-le-hem, to go to enter into Egypt,

18 Because of the Chal-de'-ans: for they were afraid of them, because Ish'-ma-el the son of Neth-a-ni'-ah had slain Ged-a-li'-ah the son of A-hi'-kam, whom the king of Babylon made governor in the land.

CHAPTER 42

THEN all the captains of the forces, and Jo-ha'-nan the son of Ka-re'-ah, and Jez-a-ni'-ah the son of Hosh-a-i'-ah, and all the people from the least even unto the greatest, came near,

2 And said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted before thee, and pray for us unto the LORD thy God, *even* for all this remnant; (for we are left *but* a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us:)

3 That the LORD thy God may shew us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do.

4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, I have heard *you*; behold,

I will pray unto the LORD your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass, *that* whatsoever thing the LORD shall answer you, I will declare *it* unto you; I will keep nothing back from you.

5 Then they said to Jeremiah, The LORD be a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not even according to all things for the which the LORD thy God shall send thee to us.

6 Whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil, we will obey the voice of the LORD our God, to whom we send thee; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the LORD our God.

7 And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah.

8 Then called he Jo-ha'-nan the son of Ka-re'-ah, and all the captains of the forces which *were* with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest,

9 And said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto whom ye sent me to present your supplication before him;

10 If ye will still abide in this land, then will I build you, and not pull *you* down, and I will plant you, and not pluck *you* up: for I repent me of the evil that I have done unto you.

11 Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, saith the LORD: for I *am* with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand.

12 And I will shew mercies unto you, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land.

13 But if ye say, We will not dwell in this land, neither obey the voice of the LORD your God,

14 Saying, No; but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell:

15 And now therefore hear the word of the LORD, ye remnant of Judah; Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; If ye wholly set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn there;

16 Then it shall come to pass, *that* the sword, which ye feared, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine, whereof ye were afraid, shall follow close after you there in Egypt; and there ye shall die.

17 So shall it be with all the men that set their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there; they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them.

18 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As mine anger and my fury hath been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so shall my fury be poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt: and ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and ye shall see this place no more.

19 The LORD hath said concerning you, O ye remnant of Judah; Go ye not into Egypt: know certainly that I have admonished you this day.

20 For ye dissembled in your hearts, when ye sent me unto the LORD your God, saying, Pray for us unto the LORD our God; and according unto all that the LORD our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do *it*.

21 And *now* I have this day declared *it* to you; but ye have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God, nor any *thing* for the which he hath sent me unto you.

22 Now therefore know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire to go *and* to sojourn.

CHAPTER 43

AND it came to pass, *that* when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking unto all the people all the words of the LORD their God, for which the LORD their God had sent him to them, *even* all these words,

2 Then spake Az-a-ri'-ah the son of Hosh-a-i'-ah, and Jo-ha'-nan the son of Ka-re'-ah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, Thou speakest falsely: the LORD our God hath not sent thee to say, Go not into Egypt to sojourn there:

3 But Ba'-ruch the son of Ne-ri'-ah setteth thee on against us, for to deliver us into the hand of the Chal-de'-ans, that they might put us to death, and carry us away captives into Babylon.

4 So Jo-ha'-nan the son of Ka-re'-ah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of the LORD, to dwell in the land of Judah.
5 But Jo-ha'-nan the son of Ka-re'-ah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, that were returned from all nations, whither they had been driven, to dwell in the land of Judah;
6 *Even* men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Neb'-u-zar–a'-dan the captain of the guard had left with Ged-a-li'-ah the son of A-hi'-kam the son of Sha'-phan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Ba'-ruch the son of Neri'-ah.
7 So they came into the land of Egypt: for they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: thus came they *even* to Tah'-pan-hes.
8 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah in Tah'-pan-hes, saying,
9 Take great stones in thine hand and hide them in the clay in the brickkiln, which *is* at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tah'-pan-hes, in the sight of the men of Judah;
10 And say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will send and take Neb-u-chad-rez'-zar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hid; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.
11 And when he cometh, he shall smite the land of Egypt, *and deliver* such *as are* for death to death; and such *as are* for captivity to captivity; and such *as are* for the sword to the sword.
12 And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captives: and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd putteth on his garment; and he shall go forth from thence in peace.
13 He shall break also the images of Beth–she'-mesh, that *is* in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall he burn with fire.

CHAPTER 44

THE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews which dwell in the land of Egypt, which dwell at Mig-dol, and at Tah'-pan-hes, and at Noph, and in the country of Path'-ros, saying,
2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Ye have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of Judah; and, behold, this day they *are* a desolation, and no man dwelleth therein,
3 Because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, *and* to serve other gods, whom they knew not, *neither* they, ye, nor your fathers.
4 Howbeit I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending *them*, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate.
5 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense unto other gods.
6 Wherefore my fury and mine anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted *and* desolate, as at this day.
7 Therefore now thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; Wherefore commit ye *this* great evil against your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and suckling, out of Judah, to leave you none to remain;
8 In that ye provoke me unto wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense unto other gods in the land of Egypt, whither ye be gone to dwell that ye might cut yourselves off, and that ye might be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?
9 Have ye forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they have committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem?
10 They are not humbled *even* unto this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your fathers.
11 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah.
12 And I will take the remnant of

Judah, that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed, *and* fall in the land of Egypt; they shall *even* be consumed by the sword *and* by the famine: they shall die, from the least even unto the greatest, by the sword and by the famine: and they shall be an execration, *and* an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach.

13 For I will punish *them that* dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence:

14 So that none of the remnant of Judah, which are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Judah, to the which they have a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return but such as shall escape.

15 Then all the men which knew that their wives had burned incense unto other gods, and all the women that stood by, a great multitude, even all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Path'-ros, answered Jeremiah, saying,

16 *As for* the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the LORD, we will not hearken unto thee.

17 But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for *then* had we plenty of victuals, and were well, and saw no evil.

18 But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, we have wanted all *things*, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine.

19 And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our men?

20 Then Jeremiah said unto all the people, to the men, and to the women, and to all the people which had given him *that* answer, saying,

21 The incense that ye burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, ye, and your fathers, your kings, and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the LORD remember them, and came *it not* into his mind?

22 So that the LORD could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, *and* because of the abominations which ye have committed; therefore is your land a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without an inhabitant, as at this day.

23 Because ye have burned incense, and because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil is happened unto you, as at this day.

24 Moreover Jeremiah said unto all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah that *are* in the land of Egypt:

25 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying; Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her: ye will surely accomplish your vows, and surely perform your vows.

26 Therefore hear ye the word of the LORD, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; Behold, I have sworn by my great name, saith the LORD, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, The Lord GOD liveth.

27 Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good: and all the men of Judah that *are* in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them.

28 Yet a small number that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, and all the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know whose words shall stand, mine, or theirs.

29 And this *shall be* a sign unto you, saith the LORD, that I will punish you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil:

30 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give Pha'-raoh-hoph'-ra king of

Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life; as I gave Zed-e-ki´-ah king of Judah into the hand of Neb-u-chad-rez´-zar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that sought his life.

CHAPTER 45

THE word that Jeremiah the prophet spake unto Ba´-ruch the son of Ne-ri´-ah, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Je-hoi´-a-kim the son of Jo-si´-ah king of Judah, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto thee, O Ba´-ruch;

3 Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for the LORD hath added grief to my sorrow; I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest.

4 Thus shalt thou say unto him, The LORD saith thus; Behold, *that* which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land.

5 And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek *them* not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the LORD: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest.

CHAPTER 46

THE word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Gentiles;

2 Against Egypt, against the army of Pha-raoh–ne´-cho king of Egypt, which was by the river Eu-phra´-tes in Car´-che-mish, which Neb-u-chad-rez´-zar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Je-hoi´-a-kim the son of Jo-si´-ah king of Judah.

3 Order ye the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle.

4 Harness the horses; and get up, ye horsemen, and stand forth with *your* helmets; furbish the spears, *and* put on the brigandines.

5 Wherefore have I seen them dismayed *and* turned away back? and their mighty ones are beaten down, and are fled apace, and look not back: *for* fear *was* round about, saith the LORD.

6 Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; they shall stumble, and fall toward the north by the river Eu-phra´-tes.

7 Who *is* this *that* cometh up as a flood, whose waters are moved as the rivers?

8 Egypt riseth up like a flood, and *his* waters are moved like the rivers; and he saith, I will go up, *and* will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and the inhabitants thereof.

9 Come up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots; and let the mighty men come forth; the E-thi-o´-pi-ans and the Lib´-y-ans, that handle the shield; and the Lyd´-i-ans, that handle *and* bend the bow.

10 For this *is* the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord GOD of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Eu-phra´-tes.

11 Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin, the daughter of Egypt: in vain shalt thou use many medicines; *for* thou shalt not be cured.

12 The nations have heard of thy shame, and thy cry hath filled the land: for the mighty man hath stumbled against the mighty, *and* they are fallen both together.

13 The word that the LORD spake to Jeremiah the prophet, how Neb-u-chad-rez´-zar king of Babylon should come *and* smite the land of Egypt.

14 Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in Mig´-dol, and publish in Noph and in Tah´-pan-hes: say ye, Stand fast, and prepare thee; for the sword shall devour round about thee.

15 Why are thy valiant *men* swept away? they stood not, because the LORD did drive them.

16 He made many to fall, yea, one fell upon another: and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our nativity, from the oppressing sword.

17 They did cry there, Pharaoh king of Egypt *is but* a noise; he hath passed the time appointed.

18 *As* I live, saith the King, whose name *is* the LORD of hosts, Surely as Ta´-bor *is* among the mountains, and as Carmel by the sea, *so* shall he come.

19 O thou daughter dwelling in Egypt, furnish thyself to go into captivity: for Noph shall be waste and desolate without an inhabitant.

20 Egypt *is like* a very fair heifer, *but* destruction cometh; it come[illegible] of the north.

21 Also her hired men *are* in the midst of her like fatted bullocks; for they also are turned back, *and* are fled away together: they did not stand, because the day of their calamity was come upon them, *and* the time of their visitation.

22 The voice thereof shall go like a serpent; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as hewers of wood.

23 They shall cut down her forest, saith the LORD, though it cannot be searched; because they are more than the grasshoppers, and *are* innumerable.

24 The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north.

25 The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saith; Behold, I will punish the multitude of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with their gods, and their kings; even Pharaoh, and *all* them that trust in him:

26 And I will deliver them into the hand of those that seek their lives, and into the hand of Neb-u-chad-rez'-zar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants: and afterward it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old, saith the LORD.

27 But fear not thou, O my servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel: for, behold, I will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make *him* afraid.

28 Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the LORD: for I *am* with thee; for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee: but I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee in measure; yet will I not leave thee wholly unpunished.

CHAPTER 47

THE word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Philistines, before that Pharaoh smote Ga'-za.

2 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall be an overflowing flood, and shall overflow the land, and all that is therein; the city, and them that dwell therein: then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl.

3 At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong *horses*, at the rushing of his chariots, *and at* the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers shall not look back to *their* children for feebleness of hands;

4 Because of the day that cometh to spoil all the Philistines, *and* to cut off from Ty'-rus and Zi'-don every helper that remaineth: for the LORD will spoil the Philistines, the remnant of the country of Caph'-tor.

5 Baldness is come upon Ga'-za; Ash'-ke-lon is cut off *with* the remnant of their valley: how long wilt thou cut thyself?

6 O thou sword of the LORD, how long *will it be* ere thou be quiet? put up thyself into thy scabbard, rest, and be still.

7 How can it be quiet, seeing the LORD hath given it a charge against Ash'-ke-lon, and against the sea shore? there hath he appointed it.

CHAPTER 48

AGAINST Moab thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Woe unto Nebo! for it is spoiled: Kir-i-a-tha'-im is confounded *and* taken: Mis'-gab is confounded and dismayed.

2 *There shall be* no more praise of Moab: in Hesh'-bon they have devised evil against it; come, and let us cut it off from *being* a nation. Also thou shalt be cut down, O Mad'-men; the sword shall pursue thee.

3 A voice of crying *shall be* from Hor-o-na'-im, spoiling and great destruction.

4 Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard.

5 For in the going up of Lu'-hith continual weeping shall go up; for in the going down of Hor-o-na'-im the enemies have heard a cry of destruction.

6 Flee, save your lives, and be like the heath in the wilderness.

7 For because thou hast trusted in thy works and in thy treasures, thou shalt also be taken: and Che'-mosh shall go forth into captivity *with* his priests and his princes together.

8 And the spoiler shall come upon every city, and no city shall escape: the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as the LORD hath spoken.

9 Give wings unto Moab, that it

may flee and get away: for the cities
thereof shall be desolate, without any
to dwell therein.
10 Cursed *be* he that doeth the
work of the LORD deceitfully, and
cursed *be* he that keepeth back his
sword from blood.
11 Moab hath been at ease from his
youth, and he hath settled on his lees,
and hath not been emptied from vessel
to vessel, neither hath he gone into
captivity: therefore his taste remained
in him, and his scent is not changed.
12 Therefore, behold, the days
come, saith the LORD, that I will send
unto him wanderers, that shall cause
him to wander, and shall empty his
vessels, and break their bottles.
13 And Moab shall be ashamed
of Che'-mosh, as the house of Israel
was ashamed of Beth-el their confi-
dence.
14 How say ye, We *are* mighty and
strong men for the war?
15 Moab is spoiled, and gone up *out
of* her cities, and his chosen young men
are gone down to the slaughter, saith
the King, whose name *is* the LORD of
hosts.
16 The calamity of Moab *is* near to
come, and his affliction hasteth fast.
17 All ye that are about him, be-
moan him; and all ye that know his
name, say, How is the strong staff bro-
ken, *and* the beautiful rod!
18 Thou daughter that dost inhabit
Di'-bon, come down from *thy* glory,
and sit in thirst; for the spoiler of Mo-
ab shall come upon thee, *and* he shall
destroy thy strong holds.
19 O inhabitant of Ar'-o-er, stand
by the way, and espy; ask him that
fleeth, and her that escapeth, *and* say,
What is done?
20 Moab is confounded; for it is
broken down: howl and cry; tell ye it
in Arnon, that Moab is spoiled,
21 And judgment is come upon the
plain country; upon Ho'-lon, and upon
Ja-ha'-zah, and upon Meph'-a-ath,
22 And upon Di'-bon, and upon Ne-
bo, and upon Beth-dib-la-tha'-im,
23 And upon Kir-i-a-tha'-im, and
upon Beth-ga'-mul, and upon Beth-
me'-on,
24 And upon Ke'-ri-oth, and upon
Boz'-rah, and upon all the cities of the
land of Moab, far or near.
25 The horn of Moab is cut off, and
his arm is broken, saith the LORD.
26 Make ye him drunken: for he
magnified *himself* against the LORD:
Moab also shall wallow in his vomit,
and he also shall be in derision.
27 For was not Israel a derision un-
to thee? was he found among thieves?
for since thou spakest of him, thou
skippedst for joy.
28 O ye that dwell in Moab, leave
the cities, and dwell in the rock, and
be like the dove *that* maketh her nest
in the sides of the hole's mouth.
29 We have heard the pride of Mo-
ab, (he is exceeding proud) his lofti-
ness, and his arrogancy, and his pride,
and the haughtiness of his heart.
30 I know his wrath, saith the
LORD, but *it shall* not *be* so; his lies
shall not so effect *it*.
31 Therefore will I howl for Moab,
and I will cry out for all Moab; *mine
heart* shall mourn for the men of Kir-
he'-res.
32 O vine of Sib'-mah, I will weep
for thee with the weeping of Ja'-zer:
thy plants are gone over the sea, they
reach *even* to the sea of Ja'-zer: the
spoiler is fallen upon thy summer
fruits and upon thy vintage.
33 And joy and gladness is taken
from the plentiful field, and from the
land of Moab; and I have caused wine
to fail from the winepresses: none shall
tread with shouting; *their* shouting
shall be no shouting.
34 From the cry of Hesh'-bon *even*
unto E-le-a'-leh, *and even* unto Ja'-haz,
have they uttered their voice, from
Zo'-ar *even* unto Hor-o-na'-im, *as* an
heifer of three years old: for the waters
also of Nimrim shall be desolate.
35 Moreover I will cause to cease in
Moab, saith the LORD, him that offer-
eth in the high places, and him that
burneth incense to his gods.
36 Therefore mine heart shall sound
for Moab like pipes, and mine heart
shall sound like pipes for the men of
Kir-he'-res: because the riches *that* he
hath gotten are perished.
37 For every head *shall be* bald, and
every beard clipped: upon all the
hands *shall be* cuttings, and upon the
loins sackcloth.
38 *There shall be* lamentation gen-
erally upon all the housetops of Moab,
and in the streets thereof: for I have
broken Moab like a vessel wherein *is*
no pleasure, saith the LORD.
39 They shall howl, *saying*, How is
it broken down! how hath Moab turn-
ed the back with shame! so shall Moab

be a derision and a dismaying to all them about him.

40 For thus saith the LORD; Behold, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread his wings over Moab.

41 Ke'-ri-oth is taken, and the strong holds are surprised, and the mighty men's hearts in Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

42 And Moab shall be destroyed from *being* a people, because he hath magnified *himself* against the LORD.

43 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, *shall be* upon thee, O inhabitant of Moab, saith the LORD.

44 He that fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that getteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring upon it, *even* upon Moab, the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.

45 They that fled stood under the shadow of Hesh'-bon because of the force: but a fire shall come forth out of Hesh'-bon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon, and shall devour the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones.

46 Woe be unto thee, O Moab! the people of Che'-mosh perisheth: for thy sons are taken captives, and thy daughters captives.

47 Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith the LORD. Thus far *is* the judgment of Moab.

CHAPTER 49

CONCERNING the Ammonites, thus saith the LORD; Hath Israel no sons? hath he no heir? why *then* doth their king inherit Gad, and his people dwell in his cities?

2 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rab'-bah of the Ammonites; and it shall be a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel be heir unto them that were his heirs, saith the LORD.

3 Howl, O Hesh'-bon, for A'-i is spoiled: cry, ye daughters of Rab'-bah, gird you with sackcloth; lament, and run to and fro by the hedges; for their king shall go into captivity, *and* his priests and his princes together.

4 Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys, thy flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures, *saying*, Who shall come unto me?

5 Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts, from all those that be about thee; and ye shall be driven out every man right forth; and none shall gather up him that wandereth.

6 And afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith the LORD.

7 Concerning Edom, thus saith the LORD of hosts; Is wisdom no more in Te'-man? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished?

8 Flee ye, turn back, dwell deep, O inhabitants of De'-dan; for I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time *that* I will visit him.

9 If grapegatherers come to thee, would they not leave *some* gleaning grapes? if thieves by night, they will destroy till they have enough.

10 But I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is spoiled, and his brethren, and his neighbours, and he *is* not.

11 Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve *them* alive; and let thy widows trust in me.

12 For thus saith the LORD; Behold, they whose judgment *was* not to drink of the cup have assuredly drunken; and *art* thou he *that* shall altogether go unpunished? thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink *of it*.

13 For I have sworn by myself, saith the LORD, that Boz'-rah shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes.

14 I have heard a rumour from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent unto the heathen, *saying*, Gather ye together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle.

15 For, lo, I will make thee small among the heathen, *and* despised among men.

16 Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, *and* the pride of thine heart, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith the LORD.

17 Also Edom shall be a desolation:

every one that goeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof.

18 As in the overthrow of Sodom and Go-mor′-rah and the neighbour *cities* thereof, saith the LORD, no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it.

19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan against the habitation of the strong: but I will suddenly make him run away from her: and who *is* a chosen *man*, *that* I may appoint over her? for who *is* like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who *is* that shepherd that will stand before me?

20 Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the inhabitants of Te′-man: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make their habitations desolate with them.

21 The earth is moved at the noise of their fall, at the cry the noise thereof was heard in the Red sea.

22 Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread his wings over Boz′-rah: and at that day shall the heart of the mighty men of Edom be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

23 Concerning Damascus. Ha′-math is confounded, and Arpad: for they have heard evil tidings: they are fainthearted; *there is* sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet.

24 Damascus is waxed feeble, *and* turneth herself to flee, and fear hath seized on *her*: anguish and sorrows have taken her, as a woman in travail.

25 How is the city of praise not left, the city of my joy!

26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD of hosts.

27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the palaces of Ben–ha′-dad.

28 Concerning Ke′-dar, and concerning the kingdoms of Ha′-zor, which Neb-u-chad-rez′-zar king of Babylon shall smite, thus saith the LORD; Arise ye, go up to Ke′-dar, and spoil the men of the east.

29 Their tents and their flocks shall they take away: they shall take to themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels; and they shall cry unto them, Fear *is* on every side.

30 Flee, get you far off, dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of Ha′-zor, saith the LORD; for Neb-u-chad-rez′-zar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you.

31 Arise, get you up unto the wealthy nation, that dwelleth without care, saith the LORD, which have neither gates nor bars, *which* dwell alone.

32 And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil: and I will scatter into all winds them *that are* in the utmost corners; and I will bring their calamity from all sides thereof, saith the LORD.

33 And Ha′-zor shall be a dwelling for dragons, *and* a desolation for ever: there shall no man abide there, nor *any* son of man dwell in it.

34 The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against E′-lam in the beginning of the reign of Zed-e-ki′-ah king of Judah, saying,

35 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will break the bow of E′-lam, the chief of their might.

36 And upon E′-lam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of E′-lam shall not come.

37 For I will cause E′-lam *to be* dismayed before their enemies, and before them that seek their life: and I will bring evil upon them, *even* my fierce anger, saith the LORD; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them:

38 And I will set my throne in E′-lam, and will destroy from thence the king and the princes, saith the LORD.

39 But it shall come to pass in the latter days, *that* I will bring again the captivity of E′-lam, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER 50

THE word that the LORD spake against Babylon *and* against the land of the Chal-de′-ans by Jeremiah the prophet.

2 Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, *and* conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Me-ro′-dach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces.

3 For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: they shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast.

4 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God.

5 They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, *saying*, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant *that* shall not be forgotten.

6 My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away *on* the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace.

7 All that found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against the LORD, the habitation of justice, even the LORD, the hope of their fathers.

8 Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chal-de'-ans, and be as the he goats before the flocks.

9 For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country: and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows *shall be* as of a mighty expert man; none shall return in vain.

10 And Chal-de'-a shall be a spoil: all that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the LORD.

11 Because ye were glad, because ye rejoiced, O ye destroyers of mine heritage, because ye are grown fat as the heifer at grass, and bellow as bulls;

12 Your mother shall be sore confounded; she that bare you shall be ashamed: behold, the hindermost of the nations *shall be* a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.

13 Because of the wrath of the LORD it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate: every one that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.

14 Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about: all ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against the LORD.

15 Shout against her round about: she hath given her hand: her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down: for it *is* the vengeance of the LORD: take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, do unto her.

16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.

17 Israel *is* a scattered sheep; the lions have driven *him* away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Neb-u-chad-rez'-zar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.

18 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria.

19 And I will bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Carmel and Ba'-shan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon mount E'-phraim and Gilead.

20 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and *there shall be* none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.

21 Go up against the land of Mer-a-tha'-im, *even* against it, and against the inhabitants of Pe'-kod: waste and utterly destroy after them, saith the LORD, and do according to all that I have commanded thee.

22 A sound of battle *is* in the land, and of great destruction.

23 How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!

24 I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the LORD.

25 The LORD hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation: for this *is* the work of the Lord GOD of hosts in the land of the Chal-de'-ans.

26 Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses: cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left.

27 Slay all her bullocks; let them go

down to the slaughter: woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation.

28 The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of his temple.

29 Call together the archers against Babylon: all ye that bend the bow, camp against it round about; let none thereof escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her: for she hath been proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel.

30 Therefore shall her young men fall in the streets, and all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD.

31 Behold, I *am* against thee, *O thou* most proud, saith the Lord GOD of hosts: for thy day is come, the time *that* I will visit thee.

32 And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.

33 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The children of Israel and the children of Judah *were* oppressed together: and all that took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go.

34 Their Redeemer *is* strong; the LORD of hosts *is* his name: he shall throughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.

35 A sword *is* upon the Chal-de'-ans, saith the LORD, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her wise *men*.

36 A sword *is* upon the liars; and they shall dote: a sword *is* upon her mighty men; and they shall be dismayed.

37 A sword *is* upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people that *are* in the midst of her; and they shall become as women: a sword *is* upon her treasures; and they shall be robbed.

38 A drought *is* upon her waters; and they shall be dried up: for it *is* the land of graven images, and they are mad upon *their* idols.

39 Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell *there*, and the owls shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.

40 As God overthrew Sodom and Go-mor'-rah and the neighbour *cities* thereof, saith the LORD; *so* shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.

41 Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

42 They shall hold the bow and the lance: they *are* cruel, and will not shew mercy: their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, *every one* put in array, like a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Babylon.

43 The king of Babylon hath heard the report of them, and his hands waxed feeble: anguish took hold of him, *and* pangs as of a woman in travail.

44 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan unto the habitation of the strong: but I will make them suddenly run away from her: and who *is* a chosen *man, that* I may appoint over her? for who *is* like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who *is* that shepherd that will stand before me?

45 Therefore hear ye the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the land of the Chal-de'-ans: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make *their* habitation desolate with them.

46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

CHAPTER 51

THUS saith the LORD; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, a destroying wind;

2 And will send unto Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about.

3 Against *him that* bendeth let the archer bend his bow, and against *him that* lifteth himself up in his brigandine: and spare ye not her young men; destroy ye utterly all her host.

4 Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Chal-de'-ans, and *they that are* thrust through in her streets.
5 For Israel *hath* not *been* forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of the LORD of hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel.
6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this *is* the time of the LORD's vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence.
7 Babylon *hath been* a golden cup in the LORD's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.
8 Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.
9 We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country: for her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up *even* to the skies.
10 The LORD hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God.
11 Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: the LORD hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device is against Babylon, to destroy it; because it *is* the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of his temple.
12 Set up the standard upon the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the ambushes: for the LORD hath both devised and done that which he spake against the inhabitants of Babylon.
13 O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, *and* the measure of thy covetousness.
14 The LORD of hosts hath sworn by himself, *saying*, Surely I will fill thee with men, as with caterpillers; and they shall lift up a shout against thee.
15 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding.
16 When he uttereth *his* voice, *there is* a multitude of waters in the heavens; and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.
17 Every man is brutish by *his* knowledge; every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image *is* falsehood, and *there is* no breath in them.
18 They *are* vanity, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.
19 The portion of Jacob *is* not like them; for he *is* the former of all things: and *Israel is* the rod of his inheritance: the LORD of hosts *is* his name.
20 Thou *art* my battle axe *and* weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms;
21 And with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider;
22 With thee also will I break in pieces man and woman; and with thee will I break in pieces old and young; and with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the maid;
23 I will also break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock; and with thee will I break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke of oxen; and with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers.
24 And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chal-de'-a all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the LORD.
25 Behold, I *am* against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain.
26 And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be desolate for ever, saith the LORD.
27 Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ar'-a-rat, Min'-ni, and Ash'-che-naz; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillers.
28 Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, the captains thereof, and all the rulers thereof, and all the land of his dominion.
29 And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant.

30 The mighty men of Babylon have forborn to fight, they have remained in *their* holds: their might hath failed; they became as women: they have burned her dwellingplaces; her bars are broken.

31 One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to shew the king of Babylon that his city is taken at *one* end,

32 And that the passages are stopped, and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted.

33 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; The daughter of Babylon *is* like a threshingfloor, *it is* time to thresh her: yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come.

34 Neb-u-chad-rez´-zar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicates, he hath cast me out.

35 The violence done to me and to my flesh *be* upon Babylon, shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chal-de´-a, shall Jerusalem say.

36 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee; and I will dry up her sea, and make her springs dry.

37 And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant.

38 They shall roar together like lions: they shall yell as lions' whelps.

39 In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the LORD.

40 I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he goats.

41 How is She´-shach taken! and how is the praise of the whole earth surprised! how is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations!

42 The sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof.

43 Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth *any* son of man pass thereby.

44 And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up: and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him: yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall.

45 My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the LORD.

46 And lest your heart faint, and ye fear for the rumour that shall be heard in the land; a rumour shall both come *one* year, and after that in *another* year *shall come* a rumour, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler.

47 Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon: and her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.

48 Then the heaven and the earth, and all that *is* therein, shall sing for Babylon: for the spoilers shall come unto her from the north, saith the LORD.

49 As Babylon *hath caused* the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth.

50 Ye that have escaped the sword, go away, stand not still: remember the LORD afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.

51 We are confounded, because we have heard reproach: shame hath covered our faces: for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the LORD'S house.

52 Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will do judgment upon her graven images: and through all her land the wounded shall groan.

53 Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, *yet* from me shall spoilers come unto her, saith the LORD.

54 A sound of a cry *cometh* from Babylon, and great destruction from the land of the Chal-de´-ans:

55 Because the LORD hath spoiled Babylon, and destroyed out of her the great voice; when her waves do roar like great waters, a noise of their voice is uttered:

56 Because the spoiler is come upon her, *even* upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, every one of their bows is broken: for the LORD God of recompences shall surely re

57 And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise *men*, her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men: and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the King, whose name *is* the LORD of hosts.

58 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly broken, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the people shall labour in vain, and the folk in the fire, and they shall be weary.

59 The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Ser-a-i'-ah the son of Ne-ri'-ah, the son of Ma-a-se'-iah, when he went with Zed-e-ki'-ah the king of Judah into Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. And *this* Ser-a-i'-ah *was* a quiet prince.

60 So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, *even* all these words that are written against Babylon.

61 And Jeremiah said to Ser-a-i'-ah, When thou comest to Babylon, and shalt see, and shalt read all these words;

62 Then shalt thou say, O LORD, thou hast spoken against this place, to cut it off, that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate for ever.

63 And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, *that* thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Eu-phra'-tes:

64 And thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary. Thus far *are* the words of Jeremiah.

CHAPTER 52

ZED-E-KI'-AH *was* one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Ha-mu'-tal the daughter of Jeremiah of Lib'-nah.

2 And he did *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that Je-hoi'-a-kim had done.

3 For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, till he had cast them out from his presence, that Zed-e-ki'-ah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

4 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Neb-u-chad-rez'-zar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built forts against it round about.

5 So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zed-e-ki'-ah.

6 And in the fourth month, in the ninth *day* of the month, the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land.

7 Then the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which *was* by the king's garden; (now the Chal-de'-ans *were* by the city round about:) and they went by the way of the plain.

8 But the army of the Chal-de'-ans pursued after the king, and overtook Zed-e-ki'-ah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him.

9 Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Rib'-lah in the land of Ha'-math; where he gave judgment upon him.

10 And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zed-e-ki'-ah before his eyes: he slew also all the princes of Judah in Rib'-lah.

11 Then he put out the eyes of Zed-e-ki'-ah; and the king of Babylon bound him in chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death.

12 Now in the fifth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, which *was* the nineteenth year of Neb-u-chad-rez'-zar king of Babylon, came Neb'-u-zar–a'-dan, captain of the guard, *which* served the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem,

13 And burned the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great *men*, burned he with fire:

14 And all the army of the Chal-de'-ans, that *were* with the captain of the guard, brake down all the walls of Jerusalem round about.

15 Then Neb'-u-zar–a'-dan the captain of the guard carried away captive *certain* of the poor of the people, and the residue of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude.

16 But Neb'-u-zar–a'-dan the captain of the guard left *certain* of the poor

of the land for vinedressers and for husbandmen.

17 Also the pillars of brass that *were* in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brasen sea that *was* in the house of the LORD, the Chal-de'-ans brake, and carried all the brass of them to Babylon.

18 The caldrons also, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away.

19 And the basons, and the firepans, and the bowls, and the caldrons, and the candlesticks, and the spoons, and the cups; *that* which *was* of gold *in* gold, and *that* which *was* of silver *in* silver, took the captain of the guard away.

20 The two pillars, one sea, and twelve brasen bulls that *were* under the bases, which king Solomon had made in the house of the LORD: the brass of all these vessels was without weight.

21 And *concerning* the pillars, the height of one pillar *was* eighteen cubits; and a fillet of twelve cubits did compass it; and the thickness thereof *was* four fingers: *it was* hollow.

22 And a chapiter of brass *was* upon it; and the height of one chapiter *was* five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the chapiters round about, all *of* brass. The second pillar also and the pomegranates *were* like unto these.

23 And there were ninety and six pomegranates on a side; *and* all the pomegranates upon the network *were* an hundred round about.

24 And the captain of the guard took Ser-a-i'-ah the chief priest, and Zeph-a-ni'-ah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door:

25 He took also out of the city an eunuch, which had the charge of the men of war; and seven men of them that were near the king's person, which were found in the city; and the principal scribe of the host, who mustered the people of the land; and threescore men of the people of the land, that were found in the midst of the city.

26 So Neb'-u-zar–a'-dan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Rib'-lah.

27 And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death in Rib'-lah in the land of Ha'-math. Thus Judah was carried away captive out of his own land.

28 This *is* the people whom Neb-u-chad-rez'-zar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand Jews and three and twenty:

29 In the eighteenth year of Neb-u-chad-rez'-zar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty and two persons:

30 In the three and twentieth year of Neb-u-chad-rez'-zar Neb'-u-zar–a'-dan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five persons: all the persons *were* four thousand and six hundred.

31 And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Je-hoi'-a-chin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth *day* of the month, *that* E'-vil–me-ro'-dach king of Babylon in the *first* year of his reign lifted up the head of Je-hoi'-a-chin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison,

32 And spake kindly unto him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that *were* with him in Babylon,

33 And changed his prison garments: and he did continually eat bread before him all the days of his life.

34 And *for* his diet, there was a continual diet given him of the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

The Lamentations

of Jeremiah

CHAPTER 1

HOW doth the city sit solitary, *that was* full of people! *how* is she become as a widow! she *that was* great among the nations, *and* princess among the provinces, *how* is she become tributary!

2 She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears *are* on her cheeks: among all

her lovers she hath none to comfort
her: all her friends have dealt treach-
erously with her, they are become her
enemies.
3 Judah is gone into captivity be-
cause of affliction, and because of great
servitude: she dwelleth among the hea-
then, she findeth no rest: all her per-
secutors overtook her between the
straits.
4 The ways of Zion do mourn, be-
cause none come to the solemn feasts:
all her gates are desolate: her priests
sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she
is in bitterness.
5 Her adversaries are the chief, her
enemies prosper; for the LORD hath
afflicted her for the multitude of her
transgressions: her children are gone
into captivity before the enemy.
6 And from the daughter of Zion all
her beauty is departed: her princes are
become like harts *that* find no pasture,
and they are gone without strength
before the pursuer.
7 Jerusalem remembered in the
days of her affliction and of her miser-
ies all her pleasant things that she had
in the days of old, when her people fell
into the hand of the enemy, and none
did help her: the adversaries saw her,
and did mock at her sabbaths.
8 Jerusalem hath grievously sinned;
therefore she is removed: all that hon-
oured her despise her, because they
have seen her nakedness: yea, she sigh-
eth, and turneth backward.
9 Her filthiness *is* in her skirts; she
remembereth not her last end; there-
fore she came down wonderfully: she
had no comforter. O LORD, behold my
affliction: for the enemy hath magni-
fied *himself.*
10 The adversary hath spread out
his hand upon all her pleasant things:
for she hath seen *that* the heathen en-
tered into her sanctuary, whom thou
didst command *that* they should not
enter into thy congregation.
11 All her people sigh, they seek
bread; they have given their pleasant
things for meat to relieve the soul: see,
O LORD, and consider; for I am become
vile.
12 Is it nothing to you, all ye that
pass by? behold, and see if there be any
sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is
done unto me, wherewith the LORD
hath afflicted *me* in the day of his
fierce anger.
13 From above hath he sent fire in-
to my bones, and it prevaileth against
them: he hath spread a net for my feet,
he hath turned me back: he hath made
me desolate *and* faint all the day.
14 The yoke of my transgressions is
bound by his hand: they are wreathed,
and come up upon my neck: he hath
made my strength to fall, the Lord
hath delivered me into *their* hands,
from whom I am not able to rise up.
15 The Lord hath trodden under
foot all my mighty *men* in the midst of
me: he hath called an assembly against
me to crush my young men: the Lord
hath trodden the virgin, the daughter
of Judah, *as* in a winepress.
16 For these *things* I weep; mine
eye, mine eye runneth down with wa-
ter, because the comforter *that* should
relieve my soul is far from me: my
children are desolate, because the ene-
my prevailed.
17 Zion spreadeth forth her hands,
and there is none to comfort her: the
LORD hath commanded concerning Ja-
cob, *that* his adversaries *should be*
round about him: Jerusalem is as a
menstruous woman among them.
18 The LORD is righteous; for I have
rebelled against his commandment:
hear, I pray you, all people, and behold
my sorrow: my virgins and my young
men are gone into captivity.
19 I called for my lovers, *but* they
deceived me: my priests and mine eld-
ers gave up the ghost in the city,
while they sought their meat to relieve
their souls.
20 Behold, O LORD; for I *am* in dis-
tress: my bowels are troubled; mine
heart is turned within me; for I have
grievously rebelled: abroad the sword
bereaveth, at home *there is* as death.
21 They have heard that I sigh:
there is none to comfort me: all mine
enemies have heard of my trouble;
they are glad that thou hast done *it:*
thou wilt bring the day *that* thou hast
called, and they shall be like unto me.
22 Let all their wickedness come
before thee; and do unto them, as thou
hast done unto me for all my trans-
gressions: for my sighs *are* many, and
my heart *is* faint.

CHAPTER 2

HOW hath the Lord covered the
daughter of Zion with a cloud in
his anger, *and* cast down from heaven
unto the earth the beauty of Israel,

and remembered not his footstool in
the day of his anger!
2 The Lord hath swallowed up all
the habitations of Jacob, and hath not
pitied: he hath thrown down in his
wrath the strong holds of the daughter
of Judah; he hath brought *them* down
to the ground: he hath polluted the
kingdom and the princes thereof.
3 He hath cut off in *his* fierce anger
all the horn of Israel: he hath drawn
back his right hand from before the
enemy, and he burned against Jacob
like a flaming fire, *which* devoureth
round about.
4 He hath bent his bow like an ene-
my: he stood with his right hand as an
adversary, and slew all *that were* pleas-
ant to the eye in the tabernacle of the
daughter of Zion: he poured out his
fury like fire.
5 The Lord was as an enemy: he
hath swallowed up Israel, he hath
swallowed up all her palaces: he hath
destroyed his strong holds, and hath
increased in the daughter of Judah
mourning and lamentation.
6 And he hath violently taken away
his tabernacle, as *if it were of* a garden:
he hath destroyed his places of the as-
sembly: the LORD hath caused the
solemn feasts and sabbaths to be for-
gotten in Zion, and hath despised in
the indignation of his anger the king
and the priest.
7 The Lord hath cast off his altar,
he hath abhorred his sanctuary, he
hath given up into the hand of the ene-
my the walls of her palaces; they have
made a noise in the house of the LORD,
as in the day of a solemn feast.
8 The LORD hath purposed to de-
stroy the wall of the daughter of Zion:
he hath stretched out a line, he hath
not withdrawn his hand from destroy-
ing: therefore he made the rampart
and the wall to lament; they lan-
guished together.
9 Her gates are sunk into the
ground; he hath destroyed and broken
her bars: her king and her princes *are*
among the Gentiles: the law *is* no
more; her prophets also find no vision
from the LORD.
10 The elders of the daughter of Zion
sit upon the ground, *and* keep silence:
they have cast up dust upon their
heads; they have girded themselves
with sackcloth: the virgins of Jerusalem
hang down their heads to the ground.
11 Mine eyes do fail with tears, my
bowels are troubled, my liver is poured
upon the earth, for the destruction of
the daughter of my people; because the
children and the sucklings swoon in
the streets of the city.
12 They say to their mothers,
Where *is* corn and wine? when they
swooned as the wounded in the streets
of the city, when their soul was poured
out into their mothers' bosom.
13 What thing shall I take to wit-
ness for thee? what thing shall I liken
to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem?
what shall I equal to thee, that I may
comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zi-
on? for thy breach *is* great like the sea:
who can heal thee?
14 Thy prophets have seen vain and
foolish things for thee: and they have
not discovered thine iniquity, to turn
away thy captivity; but have seen for
thee false burdens and causes of ban-
ishment.
15 All that pass by clap *their* hands
at thee; they hiss and wag their head
at the daughter of Jerusalem, *saying,*
Is this the city that *men* call The per-
fection of beauty, The joy of the whole
earth?
16 All thine enemies have opened
their mouth against thee: they hiss and
gnash the teeth: they say, We have
swallowed *her* up: certainly this *is* the
day that we looked for; we have found,
we have seen *it.*
17 The LORD hath done *that* which
he had devised; he hath fulfilled his
word that he had commanded in the
days of old: he hath thrown down, and
hath not pitied: and he hath caused
thine enemy to rejoice over thee, he
hath set up the horn of thine adver-
saries.
18 Their heart cried unto the Lord,
O wall of the daughter of Zion, let
tears run down like a river day and
night: give thyself no rest; let not the
apple of thine eye cease.
19 Arise, cry out in the night: in the
beginning of the watches pour out
thine heart like water before the face
of the Lord: lift up thy hands toward
him for the life of thy young children,
that faint for hunger in the top of
every street.
20 Behold, O LORD, and consider to
whom thou hast done this. Shall the
women eat their fruit, *and* children of
a span long? shall the priest and the
prophet be slain in the sanctuary of
the Lord?

21 The young and the old lie on the
ground in the streets: my virgins and
my young men are fallen by the sword;
thou hast slain *them* in the day of thine
anger; thou hast killed, *and* not pitied.
22 Thou hast called as in a solemn
day my terrors round about, so that in
the day of the LORD's anger none es-
caped nor remained: those that I have
swaddled and brought up hath mine
enemy consumed.

CHAPTER 3

I AM the man *that* hath seen afflic-
tion by the rod of his wrath.
2 He hath led me, and brought *me*
into darkness, but not *into* light.
3 Surely against me is he turned; he
turneth his hand *against me* all the
day.
4 My flesh and my skin hath he
made old; he hath broken my bones.
5 He hath builded against me, and
compassed *me* with gall and travail.
6 He hath set me in dark places, as
they that be dead of old.
7 He hath hedged me about, that I
cannot get out: he hath made my
chain heavy.
8 Also when I cry and shout, he
shutteth out my prayer.
9 He hath inclosed my ways with
hewn stone, he hath made my paths
crooked.
10 He *was* unto me *as* a bear lying
in wait, *and as* a lion in secret places.
11 He hath turned aside my ways,
and pulled me in pieces: he hath made
me desolate.
12 He hath bent his bow, and set
me as a mark for the arrow.
13 He hath caused the arrows of his
quiver to enter into my reins.
14 I was a derision to all my people;
and their song all the day.
15 He hath filled me with bitter-
ness, he hath made me drunken with
wormwood.
16 He hath also broken my teeth
with gravel stones, he hath covered
me with ashes.
17 And thou hast removed my soul
far off from peace: I forgat prosperity.
18 And I said, My strength and my
hope is perished from the LORD:
19 Remembering mine affliction
and my misery, the wormwood and the
gall.
20 My soul hath *them* still in re-
membrance, and is humbled in me.
21 This I recall to my mind, there-
fore have I hope.
22 *It is of* the LORD's mercies that
we are not consumed, because his com-
passions fail not.
23 *They are* new every morning:
great *is* thy faithfulness.
24 The LORD *is* my portion, saith
my soul; therefore will I hope in him.
25 The LORD *is* good unto them
that wait for him, to the soul *that* seek-
eth him.
26 *It is* good that *a man* should both
hope and quietly wait for the salvation
of the LORD.
27 *It is* good for a man that he bear
the yoke in his youth.
28 He sitteth alone and keepeth si-
lence, because he hath borne *it* upon
him.
29 He putteth his mouth in the
dust; if so be there may be hope.
30 He giveth *his* cheek to him that
smiteth him: he is filled full with re-
proach.
31 For the Lord will not cast off for
ever:
32 But though he cause grief, yet
will he have compassion according to
the multitude of his mercies.
33 For he doth not afflict willingly
nor grieve the children of men.
34 To crush under his feet all the
prisoners of the earth,
35 To turn aside the right of a man
before the face of the most High,
36 To subvert a man in his cause,
the Lord approveth not.
37 Who *is* he *that* saith, and it com-
eth to pass, *when* the Lord command-
eth *it* not?
38 Out of the mouth of the most
High proceedeth not evil and good?
39 Wherefore doth a living man
complain, a man for the punishment of
his sins?
40 Let us search and try our ways,
and turn again to the LORD.
41 Let us lift up our heart with *our*
hands unto God in the heavens.
42 We have transgressed and have
rebelled: thou hast not pardoned.
43 Thou hast covered with anger,
and persecuted us: thou hast slain,
thou hast not pitied.
44 Thou hast covered thyself with
a cloud, that *our* prayer should not
pass through.
45 Thou hast made us *as* the off-
scouring and refuse in the midst of the
people.

46 All our enemies have opened their mouths against us.

47 Fear and a snare is come upon us, desolation and destruction.

48 Mine eye runneth down with rivers of water for the destruction of the daughter of my people.

49 Mine eye trickleth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission,

50 Till the LORD look down, and behold from heaven.

51 Mine eye affecteth mine heart because of all the daughters of my city.

52 Mine enemies chased me sore, like a bird, without cause.

53 They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and cast a stone upon me.

54 Waters flowed over mine head; *then* I said, I am cut off.

55 I called upon thy name, O LORD, out of the low dungeon.

56 Thou hast heard my voice: hide not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry.

57 Thou drewest near in the day *that* I called upon thee: thou saidst, Fear not.

58 O Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul; thou hast redeemed my life.

59 O LORD, thou hast seen my wrong: judge thou my cause.

60 Thou hast seen all their vengeance *and* all their imaginations against me.

61 Thou hast heard their reproach, O LORD, *and* all their imaginations against me;

62 The lips of those that rose up against me, and their device against me all the day.

63 Behold their sitting down, and their rising up; I *am* their musick.

64 Render unto them a recompence, O LORD, according to the work of their hands.

65 Give them sorrow of heart, thy curse unto them.

66 Persecute and destroy them in anger from under the heavens of the LORD.

CHAPTER 4

HOW is the gold become dim! *how* is the most fine gold changed! the stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street.

2 The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!

3 Even the sea monsters draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones: the daughter of my people *is become* cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.

4 The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst: the young children ask bread, *and* no man breaketh *it* unto them.

5 They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets: they that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills.

6 For the punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom, that was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands stayed on her.

7 Her Nazarites were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing *was* of sapphire:

8 Their visage is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick.

9 *They that be* slain with the sword are better than *they that be* slain with hunger: for these pine away, stricken through for *want of* the fruits of the field.

10 The hands of the pitiful women have sodden their own children: they were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people.

11 The LORD hath accomplished his fury; he hath poured out his fierce anger, and hath kindled a fire in Zion, and it hath devoured the foundations thereof.

12 The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem.

13 For the sins of her prophets, *and* the iniquities of her priests, that have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her,

14 They have wandered *as* blind *men* in the streets, they have polluted themselves with blood, so that men could not touch their garments.

15 They cried unto them, Depart ye; *it is* unclean; depart, depart, touch not: when they fled away and wandered, they said among the heathen, They shall no more sojourn *there*.

16 The anger of the LORD hath divided them; he will no more regard them: they respected not the persons of the priests, they favoured not the elders.

17 As for us, our eyes as yet failed for our vain help: in our watching we have watched for a nation *that* could not save *us*.

18 They hunt our steps, that we cannot go in our streets: our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for our end is come.

19 Our persecutors are swifter than the eagles of the heaven: they pursued us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness.

20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD, was taken in their pits, of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the heathen.

21 Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, that dwellest in the land of Uz; the cup also shall pass through unto thee: thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself naked.

22 The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion; he will no more carry thee away into captivity: he will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom; he will discover thy sins.

CHAPTER 5

REMEMBER, O LORD, what is come upon us: consider, and behold our reproach.

2 Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens.

3 We are orphans and fatherless, our mothers *are* as widows.

4 We have drunken our water for money; our wood is sold unto us.

5 Our necks *are* under persecution: we labour, *and* have no rest.

6 We have given the hand *to* the Egyptians, *and to* the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

7 Our fathers have sinned, *and are* not; and we have borne their iniquities.

8 Servants have ruled over us: *there is* none that doth deliver *us* out of their hand.

9 We gat our bread with *the peril of* our lives because of the sword of the wilderness.

10 Our skin was black like an oven because of the terrible famine.

11 They ravished the women in Zion, *and* the maids in the cities of Judah.

12 Princes are hanged up by their hand: the faces of elders were not honoured.

13 They took the young men to grind, and the children fell under the wood.

14 The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their musick.

15 The joy of our heart is ceased; our dance is turned into mourning.

16 The crown is fallen *from* our head: woe unto us, that we have sinned!

17 For this our heart is faint; for these *things* our eyes are dim.

18 Because of the mountain of Zion, which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it.

19 Thou, O LORD, remainest for ever; thy throne from generation to generation.

20 Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever, *and* forsake us so long time?

21 Turn thou us unto thee, O LORD, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old.

22 But thou hast utterly rejected us; thou art very wroth against us.

The Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

CHAPTER 1

NOW it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, as I *was* among the captives by the river of Che'-bar, *that* the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

2 In the fifth *day* of the month, which *was* the fifth year of king Je-hoi'-a-chin's captivity,

3 The word of the LORD came ex-
pressly unto E-ze'-ki-el the priest, the
son of Bu'-zi, in the land of the Chal-
de'-ans by the river Che'-bar; and the
hand of the LORD was there upon him.
4 And I looked, and, behold, a
whirlwind came out of the north, a
great cloud, and a fire infolding itself,
and a brightness *was* about it, and out
of the midst thereof as the colour of
amber, out of the midst of the fire.
5 Also out of the midst thereof
came the likeness of four living crea-
tures. And this *was* their appearance;
they had the likeness of a man.
6 And every one had four faces, and
every one had four wings.
7 And their feet *were* straight feet;
and the sole of their feet *was* like the
sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled
like the colour of burnished brass.
8 And *they had* the hands of a man
under their wings on their four sides;
and they four had their faces and their
wings.
9 Their wings *were* joined one to an-
other; they turned not when they
went; they went every one straight for-
ward.
10 As for the likeness of their faces,
they four had the face of a man, and
the face of a lion, on the right side: and
they four had the face of an ox on the
left side; they four also had the face of
an eagle.
11 Thus *were* their faces: and their
wings *were* stretched upward; two
wings of every one *were* joined one to
another, and two covered their bodies.
12 And they went every one
straight forward: whither the spirit
was to go, they went; *and* they turned
not when they went.
13 As for the likeness of the living
creatures, their appearance *was* like
burning coals of fire, *and* like the ap-
pearance of lamps: it went up and
down among the living creatures; and
the fire was bright, and out of the fire
went forth lightning.
14 And the living creatures ran and
returned as the appearance of a flash
of lightning.
15 Now as I beheld the living crea-
tures, behold one wheel upon the earth
by the living creatures, with his four
faces.
16 The appearance of the wheels
and their work *was* like unto the colour
of a beryl: and they four had one like-
ness: and their appearance and their
work *was* as it were a wheel in the
middle of a wheel.
17 When they went, they went up-
on their four sides: *and* they turned
not when they went.
18 As for their rings, they were so
high that they were dreadful; and their
rings *were* full of eyes round about
them four.
19 And when the living creatures
went, the wheels went by them: and
when the living creatures were lifted
up from the earth, the wheels were
lifted up.
20 Whithersoever the spirit was to
go, they went, thither *was their* spirit
to go; and the wheels were lifted up
over against them: for the spirit of the
living creature *was* in the wheels.
21 When those went, *these* went;
and when those stood, *these* stood; and
when those were lifted up from the
earth, the wheels were lifted up over
against them: for the spirit of the liv-
ing creature *was* in the wheels.
22 And the likeness of the firma-
ment upon the heads of the living crea-
ture *was* as the colour of the terrible
crystal, stretched forth over their
heads above.
23 And under the firmament *were*
their wings straight, the one toward
the other: every one had two, which
covered on this side, and every one had
two, which covered on that side, their
bodies.
24 And when they went, I heard the
noise of their wings, like the noise of
great waters, as the voice of the Al-
mighty, the voice of speech, as the
noise of an host: when they stood, they
let down their wings.
25 And there was a voice from the
firmament that *was* over their heads,
when they stood, *and* had let down
their wings.
26 And above the firmament that
was over their heads *was* the likeness
of a throne, as the appearance of a sap-
phire stone: and upon the likeness of
the throne *was* the likeness as the ap-
pearance of a man above upon it.
27 And I saw as the colour of am-
ber, as the appearance of fire round
about within it, from the appearance
of his loins even upward, and from the
appearance of his loins even down-
ward, I saw as it were the appearance
of fire, and it had brightness round
about.
28 As the appearance of the bow

that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so *was* the appearance of the brightness round about. This *was* the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw *it*, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

CHAPTER 2

AND he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee.

2 And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, *even* unto this very day.

4 For *they are* impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD.

5 And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they *are* a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

6 And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns *be* with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they *be* a rebellious house.

7 And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they *are* most rebellious.

8 But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee.

9 And when I looked, behold, an hand *was* sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book *was* therein;

10 And he spread it before me; and it *was* written within and without: and *there was* written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

CHAPTER 3

MOREOVER he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel.

2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat *it*; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

4 And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them.

5 For thou *art* not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, *but* to the house of Israel;

6 Not to many people of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee.

7 But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel *are* impudent and hardhearted.

8 Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads.

9 As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they *be* a rebellious house.

10 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears.

11 And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

12 Then the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, *saying*, Blessed *be* the glory of the LORD from his place.

13 *I heard* also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing.

14 So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me.

15 Then I came to them of the captivity at Tel–a'-bib, that dwelt by the river of Che'-bar, and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days.

16 And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

17 Son of man, I have made thee a

watchman unto the house of Israel:
therefore hear the word at my mouth,
and give them warning from me.
18 When I say unto the wicked,
Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest
him not warning, nor speakest to warn
the wicked from his wicked way, to
save his life; the same wicked *man*
shall die in his iniquity; but his blood
will I require at thine hand.
19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and
he turn not from his wickedness, nor
from his wicked way, he shall die in his
iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy
soul.
20 Again, When a righteous *man*
doth turn from his righteousness, and
commit iniquity, and I lay a stum-
blingblock before him, he shall die: be-
cause thou hast not given him warn-
ing, he shall die in his sin, and his
righteousness which he hath done shall
not be remembered; but his blood will
I require at thine hand.
21 Nevertheless if thou warn the
righteous *man*, that the righteous sin
not, and he doth not sin, he shall sure-
ly live, because he is warned; also thou
hast delivered thy soul.
22 And the hand of the LORD was
there upon me; and he said unto me,
Arise, go forth into the plain, and I
will there talk with thee.
23 Then I arose, and went forth into
the plain: and, behold, the glory of the
LORD stood there, as the glory which
I saw by the river of Che'-bar: and I
fell on my face.
24 Then the spirit entered into me,
and set me upon my feet, and spake
with me, and said unto me, Go, shut
thyself within thine house.
25 But thou, O son of man, behold,
they shall put bands upon thee, and
shall bind thee with them, and thou
shalt not go out among them:
26 And I will make thy tongue
cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that
thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be
to them a reprover: for they *are* a re-
bellious house.
27 But when I speak with thee, I
will open thy mouth, and thou shalt
say unto them, Thus saith the Lord
GOD; He that heareth, let him hear;
and he that forbeareth, let him for-
bear: for they *are* a rebellious house.

CHAPTER 4

THOU also, son of man, take thee a
tile, and lay it before thee, and
pourtray upon it the city, *even* Jeru-
salem:
2 And lay siege against it, and build
a fort against it, and cast a mount
against it; set the camp also against it,
and set *battering* rams against it round
about.
3 Moreover take thou unto thee an
iron pan, and set it *for* a wall of iron
between thee and the city: and set thy
face against it, and it shall be besieged,
and thou shalt lay siege against it.
This *shall be* a sign to the house of Is-
rael.
4 Lie thou also upon thy left side,
and lay the iniquity of the house of Is-
rael upon it: *according* to the number
of the days that thou shalt lie upon it
thou shalt bear their iniquity.
5 For I have laid upon thee the
years of their iniquity, according to
the number of the days, three hundred
and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the
iniquity of the house of Israel.
6 And when thou hast accomplished
them, lie again on thy right side, and
thou shalt bear the iniquity of the
house of Judah forty days: I have ap-
pointed thee each day for a year.
7 Therefore thou shalt set thy face
toward the siege of Jerusalem, and
thine arm *shall be* uncovered, and thou
shalt prophesy against it.
8 And, behold, I will lay bands upon
thee, and thou shalt not turn thee
from one side to another, till thou hast
ended the days of thy siege.
9 Take thou also unto thee wheat,
and barley, and beans, and lentiles,
and millet, and fitches, and put them
in one vessel, and make thee bread
thereof, *according* to the number of the
days that thou shalt lie upon thy side,
three hundred and ninety days shalt
thou eat thereof.
10 And thy meat which thou shalt
eat *shall be* by weight, twenty shekels
a day: from time to time shalt thou
eat it.
11 Thou shalt drink also water by
measure, the sixth part of an hin: from
time to time shalt thou drink.
12 And thou shalt eat it *as* barley
cakes, and thou shalt bake it with
dung that cometh out of man, in their
sight.
13 And the LORD said, Even thus
shall the children of Israel eat their
defiled bread among the Gentiles,
whither I will drive them.
14 Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! be-

hold, my soul hath not been polluted;
for from my youth up even till now
have I not eaten of that which dieth of
itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came
there abominable flesh into my mouth.
15 Then he said unto me, Lo, I have
given thee cow's dung for man's dung,
and thou shalt prepare thy bread
therewith.
16 Moreover he said unto me, Son
of man, behold, I will break the staff
of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall
eat bread by weight, and with care;
and they shall drink water by measure,
and with astonishment:
17 That they may want bread and
water, and be astonied one with another,
and consume away for their iniquity.

CHAPTER 5

AND thou, son of man, take thee a
sharp knife, take thee a barber's
razor, and cause *it* to pass upon thine
head and upon thy beard: then take
thee balances to weigh, and divide the
hair.
2 Thou shalt burn with fire a third
part in the midst of the city, when the
days of the siege are fulfilled: and thou
shalt take a third part, *and* smite
about it with a knife: and a third part
thou shalt scatter in the wind; and I
will draw out a sword after them.
3 Thou shalt also take thereof a few
in number, and bind them in thy skirts.
4 Then take of them again, and cast
them into the midst of the fire, and
burn them in the fire; *for* thereof shall
a fire come forth into all the house of
Israel.
5 Thus saith the Lord GOD; This is
Jerusalem: I have set it in the midst
of the nations and countries *that are*
round about her.
6 And she hath changed my judgments
into wickedness more than the
nations, and my statutes more than
the countries that *are* round about her:
for they have refused my judgments
and my statutes, they have not walked
in them.
7 Therefore thus saith the Lord
GOD; Because ye multiplied more than
the nations that *are* round about you,
and have not walked in my statutes,
neither have kept my judgments, neither
have done according to the judgments
of the nations that *are* round
about you;
8 Therefore thus saith the Lord
GOD; Behold, I, even I, *am* against
thee, and will execute judgments in
the midst of thee in the sight of the
nations.
9 And I will do in thee that which
I have not done, and whereunto I will
not do any more the like, because of
all thine abominations.
10 Therefore the fathers shall eat
the sons in the midst of thee, and the
sons shall eat their fathers; and I will
execute judgments in thee, and the
whole remnant of thee will I scatter
into all the winds.
11 Wherefore, *as* I live, saith the
Lord GOD; surely, because thou hast
defiled my sanctuary with all thy detestable
things, and with all thine
abominations, therefore will I also diminish
thee; neither shall mine eye
spare, neither will I have any pity.
12 A third part of thee shall die
with the pestilence, and with famine
shall they be consumed in the midst of
thee: and a third part shall fall by the
sword round about thee; and I will
scatter a third part into all the winds,
and I will draw out a sword after them.
13 Thus shall mine anger be accomplished,
and I will cause my fury to
rest upon them, and I will be comforted:
and they shall know that I the
LORD have spoken *it* in my zeal, when
I have accomplished my fury in them.
14 Moreover I will make thee waste,
and a reproach among the nations that
are round about thee, in the sight of
all that pass by.
15 So it shall be a reproach and a
taunt, an instruction and an astonishment
unto the nations that *are* round
about thee, when I shall execute judgments
in thee in anger and in fury and
in furious rebukes. I the LORD have
spoken *it*.
16 When I shall send upon them the
evil arrows of famine, which shall be
for *their* destruction, *and* which I will
send to destroy you: and I will increase
the famine upon you, and will break
your staff of bread:
17 So will I send upon you famine
and evil beasts, and they shall bereave
thee; and pestilence and blood shall
pass through thee; and I will bring the
sword upon thee. I the LORD have
spoken *it*.

CHAPTER 6

AND the word of the LORD came unto
me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face toward
the mountains of Israel, and prophesy
against them,
3 And say, Ye mountains of Israel,
hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus
saith the Lord GOD to the mountains,
and to the hills, to the rivers, and to
the valleys; Behold, I, *even* I, will
bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places.
4 And your altars shall be desolate,
and your images shall be broken: and
I will cast down your slain *men* before
your idols.
5 And I will lay the dead carcases of
the children of Israel before their idols;
and I will scatter your bones round
about your altars.
6 In all your dwellingplaces the
cities shall be laid waste, and the high
places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and
cease, and your images may be cut
down, and your works may be abolished.
7 And the slain shall fall in the
midst of you, and ye shall know that
I *am* the LORD.
8 Yet will I leave a remnant, that
ye may have *some* that shall escape the
sword among the nations, when ye
shall be scattered through the countries.
9 And they that escape of you shall
remember me among the nations
whither they shall be carried captives,
because I am broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from
me, and with their eyes, which go a
whoring after their idols: and they
shall lothe themselves for the evils
which they have committed in all their
abominations.
10 And they shall know that I *am*
the LORD, *and that* I have not said in
vain that I would do this evil unto
them.
11 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Smite
with thine hand, and stamp with thy
foot, and say, Alas for all the evil
abominations of the house of Israel!
for they shall fall by the sword, by the
famine, and by the pestilence.
12 He that is far off shall die of the
pestilence; and he that is near shall
fall by the sword; and he that remaineth and is besieged shall die by the
famine: thus will I accomplish my fury
upon them.
13 Then shall ye know that I *am*
the LORD, when their slain *men* shall
be among their idols round about their
altars, upon every high hill, in all the
tops of the mountains, and under
every green tree, and under every
thick oak, the place where they did offer sweet savour to all their idols.
14 So will I stretch out my hand
upon them, and make the land desolate, yea, more desolate than the wilderness toward Dib'lath, in all their
habitations: and they shall know that
I *am* the LORD.

CHAPTER 7

MOREOVER the word of the
LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Also, thou son of man, thus saith
the Lord GOD unto the land of Israel;
An end, the end is come upon the four
corners of the land.
3 Now *is* the end *come* upon thee,
and I will send mine anger upon thee,
and will judge thee according to thy
ways, and will recompense upon thee
all thine abominations.
4 And mine eye shall not spare thee,
neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and
thine abominations shall be in the
midst of thee: and ye shall know that
I *am* the LORD.
5 Thus saith the Lord GOD; An evil,
an only evil, behold, is come.
6 An end is come, the end is come:
it watcheth for thee; behold, it is come.
7 The morning is come unto thee, O
thou that dwellest in the land: the
time is come, the day of trouble *is* near,
and not the sounding again of the
mountains.
8 Now will I shortly pour out my
fury upon thee, and accomplish mine
anger upon thee: and I will judge thee
according to thy ways, and will recompense thee for all thine abominations.
9 And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will recompense
thee according to thy ways and thine
abominations *that* are in the midst of
thee; and ye shall know that I *am* the
LORD that smiteth.
10 Behold the day, behold, it is
come: the morning is gone forth; the
rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded.
11 Violence is risen up into a rod of
wickedness: none of them *shall remain*,
nor of their multitude, nor of any of
theirs: neither *shall there be* wailing for
them.

12 The time is come, the day draw-
eth near: let not the buyer rejoice, nor
the seller mourn: for wrath *is* upon all
the multitude thereof.
13 For the seller shall not return to
that which is sold, although they were
yet alive: for the vision *is* touching the
whole multitude thereof, *which* shall
not return; neither shall any strength-
en himself in the iniquity of his life.
14 They have blown the trumpet,
even to make all ready; but none goeth
to the battle: for my wrath *is* upon all
the multitude thereof.
15 The sword *is* without, and the
pestilence and the famine within: he
that *is* in the field shall die with the
sword; and he that *is* in the city, fam-
ine and pestilence shall devour him.
16 But they that escape of them
shall escape, and shall be on the moun-
tains like doves of the valleys, all of
them mourning, every one for his in-
iquity.
17 All hands shall be feeble, and all
knees shall be weak *as* water.
18 They shall also gird *themselves*
with sackcloth, and horror shall cover
them; and shame *shall be* upon all
faces, and baldness upon all their
heads.
19 They shall cast their silver in the
streets, and their gold shall be re-
moved: their silver and their gold shall
not be able to deliver them in the day
of the wrath of the LORD: they shall
not satisfy their souls, neither fill their
bowels: because it is the stumbling-
block of their iniquity.
20 As for the beauty of his orna-
ment, he set it in majesty: but they
made the images of their abominations
and of their detestable things therein:
therefore have I set it far from them.
21 And I will give it into the hands
of the strangers for a prey, and to the
wicked of the earth for a spoil; and
they shall pollute it.
22 My face will I turn also from
them, and they shall pollute my secret
place: for the robbers shall enter into
it, and defile it.
23 Make a chain: for the land is full
of bloody crimes, and the city is full of
violence.
24 Wherefore I will bring the worst
of the heathen, and they shall possess
their houses: I will also make the pomp
of the strong to cease; and their holy
places shall be defiled.
25 Destruction cometh; and they
shall seek peace, and *there shall be*
none.
26 Mischief shall come upon mis-
chief, and rumour shall be upon ru-
mour; then shall they seek a vision of
the prophet; but the law shall perish
from the priest, and counsel from the
ancients.
27 The king shall mourn, and the
prince shall be clothed with desolation,
and the hands of the people of the land
shall be troubled: I will do unto them
after their way, and according to their
deserts will I judge them; and they
shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAPTER 8

AND it came to pass in the sixth
year, in the sixth *month*, in the
fifth *day* of the month, *as* I sat in mine
house, and the elders of Judah sat be-
fore me, that the hand of the Lord
GOD fell there upon me.
2 Then I beheld, and lo a likeness
as the appearance of fire: from the ap-
pearance of his loins even downward,
fire; and from his loins even upward,
as the appearance of brightness, as the
colour of amber.
3 And he put forth the form of an
hand, and took me by a lock of mine
head; and the spirit lifted me up be-
tween the earth and the heaven, and
brought me in the visions of God to
Jerusalem, to the door of the inner
gate that looketh toward the north;
where *was* the seat of the image of
jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy.
4 And, behold, the glory of the God
of Israel *was* there, according to the
vision that I saw in the plain.
5 Then said he unto me, Son of
man, lift up thine eyes now the way
toward the north. So I lifted up mine
eyes the way toward the north, and
behold northward at the gate of the
altar this image of jealousy in the en-
try.
6 He said furthermore unto me, Son
of man, seest thou what they do? *even*
the great abominations that the house
of Israel committeth here, that I
should go far off from my sanctuary?
but turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt
see greater abominations.
7 And he brought me to the door of
the court; and when I looked, behold
a hole in the wall.
8 Then said he unto me, Son of
man, dig now in the wall: and when I
had digged in the wall, behold a door

9 And he said unto me, Go in, and
behold the wicked abominations that
they do here.
10 So I went in and saw; and behold
every form of creeping things, and
abominable beasts, and all the idols of
the house of Israel, pourtrayed upon
the wall round about.
11 And there stood before them
seventy men of the ancients of the
house of Israel, and in the midst of
them stood Ja-az-a-ni'-ah the son of
Sha'-phan, with every man his censer
in his hand; and a thick cloud of in-
cense went up.
12 Then said he unto me, Son of
man, hast thou seen what the ancients
of the house of Israel do in the dark,
every man in the chambers of his
imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth
us not; the LORD hath forsaken the
earth.
13 He said also unto me, Turn thee
yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater
abominations that they do.
14 Then he brought me to the door
of the gate of the LORD's house which
was toward the north; and, behold,
there sat women weeping for Tam'-
muz.
15 Then said he unto me, Hast thou
seen *this*, O son of man? turn thee yet
again, *and* thou shalt see greater abom-
inations than these.
16 And he brought me into the in-
ner court of the LORD's house, and, be-
hold, at the door of the temple of the
LORD, between the porch and the al-
tar, *were* about five and twenty men,
with their backs toward the temple of
the LORD, and their faces toward the
east; and they worshipped the sun to-
ward the east.
17 Then he said unto me, Hast thou
seen *this*, O son of man? Is it a light
thing to the house of Judah that they
commit the abominations which they
commit here? for they have filled the
land with violence, and have returned
to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they
put the branch to their nose.
18 Therefore will I also deal in fury:
mine eye shall not spare, neither will
I have pity: and though they cry in
mine ears with a loud voice, *yet* will I
not hear them.

CHAPTER 9

HE cried also in mine ears with a
loud voice, saying, Cause them
that have charge over the city to draw
near, even every man *with* his destroy-
ing weapon in his hand.
2 And, behold, six men came from
the way of the higher gate, which lieth
toward the north, and every man a
slaughter weapon in his hand; and one
man among them *was* clothed with
linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his
side: and they went in, and stood be-
side the brasen altar.
3 And the glory of the God of Israel
was gone up from the cherub, where-
upon he was, to the threshold of the
house. And he called to the man cloth-
ed with linen, which *had* the writer's
inkhorn by his side;
4 And the LORD said unto him, Go
through the midst of the city, through
the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark
upon the foreheads of the men that
sigh and that cry for all the abomina-
tions that be done in the midst thereof.
5 And to the others he said in mine
hearing, Go ye after him through the
city, and smite: let not your eye spare,
neither have ye pity:
6 Slay utterly old *and* young, both
maids, and little children, and women:
but come not near any man upon
whom *is* the mark; and begin at my
sanctuary. Then they began at the an-
cient men which *were* before the house.
7 And he said unto them, Defile the
house, and fill the courts with the slain:
go ye forth. And they went forth, and
slew in the city.
8 And it came to pass, while they
were slaying them, and I was left, that
I fell upon my face, and cried, and
said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou destroy
all the residue of Israel in thy pouring
out of thy fury upon Jerusalem?
9 Then said he unto me, The iniqui-
ty of the house of Israel and Judah *is*
exceeding great, and the land is full of
blood, and the city full of perverseness:
for they say, The LORD hath forsaken
the earth, and the LORD seeth not.
10 And as for me also, mine eye
shall not spare, neither will I have
pity, *but* I will recompense their way
upon their head.
11 And, behold, the man clothed
with linen, which *had* the inkhorn by
his side, reported the matter, saying,
I have done as thou hast commanded
me.

CHAPTER 10

THEN I looked, and, behold, in the
firmament that was above the

head of the cherubims there appeared
over them as it were a sapphire stone,
as the appearance of the likeness of a
throne.
2 And he spake unto the man
clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, *even* under the cherub, and fill thine hand with coals of
fire from between the cherubims, and
scatter *them* over the city. And he
went in in my sight.
3 Now the cherubims stood on the
right side of the house, when the man
went in; and the cloud filled the inner
court.
4 Then the glory of the LORD went
up from the cherub, *and stood* over the
threshold of the house; and the house
was filled with the cloud, and the court
was full of the brightness of the LORD's
glory.
5 And the sound of the cherubims'
wings was heard *even* to the outer
court, as the voice of the Almighty
God when he speaketh.
6 And it came to pass, *that* when he
had commanded the man clothed with
linen, saying, Take fire from between
the wheels, from between the cherubims; then he went in, and stood beside the wheels.
7 And *one* cherub stretched forth
his hand from between the cherubims
unto the fire that *was* between the
cherubims, and took *thereof*, and put
it into the hands of *him that was* clothed with linen: who took *it*, and went
out.
8 And there appeared in the cherubims the form of a man's hand under
their wings.
9 And when I looked, behold the
four wheels by the cherubims, one
wheel by one cherub, and another
wheel by another cherub: and the appearance of the wheels *was* as the colour of a beryl stone.
10 And *as for* their appearances,
they four had one likeness, as if a
wheel had been in the midst of a
wheel.
11 When they went, they went
upon their four sides; they turned not
as they went, but to the place whither
the head looked they followed it; they
turned not as they went.
12 And their whole body, and their
backs, and their hands, and their
wings, and the wheels, *were* full of eyes
round about, *even* the wheels that they
four had.
13 As for the wheels, it was cried
unto them in my hearing, O wheel.
14 And every one had four faces:
the first face *was* the face of a cherub,
and the second face *was* the face of a
man, and the third the face of a lion,
and the fourth the face of an eagle.
15 And the cherubims were lifted
up. This *is* the living creature that I
saw by the river of Che'-bar.
16 And when the cherubims went,
the wheels went by them: and when
the cherubims lifted up their wings to
mount up from the earth, the same
wheels also turned not from beside
them.
17 When they stood, *these* stood;
and when they were lifted up, *these*
lifted up themselves *also*: for the spirit
of the living creature *was* in them.
18 Then the glory of the LORD departed from off the threshold of the
house, and stood over the cherubims.
19 And the cherubims lifted up
their wings, and mounted up from the
earth in my sight: when they went out,
the wheels also *were* beside them, and
every one stood at the door of the east
gate of the LORD's house; and the
glory of the God of Israel *was* over
them above.
20 This *is* the living creature that I
saw under the God of Israel by the
river of Che'-bar; and I knew that they
were the cherubims.
21 Every one had four faces apiece,
and every one four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man *was* under
their wings.
22 And the likeness of their faces
was the same faces which I saw by the
river of Che'-bar, their appearances
and themselves: they went every one
straight forward.

CHAPTER 11

MOREOVER the spirit lifted me
up, and brought me unto the
east gate of the LORD's house, which
looketh eastward: and behold at the
door of the gate five and twenty men;
among whom I saw Ja-az-a-ni'-ah the
son of A'-zur, and Pel-a-ti'-ah the son
of Be-nai'-ah, princes of the people.
2 Then said he unto me, Son of
man, these *are* the men that devise
mischief, and give wicked counsel in
this city:
3 Which say, *It is* not near; let us
build houses: this *city is* the caldron,
and we *be* the flesh.

4 Therefore prophesy against them,
prophesy, O son of man.
5 And the Spirit of the LORD fell
upon me, and said unto me, Speak;
Thus saith the LORD; Thus have ye
said, O house of Israel: for I know the
things that come into your mind,
every one of them.
6 Ye have multiplied your slain in
this city, and ye have filled the streets
thereof with the slain.
7 Therefore thus saith the Lord
GOD; Your slain whom ye have laid in
the midst of it, they *are* the flesh, and
this *city is* the caldron: but I will bring
you forth out of the midst of it.
8 Ye have feared the sword; and I
will bring a sword upon you, saith the
Lord GOD.
9 And I will bring you out of the
midst thereof, and deliver you into the
hands of strangers, and will execute
judgments among you.
10 Ye shall fall by the sword; I will
judge you in the border of Israel; and
ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
11 This *city* shall not be your cal-
dron, neither shall ye be the flesh in
the midst thereof; *but* I will judge you
in the border of Israel:
12 And ye shall know that I *am* the
LORD: for ye have not walked in my
statutes, neither executed my judg-
ments, but have done after the man-
ners of the heathen that *are* round
about you.
13 And it came to pass, when I
prophesied, that Pel-a-ti'ah the son
of Be-nai'ah died. Then fell I down
upon my face, and cried with a loud
voice, and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt
thou make a full end of the remnant of
Israel?
14 Again the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying,
15 Son of man, thy brethren, *even*
thy brethren, the men of thy kindred,
and all the house of Israel wholly, *are*
they unto whom the inhabitants of
Jerusalem have said, Get you far from
the LORD: unto us is this land given in
possession.
16 Therefore say, Thus saith the
Lord GOD; Although I have cast them
far off among the heathen, and al-
though I have scattered them among
the countries, yet will I be to them as
a little sanctuary in the countries
where they shall come.
17 Therefore say, Thus saith the
Lord GOD; I will even gather you from
the people, and assemble you out of
the countries where ye have been scat-
tered, and I will give you the land of
Israel.
18 And they shall come thither, and
they shall take away all the detestable
things thereof and all the abomina-
tions thereof from thence.
19 And I will give them one heart,
and I will put a new spirit within you;
and I will take the stony heart out of
their flesh, and will give them an heart
of flesh:
20 That they may walk in my stat-
utes, and keep mine ordinances, and
do them: and they shall be my people,
and I will be their God.
21 But *as for them* whose heart
walketh after the heart of their detest-
able things and their abominations, I
will recompense their way upon their
own heads, saith the Lord GOD.
22 Then did the cherubims lift up
their wings, and the wheels beside
them; and the glory of the God of Is-
rael *was* over them above.
23 And the glory of the LORD went
up from the midst of the city, and
stood upon the mountain which *is* on
the east side of the city.
24 Afterwards the spirit took me
up, and brought me in a vision by the
Spirit of God into Chal-de'a, to them
of the captivity. So the vision that I
had seen went up from me.
25 Then I spake unto them of the
captivity all the things that the LORD
had shewed me.

CHAPTER 12

THE word of the LORD also came
unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, thou dwellest in the
midst of a rebellious house, which have
eyes to see, and see not; they have ears
to hear, and hear not: for they *are* a
rebellious house.
3 Therefore, thou son of man, pre-
pare thee stuff for removing, and re-
move by day in their sight; and thou
shalt remove from thy place to an-
other place in their sight: it may be
they will consider, though they *be* a
rebellious house.
4 Then shalt thou bring forth thy
stuff by day in their sight, as stuff for
removing: and thou shalt go forth at
even in their sight, as they that go
forth into captivity.
5 Dig thou through the wall in their
sight, and carry out thereby.

6 In their sight shalt thou bear *it*
upon *thy* shoulders, *and* carry *it* forth
in the twilight: thou shalt cover thy
face, that thou see not the ground: for
I have set thee *for* a sign unto the
house of Israel.
7 And I did so as I was commanded:
I brought forth my stuff by day, as
stuff for captivity, and in the even I
digged through the wall with mine
hand; I brought *it* forth in the twilight,
and I bare *it* upon *my* shoulder in their
sight.
8 And in the morning came the
word of the LORD unto me, saying,
9 Son of man, hath not the house of
Israel, the rebellious house, said unto
thee, What doest thou?
10 Say thou unto them, Thus saith
the Lord GOD; This burden *concerneth*
the prince in Jerusalem, and all the
house of Israel that *are* among them.
11 Say, I *am* your sign: like as I
have done, so shall it be done unto
them: they shall remove *and* go into
captivity.
12 And the prince that *is* among
them shall bear upon *his* shoulder in
the twilight, and shall go forth: they
shall dig through the wall to carry out
thereby: he shall cover his face, that
he see not the ground with *his* eyes.
13 My net also will I spread upon
him, and he shall be taken in my snare:
and I will bring him to Babylon *to* the
land of the Chal-de'-ans; yet shall he
not see it, though he shall die there.
14 And I will scatter toward every
wind all that *are* about him to help
him, and all his bands; and I will draw
out the sword after them.
15 And they shall know that I *am*
the LORD, when I shall scatter them
among the nations, and disperse them
in the countries.
16 But I will leave a few men of
them from the sword, from the famine,
and from the pestilence; that they may
declare all their abominations among
the heathen whither they come; and
they shall know that I *am* the LORD.
17 Moreover the word of the LORD
came to me, saying,
18 Son of man, eat thy bread with
quaking, and drink thy water with
trembling and with carefulness;
19 And say unto the people of the
land, Thus saith the Lord GOD of the
inhabitants of Jerusalem, *and* of the
land of Israel; They shall eat their
bread with carefulness, and drink their
water with astonishment, that her
land may be desolate from all that is
therein, because of the violence of all
them that dwell therein.
20 And the cities that are inhabited
shall be laid waste, and the land shall
be desolate; and ye shall know that I
am the LORD.
21 And the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying,
22 Son of man, what *is* that proverb
that ye have in the land of Israel, say-
ing, The days are prolonged, and every
vision faileth?
23 Tell them therefore, Thus saith
the Lord GOD; I will make this proverb
to cease, and they *shall no more use it*
as a proverb in Israel; but say unto
them, The days are at hand, and the
effect of every vision.
24 For there shall be no more any
vain vision nor flattering divination
within the house of Israel.
25 For I *am* the LORD: I will speak,
and the word that I shall speak shall
come to pass; it shall be no more pro-
longed: for in your days, O rebellious
house, will I say the word, and will
perform it, saith the Lord GOD.
26 Again the word of the LORD
came to me, saying,
27 Son of man, behold, *they of* the
house of Israel say, The vision that he
seeth *is* for many days *to come*, and he
prophesieth of the times *that are* far off.
28 Therefore say unto them, Thus
saith the Lord GOD; There shall none
of my words be prolonged any more,
but the word which I have spoken
shall be done, saith the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 13

AND the word of the LORD came un-
to me, saying,
2 Son of man, prophesy against the
prophets of Israel that prophesy, and
say thou unto them that prophesy out
of their own hearts, Hear ye the word
of the LORD;
3 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe
unto the foolish prophets, that follow
their own spirit, and have seen noth-
ing!
4 O Israel, thy prophets are like the
foxes in the deserts.
5 Ye have not gone up into the
gaps, neither made up the hedge for
the house of Israel to stand in the bat-
tle in the day of the LORD.
6 They have seen vanity and lying
divination, saying, The LORD saith:

and the LORD hath not sent them: and
they have made *others* to hope that
they would confirm the word.
7 Have ye not seen a vain vision,
and have ye not spoken a lying divina-
tion, whereas ye say, The LORD saith
it; albeit I have not spoken?
8 Therefore thus saith the Lord
GOD; Because ye have spoken vanity,
and seen lies, therefore, behold, I *am*
against you, saith the Lord GOD.
9 And mine hand shall be upon the
prophets that see vanity, and that
divine lies: they shall not be in the as-
sembly of my people, neither shall they
be written in the writing of the house
of Israel, neither shall they enter into
the land of Israel; and ye shall know
that I *am* the Lord GOD.
10 Because, even because they have
seduced my people, saying, Peace; and
there was no peace; and one built up a
wall, and, lo, others daubed it with un-
tempered *morter:*
11 Say unto them which daub *it*
with untempered *morter*, that it shall
fall: there shall be an overflowing
shower; and ye, O great hailstones,
shall fall; and a stormy wind shall
rend *it*.
12 Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall
it not be said unto you, Where *is* the
daubing wherewith ye have daubed *it?*
13 Therefore thus saith the Lord
GOD; I will even rend *it* with a stormy
wind in my fury; and there shall be an
overflowing shower in mine anger, and
great hailstones in *my* fury to con-
sume *it*.
14 So will I break down the wall
that ye have daubed with untempered
morter, and bring it down to the
ground, so that the foundation thereof
shall be discovered, and it shall fall,
and ye shall be consumed in the midst
thereof: and ye shall know that I *am*
the LORD.
15 Thus will I accomplish my wrath
upon the wall, and upon them that
have daubed it with untempered *mor-
ter*, and will say unto you, The wall *is*
no *more*, neither they that daubed
it;
16 *To wit*, the prophets of Israel
which prophesy concerning Jerusalem,
and which see visions of peace for her,
and *there is* no peace, saith the Lord
GOD.
17 Likewise, thou son of man, set
thy face against the daughters of thy
people, which prophesy out of their
own heart; and prophesy thou against
them,
18 And say, Thus saith the Lord
GOD; Woe to the *women* that sew pil-
lows to all armholes, and make ker-
chiefs upon the head of every stature
to hunt souls! Will ye hunt the souls
of my people, and will ye save the
souls alive *that come* unto you?
19 And will ye pollute me among
my people for handfuls of barley and
for pieces of bread, to slay the souls
that should not die, and to save the
souls alive that should not live, by
your lying to my people that hear *your*
lies?
20 Wherefore thus saith the Lord
GOD; Behold, I *am* against your pil-
lows, wherewith ye there hunt the
souls to make *them* fly, and I will tear
them from your arms, and will let the
souls go, *even* the souls that ye hunt to
make *them* fly.
21 Your kerchiefs also will I tear,
and deliver my people out of your
hand, and they shall be no more in
your hand to be hunted; and ye shall
know that I *am* the LORD.
22 Because with lies ye have made
the heart of the righteous sad, whom I
have not made sad; and strengthened
the hands of the wicked, that he should
not return from his wicked way, by
promising him life:
23 Therefore ye shall see no more
vanity, nor divine divinations: for I
will deliver my people out of your
hand: and ye shall know that I *am* the
LORD.

CHAPTER 14

THEN came certain of the elders of
Israel unto me, and sat before me.
2 And the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying,
3 Son of man, these men have set
up their idols in their heart, and put
the stumblingblock of their iniquity
before their face: should I be enquired
of at all by them?
4 Therefore speak unto them, and
say unto them, Thus saith the Lord
GOD; Every man of the house of Israel
that setteth up his idols in his heart,
and putteth the stumblingblock of his
iniquity before his face, and cometh to
the prophet; I the LORD will answer
him that cometh according to the mul-
titude of his idols;
5 That I may take the house
rael in their own heart, becau

are all estranged from me through
their idols.
6 Therefore say unto the house of
Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Re-
pent, and turn *yourselves* from your
idols; and turn away your faces from
all your abominations.
7 For every one of the house of Is-
rael, or of the stranger that sojourneth
in Israel, which separateth himself
from me, and setteth up his idols in
his heart, and putteth the stumbling-
block of his iniquity before his face,
and cometh to a prophet to enquire of
him concerning me; I the LORD will
answer him by myself:
8 And I will set my face against
that man, and will make him a sign
and a proverb, and I will cut him off
from the midst of my people; and ye
shall know that I *am* the LORD.
9 And if the prophet be deceived
when he hath spoken a thing, I the
LORD have deceived that prophet, and
I will stretch out my hand upon him,
and will destroy him from the midst
of my people Israel.
10 And they shall bear the punish-
ment of their iniquity: the punishment
of the prophet shall be even as the
punishment of him that seeketh *unto
him;*
17 Or *if* I bring a sword upon that
land, and say, Sword, go through the
land; so *that* I cut off man and beast
from it:
18 Though these three men *were* in
it, *as* I live, saith the Lord GOD, they
shall deliver neither sons nor daugh-
ters, but they only shall be delivered
themselves.
19 Or *if* I send a pestilence into that
land, and pour out my fury upon it in
blood, to cut off from it man and
beast:
20 Though Noah, Daniel, and Job,
were in it, *as* I live, saith the Lord GOD,
they shall deliver neither son nor
daughter; they shall *but* deliver their
own souls by their righteousness.
21 For thus saith the Lord GOD;
How much more when I send my four
sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the
sword, and the famine, and the noi-
some beast, and the pestilence, to cut
off from it man and beast?
22 Yet, behold, therein shall be left
a remnant that shall be brought forth,
both sons and daughters: behold, they
shall come forth unto you, and ye shall
see their way and their doings: and ye
shall be comforted concerning the evil
that I have brought upon Jerusalem,
even concerning all that I have brought

7 And I will set my face against
them; they shall go out from *one* fire,
and *another* fire shall devour them; and
ye shall know that I *am* the LORD,
when I set my face against them.
8 And I will make the land deso-
late, because they have committed a
trespass, saith the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 16

AGAIN the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, cause Jerusalem to
know her abominations,
3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD
unto Jerusalem; Thy birth and thy
nativity *is* of the land of Canaan; thy
father *was* an Amorite, and thy
mother an Hittite.
4 And *as for* thy nativity, in the day
thou wast born thy navel was not cut,
neither wast thou washed in water to
supple *thee;* thou wast not salted at all,
nor swaddled at all.
5 None eye pitied thee, to do any
of these unto thee, to have compassion
upon thee; but thou wast cast out in
the open field, to the lothing of thy
person, in the day that thou wast born.
6 And when I passed by thee, and
saw thee polluted in thine own blood,
I said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy
blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee *when
thou wast* in thy blood, Live.
7 I have caused thee to multiply as
the bud of the field, and thou hast in-
creased and waxen great, and thou art
come to excellent ornaments: *thy*
breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is
grown, whereas thou *wast* naked and
bare.
8 Now when I passed by thee, and
looked upon thee, behold, thy time
was the time of love; and I spread my
skirt over thee, and covered thy na-
kedness: yea, I sware unto thee, and en-
tered into a covenant with thee, saith
the Lord GOD, and thou becamest
mine.
9 Then washed I thee with water;
yea, I throughly washed away thy
blood from thee, and I anointed thee
with oil.
10 I clothed thee also with broider-
ed work, and shod thee with badgers'
skin, and I girded thee about with fine
linen, and I covered thee with silk.
11 I decked thee also with orna-
ments, and I put bracelets upon thy
hands, and a chain on thy neck.
12 And I put a jewel on thy fore-
head, and earrings in thine ears, and a
beautiful crown upon thine head.
13 Thus wast thou decked with gold
and silver; and thy raiment *was of* fine
linen, and silk, and broidered work;
thou didst eat fine flour, and honey,
and oil: and thou wast exceeding beau-
tiful, and thou didst prosper into a
kingdom.
14 And thy renown went forth
among the heathen for thy beauty: for
it *was* perfect through my comeliness,
which I had put upon thee, saith the
Lord GOD.
15 But thou didst trust in thine
own beauty, and playedst the harlot
because of thy renown, and pouredst
out thy fornications on every one that
passed by; his it was.
16 And of thy garments thou didst
take, and deckedst thy high places
with divers colours, and playedst the
harlot thereupon: *the like things* shall
not come, neither shall it be *so.*
17 Thou hast also taken thy fair
jewels of my gold and of my silver,
which I had given thee, and madest to
thyself images of men, and didst com-
mit whoredom with them,
18 And tookest thy broidered gar-
ments, and coveredst them: and thou
hast set mine oil and mine incense be-
fore them.
19 My meat also which I gave thee,
fine flour, and oil, and honey, *where-
with* I fed thee, thou hast even set it
before them for a sweet savour: and
thus it was, saith the Lord GOD.
20 Moreover thou hast taken thy
sons and thy daughters, whom thou
hast borne unto me, and these hast
thou sacrificed unto them to be de-
voured. *Is this* of thy whoredoms a
small matter,
21 That thou hast slain my chil-
dren, and delivered them to cause
them to pass through *the fire* for them?
22 And in all thine abominations
and thy whoredoms thou hast not re-
membered the days of thy youth, when
thou wast naked and bare, *and* wast
polluted in thy blood.
23 And it came to pass after all thy
wickedness, (woe, woe unto thee! saith
the Lord GOD;)
24 *That* thou hast also built unto
thee an eminent place, and hast made
thee an high place in every street.
25 Thou hast built thy high pl... at
every head of the way, and has...
thy beauty to be abhorred, a...

opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredoms.

26 Thou hast also committed fornication with the Egyptians thy neighbours, great of flesh; and hast increased thy whoredoms, to provoke me to anger.

27 Behold, therefore I have stretched out my hand over thee, and have diminished thine ordinary *food*, and delivered thee unto the will of them that hate thee, the daughters of the Philistines, which are ashamed of thy lewd way.

28 Thou hast played the whore also with the Assyrians, because thou wast unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied.

29 Thou hast moreover multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan unto Chal-de'-a; and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith.

30 How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord GOD, seeing thou doest all these *things*, the work of an imperious whorish woman;

31 In that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thine high place in every street; and hast not been as an harlot, in that thou scornest hire;

32 *But as* a wife that committeth adultery, *which* taketh strangers instead of her husband!

33 They give gifts to all whores: but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and hirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom.

34 And the contrary is in thee from *other* women in thy whoredoms, whereas none followeth thee to commit whoredoms: and in that thou givest a reward, and no reward is given unto thee, therefore thou art contrary.

35 Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD:

36 Thus saith the LORD GOD; Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers, and with all the idols of thy abominations, and by the blood of thy children, which thou didst give unto them;

37 Behold, therefore I will gather all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken pleasure, and all *them* that thou hast loved, with all *them* that thou hast hated; I will even gather them round about against thee, and will discover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness.

38 And I will judge thee, as women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will give thee blood in fury and jealousy.

39 And I will also give thee into their hand, and they shall throw down thine eminent place, and shall break down thy high places: they shall strip thee also of thy clothes, and shall take thy fair jewels, and leave thee naked and bare.

40 They shall also bring up a company against thee, and they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust thee through with their swords.

41 And they shall burn thine houses with fire, and execute judgment upon thee in the sight of many women: and I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot, and thou also shalt give no hire any more.

42 So will I make my fury toward thee to rest, and my jealousy shall depart from thee, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry.

43 Because thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, but hast fretted me in all these *things*; behold, therefore I also will recompense thy way upon *thine* head, saith the Lord GOD: and thou shalt not commit this lewdness above all thine abominations.

44 Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use *this* proverb against thee, saying, As *is* the mother, *so is* her daughter.

45 Thou *art* thy mother's daughter, that lotheth her husband and her children; and thou *art* the sister of thy sisters, which lothed their husbands and their children: your mother *was* an Hittite, and your father an Amorite.

46 And thine elder sister *is* Sa-ma'-ri-a, she and her daughters that dwell at thy left hand: and thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, *is* Sodom and her daughters.

47 Yet hast thou not walked after their ways, nor done after their abominations: but, as *if that were* a very little *thing*, thou wast corrupted more than they in all thy ways.

48 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters.

49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of

bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

50 And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw *good*.

51 Neither hath Sa-ma′-ri-a committed half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they, and hast justified thy sisters in all thine abominations which thou hast done.

52 Thou also, which hast judged thy sisters, bear thine own shame for thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable than they: they are more righteous than thou: yea, be thou confounded also, and bear thy shame, *in that thou* hast justified thy sisters.

53 When I shall bring again their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Sa-ma′-ri-a and her daughters, then *will* I *bring again* the captivity of thy captives in the midst of them:

54 That thou mayest bear thine own shame, and mayest be confounded in all that thou hast done, in that thou art a comfort unto them.

55 When thy sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former estate, and Sa-ma′-ri-a and her daughters shall return to their former estate, then thou and thy daughters shall return to your former estate.

56 For thy sister Sodom was not mentioned by thy mouth in the day of thy pride,

57 Before thy wickedness was discovered, as at the time of *thy* reproach of the daughters of Syria, and all *that are* round about her, the daughters of the Philistines, which despise thee round about.

58 Thou hast borne thy lewdness and thine abominations, saith the LORD.

59 For thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even deal with thee as thou hast done, which hast despised the oath in breaking the covenant.

60 Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant.

61 Then thou shalt remember thy ways, and be ashamed, when thou shalt receive thy sisters, thine elder and thy younger: and I will give them unto thee for daughters, but not by thy covenant.

62 And I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD:

63 That thou mayest remember, and be confounded, and never open thy mouth any more because of thy shame, when I am pacified toward *thee* for all that thou hast done, saith the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 17

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable unto the house of Israel;

3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; A great eagle with great wings, longwinged, full of feathers, which had divers colours, came unto Lebanon, and took the highest branch of the cedar:

4 He cropped off the top of his young twigs, and carried it into a land of traffick; he set it in a city of merchants.

5 He took also of the seed of the land, and planted it in a fruitful field; he placed *it* by great waters, *and* set it *as* a willow tree.

6 And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and the roots thereof were under him: so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.

7 There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers: and, behold, this vine did bend her roots toward him, and shot forth her branches toward him, that he might water it by the furrows of her plantation.

8 It was planted in a good soil by great waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine.

9 Say thou, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Shall it prosper? shall he not pull up the roots thereof, and cut off the fruit thereof, that it wither? it shall wither in all the leaves of her spring, even without great power or many people to pluck it up by the roots thereof.

10 Yea, behold, *being* planted, shall it prosper? shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it? it shall wither in the furrows where it grew.

11 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
12 Say now to the rebellious house, Know ye not what these *things mean?* tell *them*, Behold, the king of Babylon is come to Jerusalem, and hath taken the king thereof, and the princes thereof, and led them with him to Babylon;
13 And hath taken of the king's seed, and made a covenant with him, and hath taken an oath of him: he hath also taken the mighty of the land:
14 That the kingdom might be base, that it might not lift itself up, *but* that by keeping of his covenant it might stand.
15 But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and much people. Shall he prosper? shall he escape that doeth such *things?* or shall he break the covenant, and be delivered?
16 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely in the place *where* the king *dwelleth* that made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he brake, *even* with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die.
17 Neither shall Pharaoh with *his* mighty army and great company make for him in the war, by casting up mounts, and building forts, to cut off many persons:
18 Seeing he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, when, lo, he had given his hand, and hath done all these *things*, he shall not escape.
19 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; As I live, surely mine oath that he hath despised, and my covenant that he hath broken, even it will I recompense upon his own head.
20 And I will spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will plead with him there for his trespass that he hath trespassed against me.
21 And all his fugitives with all his bands shall fall by the sword, and they that remain shall be scattered toward all winds: and ye shall know that I the LORD have spoken *it*.
22 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will set *it;* I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant *it* upon an high mountain and eminent:
23 In the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it: and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell.
24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I the LORD have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I the LORD have spoken and have done *it*.

CHAPTER 18

THE word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,
2 What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?
3 *As* I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall not have *occasion* any more to use this proverb in Israel.
4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.
5 But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right,
6 *And* hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath come near to a menstruous woman,
7 And hath not oppressed any, *but* hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment;
8 He *that* hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, *that* hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgment between man and man,
9 Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he *is* just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord GOD.
10 If he beget a son *that is* a robber, a shedder of blood, and *that* doeth the like to *any* one of these *things*,
11 And that doeth not any of those *duties*, but even hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbour's wife,
12 Hath oppressed the poor and needy, hath spoiled by violence, hath

not restored the pledge, and hath lifted
up his eyes to the idols, hath commit-
ted abomination,
13 Hath given forth upon usury,
and hath taken increase: shall he then
live? he shall not live; he hath done all
these abominations; he shall surely die;
his blood shall be upon him.
14 Now, lo, *if* he beget a son, that
seeth all his father's sins which he hath
done, and considereth, and doeth not
such like,
15 *That* hath not eaten upon the
mountains, neither hath lifted up his
eyes to the idols of the house of Israel,
hath not defiled his neighbour's wife,
16 Neither hath oppressed any,
hath not withholden the pledge, nei-
ther hath spoiled by violence, *but* hath
given his bread to the hungry, and
hath covered the naked with a gar-
ment,
17 *That* hath taken off his hand
from the poor, *that* hath not received
usury nor increase, hath executed my
judgments, hath walked in my stat-
utes; he shall not die for the iniquity
of his father, he shall surely live.
18 *As for* his father, because he
cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother
by violence, and did *that* which *is* not
good among *his* people, lo, even he
shall die in his iniquity.
19 Yet say ye, Why? doth not the
son bear the iniquity of the father?
When the son hath done that which is
lawful and right, *and* hath kept all my
statutes, and hath done them, he shall
surely live.
20 The soul that sinneth, it shall
die. The son shall not bear the iniquity
of the father, neither shall the father
bear the iniquity of the son: the right-
eousness of the righteous shall be upon
him, and the wickedness of the wicked
shall be upon him.
21 But if the wicked will turn from
all his sins that he hath committed,
and keep all my statutes, and do that
which is lawful and right, he shall
surely live, he shall not die.
22 All his transgressions that he
hath committed, they shall not be
mentioned unto him: in his righteous-
ness that he hath done he shall live.
23 Have I any pleasure at all that
the wicked should die? saith the Lord
GOD: *and* not that he should return
from his ways, and live?
24 But when the righteous turneth
away from his righteousness, and com-
mitteth iniquity, *and* doeth according
to all the abominations that the wick-
ed *man* doeth, shall he live? All his
righteousness that he hath done shall
not be mentioned: in his trespass that
he hath trespassed, and in his sin that
he hath sinned, in them shall he die.
25 Yet ye say, The way of the Lord
is not equal. Hear now, O house of
Israel; Is not my way equal? are not
your ways unequal?
26 When a righteous *man* turneth
away from his righteousness, and com-
mitteth iniquity, and dieth in them;
for his iniquity that he hath done shall
he die.
27 Again, when the wicked *man*
turneth away from his wickedness that
he hath committed, and doeth that
which is lawful and right, he shall save
his soul alive.
28 Because he considereth, and
turneth away from all his transgres-
sions that he hath committed, he shall
surely live, he shall not die.
29 Yet saith the house of Israel,
The way of the Lord is not equal. O
house of Israel, are not my ways equal?
are not your ways unequal?
30 Therefore I will judge you, O
house of Israel, every one according to
his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent,
and turn *yourselves* from all your trans-
gressions; so iniquity shall not be your
ruin.
31 Cast away from you all your
transgressions, whereby ye have trans-
gressed; and make you a new heart and
a new spirit: for why will ye die, O
house of Israel?
32 For I have no pleasure in the
death of him that dieth, saith the Lord
GOD: wherefore turn *yourselves*, and
live ye.

CHAPTER 19

MOREOVER take thou up a lam-
entation for the princes of Is-
rael,
2 And say, What *is* thy mother? A
lioness: she lay down among lions, she
nourished her whelps among young
lions.
3 And she brought up one of her
whelps: it became a young lion, and it
learned to catch the prey; it devoured
men.
4 The nations also heard of him; he
was taken in their pit, and they
brought him with chains unto the land
of Egypt.

5 Now when she saw that she had
waited, *and* her hope was lost, then she
took another of her whelps, *and* made
him a young lion.
6 And he went up and down among
the lions, he became a young lion, and
learned to catch the prey, *and* de-
voured men.
7 And he knew their desolate pal-
aces, and he laid waste their cities; and
the land was desolate, and the fulness
thereof, by the noise of his roaring.
8 Then the nations set against him
on every side from the provinces, and
spread their net over him: he was tak-
en in their pit.
9 And they put him in ward in
chains, and brought him to the king of
Babylon: they brought him into holds,
that his voice should no more be heard
upon the mountains of Israel.
10 Thy mother *is* like a vine in thy
blood, planted by the waters: she was
fruitful and full of branches by reason
of many waters.
11 And she had strong rods for the
sceptres of them that bare rule, and
her stature was exalted among the
thick branches, and she appeared in
her height with the multitude of her
branches.
12 But she was plucked up in fury,
she was cast down to the ground, and
the east wind dried up her fruit: her
strong rods were broken and withered;
the fire consumed them.
13 And now she *is* planted in the
wilderness, in a dry and thirsty
ground.
14 And fire is gone out of a rod of
her branches, *which* hath devoured her
fruit, so that she hath no strong rod *to*
be a sceptre to rule. This *is* a lamenta-
tion, and shall be for a lamentation.

CHAPTER 20

AND it came to pass in the seventh
year, in the fifth *month*, the tenth
day of the month, *that* certain of the
elders of Israel came to enquire of the
LORD, and sat before me.
2 Then came the word of the LORD
unto me, saying,
3 Son of man, speak unto the elders
of Israel, and say unto them, Thus
saith the Lord GOD; Are ye come to
enquire of me? As I live, saith the Lord
GOD, I will not be enquired of by you.
4 Wilt thou judge them, son of man,
wilt thou judge *them?* cause them to
know the abominations of their fa-
thers:
5 And say unto them, Thus saith
the Lord GOD; In the day when I chose
Israel, and lifted up mine hand unto
the seed of the house of Jacob, and
made myself known unto them in the
land of Egypt, when I lifted up mine
hand unto them, saying, I *am* the
LORD your God;
6 In the day *that* I lifted up mine
hand unto them, to bring them forth
of the land of Egypt into a land that
I had espied for them, flowing with
milk and honey, which *is* the glory of
all lands:
7 Then said I unto them, Cast ye
away every man the abominations of
his eyes, and defile not yourselves
with the idols of Egypt: I *am* the LORD
your God.
8 But they rebelled against me, and
would not hearken unto me: they did
not every man cast away the abomi-
nations of their eyes, neither did they
forsake the idols of Egypt: then I said,
I will pour out my fury upon them, to
accomplish my anger against them in
the midst of the land of Egypt.
9 But I wrought for my name's
sake, that it should not be polluted be-
fore the heathen, among whom they
were, in whose sight I made myself
known unto them, in bringing them
forth out of the land of Egypt.
10 Wherefore I caused them to go
forth out of the land of Egypt, and
brought them into the wilderness.
11 And I gave them my statutes,
and shewed them my judgments,
which *if* a man do, he shall even live in
them.
12 Moreover also I gave them my
sabbaths, to be a sign between me and
them, that they might know that I *am*
the LORD that sanctify them.
13 But the house of Israel rebelled
against me in the wilderness: they
walked not in my statutes, and they
despised my judgments, which *if* a
man do, he shall even live in them; and
my sabbaths they greatly polluted:
then I said, I would pour out my fury
upon them in the wilderness, to con-
sume them.
14 But I wrought for my name's
sake, that it should not be polluted be-
fore the heathen, in whose sight I
brought them out.
15 Yet also I lifted up my hand un-
to them in the wilderness, that I would

not bring them into the land which I
had given *them*, flowing with milk and
honey, which *is* the glory of all lands;
16 Because they despised my judg-
ments, and walked not in my statutes,
but polluted my sabbaths: for their
heart went after their idols.
17 Nevertheless mine eye spared
them from destroying them, neither
did I make an end of them in the wil-
derness.
18 But I said unto their children in
the wilderness, Walk ye not in the
statutes of your fathers, neither ob-
serve their judgments, nor defile your-
selves with their idols:
19 I *am* the LORD your God; walk in
my statutes, and keep my judgments,
and do them;
20 And hallow my sabbaths; and
they shall be a sign between me and
you, that ye may know that I *am* the
LORD your God.
21 Notwithstanding the children
rebelled against me: they walked not
in my statutes, neither kept my judg-
ments to do them, which *if* a man do,
he shall even live in them; they pol-
luted my sabbaths: then I said, I
would pour out my fury upon them, to
accomplish my anger against them in
the wilderness.
22 Nevertheless I withdrew mine
hand, and wrought for my name's
sake, that it should not be polluted in
the sight of the heathen, in whose sight
I brought them forth.
23 I lifted up mine hand unto them
also in the wilderness, that I would
scatter them among the heathen, and
disperse them through the countries;
24 Because they had not executed
my judgments, but had despised my
statutes, and had polluted my sab-
baths, and their eyes were after their
fathers' idols.
25 Wherefore I gave them also stat-
utes *that were* not good, and judgments
whereby they should not live;
26 And I polluted them in their own
gifts, in that they caused to pass
through *the fire* all that openeth the
womb, that I might make them deso-
late, to the end that they might know
that I *am* the LORD.
27 Therefore, son of man, speak un-
to the house of Israel, and say unto
them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Yet
in this your fathers have blasphemed
me, in that they have committed a
trespass against me.
28 For when I had brought them
into the land, *for* the which I lifted up
mine hand to give it to them, then
they saw every high hill, and all the
thick trees, and they offered there
their sacrifices, and there they pre-
sented the provocation of their offer-
ing: there also they made their sweet
savour, and poured out there their
drink offerings.
29 Then I said unto them, What *is*
the high place whereunto ye go? And
the name thereof is called Ba'-mah un-
to this day.
30 Wherefore say unto the house of
Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Are
ye polluted after the manner of your
fathers? and commit ye whoredom
after their abominations?
31 For when ye offer your gifts,
when ye make your sons to pass
through the fire, ye pollute yourselves
with all your idols, even unto this day:
and shall I be enquired of by you, O
house of Israel? As I live, saith the
Lord GOD, I will not be enquired of by
you.
32 And that which cometh into
your mind shall not be at all, that ye
say, We will be as the heathen, as the
families of the countries, to serve wood
and stone.
33 As I live, saith the Lord GOD,
surely with a mighty hand, and with
a stretched out arm, and with fury
poured out, will I rule over you:
34 And I will bring you out from
the people, and will gather you out of
the countries wherein ye are scattered,
with a mighty hand, and with a
stretched out arm, and with fury
poured out.
35 And I will bring you into the
wilderness of the people, and there
will I plead with you face to face.
36 Like as I pleaded with your fa-
thers in the wilderness of the land of
Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith
the Lord GOD.
37 And I will cause you to pass un-
der the rod, and I will bring you into
the bond of the covenant:
38 And I will purge out from among
you the rebels, and them that trans-
gress against me: I will bring them
forth out of the country where they
sojourn, and they shall not enter into
the land of Israel: and ye shall know
that I *am* the LORD.
39 As for you, O house of Israel thus
saith the Lord GOD; Go ye, serve ye

every one his idols, and hereafter *also*, if ye will not hearken unto me: but pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols.

40 For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the firstfruits of your oblations, with all your holy things.

41 I will accept you with your sweet savour, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen.

42 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country *for* the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers.

43 And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and ye shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed.

44 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

45 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

46 Son of man, set thy face toward the south, and drop *thy word* toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the south field;

47 And say to the forest of the south, Hear the word of the LORD; Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be burned therein.

48 And all flesh shall see that I the LORD have kindled it: it shall not be quenched.

49 Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! they say of me, Doth he not speak parables?

CHAPTER 21

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face toward Jerusalem, and drop *thy word* toward the holy places, and prophesy against the land of Israel,

3 And say to the land of Israel, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I *am* against thee, and will draw forth my sword out of his sheath, and will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked.

4 Seeing then that I will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of his sheath against all flesh from the south to the north:

5 That all flesh may know that I the LORD have drawn forth my sword out of his sheath: it shall not return any more.

6 Sigh therefore, thou son of man, with the breaking of *thy* loins; and with bitterness sigh before their eyes.

7 And it shall be, when they say unto thee, Wherefore sighest thou? that thou shalt answer, For the tidings; because it cometh: and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and all knees shall be weak *as* water: behold, it cometh, and shall be brought to pass, saith the Lord GOD.

8 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

9 Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith the LORD; Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened, and also furbished:

10 It is sharpened to make a sore slaughter; it is furbished that it may glitter: should we then make mirth? it contemneth the rod of my son, *as* every tree.

11 And he hath given it to be furbished, that it may be handled: this sword is sharpened, and it is furbished, to give it into the hand of the slayer.

12 Cry and howl, son of man: for it shall be upon my people, it *shall be* upon all the princes of Israel: terrors by reason of the sword shall be upon my people: smite therefore upon *thy* thigh.

13 Because *it is* a trial, and what if *the sword* contemn even the rod? it shall be no *more*, saith the Lord GOD.

14 Thou therefore, son of man, prophesy, and smite *thine* hands together, and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain: it *is* the sword of the great *men that are* slain, which entereth into their privy chambers.

15 I have set the point of the sword

against all their gates, that *their* heart may faint, and *their* ruins be multiplied: ah! *it is* made bright, *it is* wrapped up for the slaughter.

16 Go thee one way or other, *either* on the right hand, *or* on the left, whithersoever thy face *is* set.

17 I will also smite mine hands together, and I will cause my fury to rest: I the LORD have said *it*.

18 The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,

19 Also, thou son of man, appoint thee two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come: both twain shall come forth out of one land: and choose thou a place, choose *it* at the head of the way to the city.

20 Appoint a way, that the sword may come to Rab'-bath of the Ammonites, and to Judah in Jerusalem the defenced.

21 For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he made *his* arrows bright, he consulted with images, he looked in the liver.

22 At his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem, to appoint captains, to open the mouth in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to appoint *battering* rams against the gates, to cast a mount, *and* to build a fort.

23 And it shall be unto them as a false divination in their sight, to them that have sworn oaths: but he will call to remembrance the iniquity, that they may be taken.

24 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are discovered, so that in all your doings your sins do appear; because, *I say*, that ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be taken with the hand.

25 And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity *shall have* an end,

26 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this *shall* not *be* the same: exalt *him that is* low, and abase *him that is* high.

27 I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no *more*, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it *him*.

28 And thou, son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning the Ammonites, and concerning their reproach; even say thou, The sword, the sword *is* drawn: for the slaughter *it is* furbished, to consume because of the glittering:

29 Whiles they see vanity unto thee, whiles they divine a lie unto thee, to bring thee upon the necks of *them that are* slain, of the wicked, whose day is come, when their iniquity *shall have* an end.

30 Shall I cause *it* to return into his sheath? I will judge thee in the place where thou wast created, in the land of thy nativity.

31 And I will pour out mine indignation upon thee, I will blow against thee in the fire of my wrath, and deliver thee into the hand of brutish men, *and* skilful to destroy.

32 Thou shalt be for fuel to the fire; thy blood shall be in the midst of the land; thou shalt be no *more* remembered: for I the LORD have spoken *it*.

CHAPTER 22

MOREOVER the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Now, thou son of man, wilt thou judge, wilt thou judge the bloody city? yea, thou shalt shew her all her abominations.

3 Then say thou, Thus saith the Lord GOD, The city sheddeth blood in the midst of it, that her time may come, and maketh idols against herself to defile herself.

4 Thou art become guilty in thy blood that thou hast shed; and hast defiled thyself in thine idols which thou hast made; and thou hast caused thy days to draw near, and art come *even* unto thy years: therefore have I made thee a reproach unto the heathen, and a mocking to all countries.

5 *Those that be* near, and *those that be* far from thee, shall mock thee, *which art* infamous *and* much vexed.

6 Behold, the princes of Israel, every one were in thee to their power to shed blood.

7 In thee have they set light by father and mother: in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger: in thee have they vexed the fatherless and the widow.

8 Thou hast despised mine holy things, and hast profaned my sabbaths.

9 In thee are men that carry tales to shed blood: and in thee they eat

upon the mountains: in the midst of
thee they commit lewdness.
10 In *thee* have they discovered
their fathers' nakedness: in thee have
they humbled her that was set apart
for pollution.
11 And one hath committed abomi-
nation with his neighbour's wife; and
another hath lewdly defiled his daugh-
ter in law; and another in thee hath
humbled his sister, his father's daugh-
ter.
12 In thee have they taken gifts to
shed blood; thou hast taken usury and
increase, and thou hast greedily gained
of thy neighbours by extortion, and
hast forgotten me, saith the Lord GOD.
13 Behold, therefore I have smitten
mine hand at thy dishonest gain which
thou hast made, and at thy blood
which hath been in the midst of thee.
14 Can thine heart endure, or can
thine hands be strong, in the days that
I shall deal with thee? I the LORD have
spoken *it*, and will do *it*.
15 And I will scatter thee among
the heathen, and disperse thee in the
countries, and will consume thy filthi-
ness out of thee.
16 And thou shalt take thine in-
heritance in thyself in the sight of the
heathen, and thou shalt know that I
am the LORD.
17 And the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying,
18 Son of man, the house of Israel
is to me become dross: all they *are*
brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, in
the midst of the furnace; they are *even*
the dross of silver.
19 Therefore thus saith the Lord
GOD; Because ye are all become dross,
behold, therefore I will gather you into
the midst of Jerusalem.
20 As they gather silver, and brass,
and iron, and lead, and tin, into the
midst of the furnace, to blow the fire
upon it, to melt *it*; so will I gather *you*
in mine anger and in my fury, and I
will leave *you there*, and melt you.
21 Yea, I will gather you, and blow
upon you in the fire of my wrath, and
ye shall be melted in the midst thereof.
22 As silver is melted in the midst
of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in
the midst thereof; and ye shall know
that I the LORD have poured out my
fury upon you.
23 And the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying,
24 Son of man, say unto her, Thou
art the land that is not cleansed, nor
rained upon in the day of indignation.
25 *There is* a conspiracy of her pro-
phets in the midst thereof, like a roar-
ing lion ravening the prey; they have
devoured souls; they have taken the
treasure and precious things; they
have made her many widows in the
midst thereof.
26 Her priests have violated my
law, and have profaned mine holy
things: they have put no difference
between the holy and profane, neither
have they shewed *difference* between
the unclean and the clean, and have
hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and
I am profaned among them.
27 Her princes in the midst thereof
are like wolves ravening the prey, to
shed blood, *and* to destroy souls, to get
dishonest gain.
28 And her prophets have daubed
them with untempered *morter*, seeing
vanity, and divining lies unto them,
saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD,
when the LORD hath not spoken.
29 The people of the land have used
oppression, and exercised robbery, and
have vexed the poor and needy: yea,
they have oppressed the stranger
wrongfully.
30 And I sought for a man among
them, that should make up the hedge,
and stand in the gap before me for the
land, that I should not destroy it: but
I found none.
31 Therefore have I poured out
mine indignation upon them; I have
consumed them with the fire of my
wrath: their own way have I recom-
pensed upon their heads, saith the
Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 23

THE word of the LORD came again
unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, there were two wom-
en, the daughters of one mother:
3 And they committed whoredoms
in Egypt; they committed whoredoms
in their youth: there were their breasts
pressed, and there they bruised the
teats of their virginity.
4 And the names of them *were* A-ho'-
lah the elder, and A-hol'-i-bah her sis-
ter: and they were mine, and they bare
sons and daughters. Thus *were* their
names; Sa-ma'-ri-a *is* A-ho'-lah, and
Jerusalem A-hol'-i-bah.
5 And A-ho'-lah played the harlot
when she was mine; and she doted on

her lovers, on the Assyrians *her* neigh-
bours,
6 Which *were* clothed with blue,
captains and rulers, all of them desir-
able young men, horsemen riding upon
horses.
7 Thus she committed her whore-
doms with them, with all them *that*
were the chosen men of Assyria, and
with all on whom she doted: with all
their idols she defiled herself.
8 Neither left she her whoredoms
brought from Egypt: for in her youth
they lay with her, and they bruised the
breasts of her virginity, and poured
their whoredom upon her.
9 Wherefore I have delivered her
into the hand of her lovers, into the
hand of the Assyrians, upon whom she
doted.
10 These discovered her nakedness:
they took her sons and her daughters,
and slew her with the sword: and she
became famous among women; for
they had executed judgment upon
her.
11 And when her sister A-hol′-i-bah
saw *this*, she was more corrupt in her
inordinate love than she, and in her
whoredoms more than her sister in *her*
whoredoms.
12 She doted upon the Assyrians
her neighbours, captains and rulers
clothed most gorgeously, horsemen
riding upon horses, all of them desir-
able young men.
13 Then I saw that she was defiled,
that they *took* both one way,
14 And *that* she increased her
whoredoms: for when she saw men
pourtrayed upon the wall, the images
of the Chal-de′-ans pourtrayed with
vermilion,
15 Girded with girdles upon their
loins, exceeding in dyed attire upon
their heads, all of them princes to look
to, after the manner of the Babyloni-
ans of Chal-de′-a, the land of their na-
tivity:
16 And as soon as she saw them
with her eyes, she doted upon them,
and sent messengers unto them into
Chal-de′-a.
17 And the Babylonians came to
her into the bed of love, and they de-
filed her with their whoredom, and she
was polluted with them, and her mind
was alienated from them.
18 So she discovered her whore-
doms, and discovered her nakedness:
then my mind was alienated from her,
like as my mind was alienated from
her sister.
19 Yet she multiplied her whore-
doms, in calling to remembrance the
days of her youth, wherein she had
played the harlot in the land of Egypt.
20 For she doted upon their para-
mours, whose flesh *is as* the flesh of
asses, and whose issue *is like* the issue
of horses.
21 Thus thou calledst to remem-
brance the lewdness of thy youth, in
bruising thy teats by the Egyptians
for the paps of thy youth.
22 Therefore, O A-hol′-i-bah, thus
saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will
raise up thy lovers against thee, from
whom thy mind is alienated, and I will
bring them against thee on every side;
23 The Babylonians, and all the
Chal-de′-ans, Pe′-kod, and Sho′-a, and
Ko′-a, *and* all the Assyrians with them:
all of them desirable young men, cap-
tains and rulers, great lords and re-
nowned, all of them riding upon
horses.
24 And they shall come against thee
with chariots, wagons, and wheels, and
with an assembly of people, *which* shall
set against thee buckler and shield and
helmet round about: and I will set
judgment before them, and they shall
judge thee according to their judg-
ments.
25 And I will set my jealousy
against thee, and they shall deal furi-
ously with thee: they shall take away
thy nose and thine ears; and thy rem-
nant shall fall by the sword: they shall
take thy sons and thy daughters; and
thy residue shall be devoured by the
fire.
26 They shall also strip thee out of
thy clothes, and take away thy fair
jewels.
27 Thus will I make thy lewdness to
cease from thee, and thy whoredom
brought from the land of Egypt: so that
thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto
them, nor remember Egypt any more.
28 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Be-
hold, I will deliver thee into the hand
of them whom thou hatest, into the
hand *of them* from whom thy mind is
alienated:
29 And they shall deal with thee
hatefully, and shall take away all thy
labour, and shall leave thee naked and
bare: and the nakedness of thy whore-
doms shall be discovered, both thy
lewdness and thy whoredoms.

30 I will do these *things* unto thee, because thou hast gone a whoring after the heathen, *and* because thou art polluted with their idols.

31 Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister; therefore will I give her cup into thine hand.

32 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup deep and large: thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision; it containeth much.

33 Thou shalt be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of thy sister Sa-ma'ri-a.

34 Thou shalt even drink it and suck *it* out, and thou shalt break the sherds thereof, and pluck off thine own breasts: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord GOD.

35 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast forgotten me, and cast me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

36 The LORD said moreover unto me; Son of man, wilt thou judge A-ho'lah and A-hol'i-bah? yea, declare unto them their abominations;

37 That they have committed adultery, and blood *is* in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bare unto me, to pass for them through *the fire*, to devour *them*.

38 Moreover this they have done unto me: they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my sabbaths.

39 For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in the midst of mine house.

40 And furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger *was* sent; and, lo, they came: for whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst thy eyes, and deckedst thyself with ornaments,

41 And satest upon a stately bed, and a table prepared before it, whereupon thou hast set mine incense and mine oil.

42 And a voice of a multitude being at ease *was* with her: and with the men of the common sort *were* brought Sabe'ans from the wilderness, which put bracelets upon their hands, and beautiful crowns upon their heads.

43 Then said I unto *her that was* old in adulteries, Will they now commit whoredoms with her, and she *with them?*

44 Yet they went in unto her, as they go in unto a woman that playeth the harlot: so went they in unto A-ho'lah and unto A-hol'i-bah, the lewd women.

45 And the righteous men, they shall judge them after the manner of adulteresses, and after the manner of women that shed blood; because they *are* adulteresses, and blood *is* in their hands.

46 For thus saith the Lord GOD; I will bring up a company upon them, and will give them to be removed and spoiled.

47 And the company shall stone them with stones, and dispatch them with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire.

48 Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness.

49 And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your idols: and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 24

AGAIN in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, write thee the name of the day, *even* of this same day: the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same day.

3 And utter a parable unto the rebellious house, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Set on a pot, set *it* on, and also pour water into it:

4 Gather the pieces thereof into it, *even* every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill *it* with the choice bones.

5 Take the choice of the flock, and burn also the bones under it, *and* make it boil well, and let them seethe the bones of it therein.

6 Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe to the bloody city, to the pot whose scum *is* therein, and whose scum is not gone out of it! bring it out piece by piece; let no lot fall upon it.

7 For her blood is in the midst of her; she set it upon the top of a rock; she poured it not upon the ground, to cover it with dust;

8 That it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance; I have set her blood upon the top of a rock, that it should not be covered.

9 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe to the bloody city! I will even make the pile for fire great.

10 Heap on wood, kindle the fire, consume the flesh, and spice it well, and let the bones be burned.

11 Then set it empty upon the coals thereof, that the brass of it may be hot, and may burn, and *that* the filthiness of it may be molten in it, *that* the scum of it may be consumed.

12 She hath wearied *herself* with lies, and her great scum went not forth out of her: her scum *shall be* in the fire.

13 In thy filthiness *is* lewdness: because I have purged thee, and thou wast not purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness any more, till I have caused my fury to rest upon thee.

14 I the LORD have spoken *it*: it shall come to pass, and I will do *it*; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord GOD.

15 Also the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

16 Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down.

17 Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the dead, bind the tire of thine head upon thee, and put on thy shoes upon thy feet, and cover not *thy* lips, and eat not the bread of men.

18 So I spake unto the people in the morning: and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded.

19 And the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us what these *things are* to us, that thou doest *so*?

20 Then I answered them, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

21 Speak unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the excellency of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pitieth; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left shall fall by the sword.

22 And ye shall do as I have done: ye shall not cover *your* lips, nor eat the bread of men.

23 And your tires *shall be* upon your heads, and your shoes upon your feet: ye shall not mourn nor weep; but ye shall pine away for your iniquities, and mourn one toward another.

24 Thus E-ze'-ki-el is unto you a sign: according to all that he hath done shall ye do: and when this cometh, ye shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

25 Also, thou son of man, *shall it not be* in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that whereupon they set their minds, their sons and their daughters,

26 *That* he that escapeth in that day shall come unto thee, to cause *thee* to hear *it* with *thine* ears?

27 In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: and thou shalt be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAPTER 25

THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face against the Ammonites, and prophesy against them;

3 And say unto the Ammonites, Hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou saidst, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned: and against the land of Israel, when it was desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity;

4 Behold, therefore I will deliver thee to the men of the east for a possession, and they shall set their palaces in thee, and make their dwellings in thee: they shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk.

5 And I will make Rab'-bah a stable for camels, and the Ammonites a couching place for flocks: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

6 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast clapped *thine* hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced in heart with all thy despite against the land of Israel;

7 Behold, therefore I will

out mine hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for a spoil to the heathen; and I will cut thee off from the people, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries: I will destroy thee; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.

8 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because that Moab and Seir do say, Behold, the house of Judah *is* like unto all the heathen;

9 Therefore, behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities *which are* on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Beth-jesh'-i-moth, Ba'-al-me'-on, and Kir-i-a-tha'-im,

10 Unto the men of the east with the Ammonites, and will give them in possession, that the Ammonites may not be remembered among the nations.

11 And I will execute judgments upon Moab; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

12 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them;

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also stretch out mine hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Te'-man; and they of De'-dan shall fall by the sword.

14 And I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people Israel: and they shall do in Edom according to mine anger and according to my fury; and they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord GOD.

15 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because the Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with a despiteful heart, to destroy *it* for the old hatred;

16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will stretch out mine hand upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cher'-e-thims and destroy the remnant of the sea coast.

17 And I will execute great vengeance upon them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.

CHAPTER 26

AND it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, because that Tyrus hath said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken *that was* the gates of the people: she is turned unto me: I shall be replenished, *now* she is laid waste:

3 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Tyrus, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth his waves to come up.

4 And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock.

5 It shall be *a place for* the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord GOD: and it shall become a spoil to the nations.

6 And her daughters which *are* in the field shall be slain by the sword; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

7 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus Neb-u-chad-rez'-zar king of Babylon, a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people.

8 He shall slay with the sword thy daughters in the field: and he shall make a fort against thee, and cast a mount against thee, and lift up the buckler against thee.

9 And he shall set engines of war against thy walls, and with his axes he shall break down thy towers.

10 By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee: thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach.

11 With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets: he shall slay thy people by the sword, and thy strong garrisons shall go down to the ground.

12 And they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise: and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasant houses: and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water.

13 And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard.

14 And I will make thee like the top of a rock: thou shalt be *a place* to

spread nets upon; thou shalt be built
no more: for I the LORD have spoken
it, saith the Lord GOD.
15 Thus saith the Lord GOD to Ty-
rus; Shall not the isles shake at the
sound of thy fall, when the wounded
cry, when the slaughter is made in the
midst of thee?
16 Then all the princes of the sea
shall come down from their thrones,
and lay away their robes, and put off
their broidered garments: they shall
clothe themselves with trembling; they
shall sit upon the ground, and shall
tremble at *every* moment, and be
astonished at thee.
17 And they shall take up a lamen-
tation for thee, and say to thee, How
art thou destroyed, *that wast* inhabited
of seafaring men, the renowned city,
which wast strong in the sea, she and
her inhabitants, which cause their ter-
ror *to be* on all that haunt it!
18 Now shall the isles tremble in
the day of thy fall; yea, the isles that
are in the sea shall be troubled at thy
departure.
19 For thus saith the Lord GOD;
When I shall make thee a desolate
city, like the cities that are not in-
habited; when I shall bring up the deep
upon thee, and great waters shall cover
thee;
20 When I shall bring thee down
with them that descend into the pit,
with the people of old time, and shall
set thee in the low parts of the earth,
in places desolate of old, with them
that go down to the pit, that thou be
not inhabited; and I shall set glory in
the land of the living;
21 I will make thee a terror, and
thou *shalt be* no *more:* though thou be
sought for, yet shalt thou never be
found again, saith the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 27

THE word of the LORD came again
unto me, saying,
2 Now, thou son of man, take up a
lamentation for Tyrus;
3 And say unto Tyrus, O thou that
art situate at the entry of the sea,
which art a merchant of the people for
many isles, Thus saith the Lord GOD;
O Tyrus, thou hast said, I *am* of per-
fect beauty.
4 Thy borders *are* in the midst of
the seas, thy builders have perfected
thy beauty.
5 They have made all thy *ship*
boards of fir trees of Se'-nir: they have
taken cedars from Lebanon to make
masts for thee.
6 Of the oaks of Ba'-shan have they
made thine oars; the company of the
Ashurites have made thy benches *of*
ivory, *brought* out of the isles of Chit'-
tim.
7 Fine linen with broidered work
from Egypt was that which thou
spreadest forth to be thy sail; blue and
purple from the isles of E-li'-shah was
that which covered thee.
8 The inhabitants of Zi'-don and
Arvad were thy mariners: thy wise
men, O Tyrus, *that* were in thee, were
thy pilots.
9 The ancients of Ge'-bal and the
wise *men* thereof were in thee thy
calkers: and all the ships of the sea
with their mariners were in thee to oc-
cupy thy merchandise.
10 They of Persia and of Lud and
of Phut were in thine army, thy men
of war: they hanged the shield and hel-
met in thee; they set forth thy come-
liness.
11 The men of Arvad with thine
army *were* upon thy walls round about,
and the Gam'-ma-dims were in thy
towers: they hanged their shields upon
thy walls round about; they have
made thy beauty perfect.
12 Tarshish *was* thy merchant by
reason of the multitude of all *kind of*
riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead,
they traded in thy fairs.
13 Ja'-van, Tu'-bal, and Me'-shech,
they *were* thy merchants: they traded
the persons of men and vessels of brass
in thy market.
14 They of the house of To-gar'-
mah traded in thy fairs with horses
and horsemen and mules.
15 The men of De'-dan *were* thy
merchants; many isles *were* the mer-
chandise of thine hand: they brought
thee *for* a present horns of ivory and
ebony.
16 Syria *was* thy merchant by rea-
son of the multitude of the wares of
thy making: they occupied in thy fairs
with emeralds, purple, and broidered
work, and fine linen, and coral, and
agate.
17 Judah, and the land of Israel,
they *were* thy merchants: they traded
in thy market wheat of Min'-nith, and
Pan'-nag, and honey, and oil, and
balm.

18 Damascus *was* thy merchant in
the multitude of the wares of thy mak-
ing, for the multitude of all riches; in
the wine of Hel'-bon, and white wool.
19 Dan also and Ja'-van going to
and fro occupied in thy fairs: bright
iron, cassia, and calamus, were in thy
market.
20 De'-dan *was* thy merchant in
precious clothes for chariots.
21 Arabia, and all the princes of
Ke'-dar, they occupied with thee in
lambs, and rams, and goats: in these
were they thy merchants.
22 The merchants of She'-ba and
Ra'-a-mah, they *were* thy merchants:
they occupied in thy fairs with chief
of all spices, and with all precious
stones, and gold.
23 Ha'-ran, and Can'-neh, and Eden,
the merchants of She'-ba, Asshur, *and*
Chil'-mad, *were* thy merchants.
24 These *were* thy merchants in all
sorts *of things*, in blue clothes, and
broidered work, and in chests of rich
apparel, bound with cords, and made
of cedar, among thy merchandise.
25 The ships of Tarshish did sing of
thee in thy market: and thou wast re-
plenished, and made very glorious in
the midst of the seas.
26 Thy rowers have brought thee
into great waters: the east wind hath
broken thee in the midst of the seas.
27 Thy riches, and thy fairs, thy
merchandise, thy mariners, and thy
pilots, thy calkers, and the occupiers
of thy merchandise, and all thy men
of war, that *are* in thee, and in all thy
company which *is* in the midst of thee,
shall fall into the midst of the seas in
the day of thy ruin.
28 The suburbs shall shake at the
sound of the cry of thy pilots.
29 And all that handle the oar, the
mariners, *and* all the pilots of the sea,
shall come down from their ships, they
shall stand upon the land;
30 And shall cause their voice to be
eard against thee, and shall cry bit-
erly, and shall cast up dust upon their
eads, they shall wallow themselves in
e ashes:
31 And they shall make themselves
terly bald for thee, and gird them
th sackcloth, and they shall weep
thee with bitterness of heart *and*
ter wailing.
2 And in their wailing they shall
up a lamentation for thee, and
ent over thee, *saying*, What *city is*
like Tyrus, like the destroyed in
midst of the sea?
33 When thy wares went forth o
of the seas, thou filledst many peop
thou didst enrich the kings of the ear
with the multitude of thy riches and
thy merchandise.
34 In the time *when* thou shalt b
broken by the seas in the depths of th
waters thy merchandise and all thy
company in the midst of thee shall fall
35 All the inhabitants of the isles
shall be astonished at thee, and their
kings shall be sore afraid, they shall be
troubled in *their* countenance.
36 The merchants among the peo-
ple shall hiss at thee; thou shalt be a
terror, and never *shall be* any more.

CHAPTER 28

THE word of the LORD came again
unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, say unto the prince of
Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Be-
cause thine heart *is* lifted up, and thou
hast said, I *am* a God, I sit *in* the seat
of God, in the midst of the seas; yet
thou *art* a man, and not God, though
thou set thine heart as the heart of
God:
3 Behold, thou *art* wiser than Dan-
iel; there is no secret that they can
hide from thee:
4 With thy wisdom and with thine
understanding thou hast gotten thee
riches, and hast gotten gold and silver
into thy treasures:
5 By thy great wisdom *and* by thy
traffick hast thou increased thy riches,
and thine heart is lifted up because of
thy riches:
6 Therefore thus saith the Lord
GOD; Because thou hast set thine heart
as the heart of God;
7 Behold, therefore I will bring
strangers upon thee, the terrible of the
nations: and they shall draw their
swords against the beauty of thy wis-
dom, and they shall defile thy bright-
ness.
8 They shall bring thee down to the
pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of
them that are slain in the midst of the
seas.
9 Wilt thou yet say before him that
slayeth thee, I *am* God? but thou *shalt*
be a man, and no God, in the hand of
him that slayeth thee.
10 Thou shalt die the deaths of the
uncircumcised by the hand of stran-

gers: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord GOD.
11 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.
13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone *was* thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.
14 Thou *art* the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee *so*: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.
15 Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from the day *that* thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.
16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.
17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.
18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.
19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never *shalt* thou *be* any more.
20 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
21 Son of man, set thy face against Zi'don, and prophesy against it,
22 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I *am* against thee, O Zi'don; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her.
23 For I will send into her pestilence, and blood into her streets; and the wounded shall be judged in the midst of her by the sword upon her on every side; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.
24 And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto the house of Israel, nor *any* grieving thorn of all *that are* round about them, that despised them; and they shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.
25 Thus saith the Lord GOD; When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob.
26 And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God.

CHAPTER 29

IN the tenth year, in the tenth *month*, in the twelfth *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt:
3 Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river *is* mine own, and I have made *it* for myself.
4 But I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales, and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, and all the fish of thy rivers shall stick unto thy scales.
5 And I will leave thee *thrown* into the wilderness, thee and all the fish of thy rivers: thou shalt fall upon the open fields; thou shalt not be brought together, nor gathered: I have given thee for meat to the beasts of the field and to the fowls of the heaven.
6 And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I *am* the LORD, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel.
7 When they took hold of thee by

thy hand, thou didst break, and rend
all their shoulder: and when they lean-
ed upon thee, thou brakest, and mad-
est all their loins to be at a stand.
8 Therefore thus saith the Lord
GOD; Behold, I will bring a sword upon
thee, and cut off man and beast out of
thee.
9 And the land of Egypt shall be
desolate and waste; and they shall
know that I *am* the LORD: because he
hath said, The river *is* mine, and I
have made *it*.
10 Behold, therefore I *am* against
thee, and against thy rivers, and I will
make the land of Egypt utterly waste
and desolate, from the tower of Sy-e'-
ne even unto the border of E-thi-o'-
pi-a.
11 No foot of man shall pass
through it, nor foot of beast shall pass
through it, neither shall it be inhabited
forty years.
12 And I will make the land of
Egypt desolate in the midst of the
countries *that are* desolate, and her cit-
ies among the cities *that are* laid waste
shall be desolate forty years: and I will
scatter the Egyptians among the na-
tions, and will disperse them through
the countries.
13 Yet thus saith the Lord GOD; At
the end of forty years will I gather the
Egyptians from the people whither
they were scattered:
14 And I will bring again the cap-
tivity of Egypt, and will cause them to
return *into* the land of Path'-ros, into
the land of their habitation; and they
shall be there a base kingdom.
15 It shall be the basest of the king-
doms; neither shall it exalt itself any
more above the nations: for I will di-
minish them, that they shall no more
rule over the nations.
16 And it shall be no more the con-
fidence of the house of Israel, which
bringeth *their* iniquity to remem-
brance, when they shall look after
them: but they shall know that I *am*
the Lord GOD.
17 And it came to pass in the seven
and twentieth year, in the first *month*,
in the first *day* of the month, the word
of the LORD came unto me, saying,
18 Son of man, Neb-u-chad-rez'-zar
king of Babylon caused his army to
serve a great service against Tyrus:
every head *was* made bald, and every
shoulder *was* peeled: yet had he no
wages, nor his army, for Tyrus, for the
service that he had served against it:
19 Therefore thus saith the Lord
GOD; Behold, I will give the land of
Egypt unto Neb-u-chad-rez'-zar king
of Babylon; and he shall take her mul-
titude, and take her spoil, and take her
prey; and it shall be the wages for his
army.
20 I have given him the land of
Egypt *for* his labour wherewith he
served against it, because they
wrought for me, saith the Lord GOD.
21 In that day will I cause the horn
of the house of Israel to bud forth, and
I will give thee the opening of the
mouth in the midst of them; and they
shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAPTER 30

THE word of the LORD came again
unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, prophesy and say,
Thus saith the Lord GOD; Howl ye,
Woe worth the day!
3 For the day *is* near, even the day
of the LORD *is* near, a cloudy day; it
shall be the time of the heathen.
4 And the sword shall come upon
Egypt, and great pain shall be in E-
thi-o'-pi-a, when the slain shall fall in
Egypt, and they shall take away her
multitude, and her foundations shall
be broken down.
5 E-thi-o'-pi-a, and Libya, and Lyd-
ia, and all the mingled people, and
Chub, and the men of the land that is
in league, shall fall with them by the
sword.
6 Thus saith the LORD; They also
that uphold Egypt shall fall; and the
pride of her power shall come down:
from the tower of Sy-e'-ne shall they
fall in it by the sword, saith the Lord
GOD.
7 And they shall be desolate in the
midst of the countries *that are* deso-
late, and her cities shall be in the midst
of the cities *that are* wasted.
8 And they shall know that I *am*
the LORD, when I have set a fire in
Egypt, and *when* all her helpers shall
be destroyed.
9 In that day shall messengers go
forth from me in ships to make the
careless E-thi-o'-pi-ans afraid, and
great pain shall come upon them, as in
the day of Egypt: for, lo, it cometh.
10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will
also make the multitude of Egypt to
cease by the hand of Neb-u-chad-rez'-
zar king of Babylon.

11 He and his people with him, the terrible of the nations, shall be brought to destroy the land: and they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with the slain.

12 And I will make the rivers dry, and sell the land into the hand of the wicked: and I will make the land waste, and all that is therein, by the hand of strangers: I the LORD have spoken *it*.

13 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause *their* images to cease out of Noph; and there shall be no more a prince of the land of Egypt: and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt.

14 And I will make Path'-ros desolate, and will set fire in Zo'-an, and will execute judgments in No.

15 And I will pour my fury upon Sin, the strength of Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No.

16 And I will set fire in Egypt: Sin shall have great pain, and No shall be rent asunder, and Noph *shall have* distresses daily.

17 The young men of A'-ven and of Pi-be'-seth shall fall by the sword: and these *cities* shall go into captivity.

18 At Te-haph'-ne-hes also the day shall be darkened, when I shall break there the yokes of Egypt: and the pomp of her strength shall cease in her: as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into captivity.

19 Thus will I execute judgments in Egypt: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

20 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first *month*, in the seventh *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

21 Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, lo, it shall not be bound up to be healed, to put a roller to bind it, to make it strong to hold the sword.

22 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong, and that which was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand.

23 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.

24 And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand: but I will break Pharaoh's arms, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded *man*.

25 But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt.

26 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them among the countries; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAPTER 31

AND it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third *month*, in the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude; Whom art thou like in thy greatness?

3 Behold, the Assyrian *was* a cedar in Lebanon with fair branches, and with a shadowing shroud, and of an high stature; and his top was among the thick boughs.

4 The waters made him great, the deep set him up on high with her rivers running round about his plants, and sent out her little rivers unto all the trees of the field.

5 Therefore his height was exalted above all the trees of the field, and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long because of the multitude of waters, when he shot forth.

6 All the fowls of heaven made their nests in his boughs, and under his branches did all the beasts of the field bring forth their young, and under his shadow dwelt all great nations.

7 Thus was he fair in his greatness, in the length of his branches: for his root was by great waters.

8 The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him: the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the chesnut trees were not like his branches; nor any tree in the garden of God was like unto him in his beauty.

9 I have made him fair by the multitude of his branches: so that all the trees of Eden, that *were* in the garden of God, envied him.

10 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast lifted up thyself in height, and he hath shot up his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height;

11 I have therefore delivered him into the hand of the mighty one of the heathen; he shall surely deal with him: I have driven him out for his wickedness.
12 And strangers, the terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the rivers of the land; and all the people of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have left him.
13 Upon his ruin shall all the fowls of the heaven remain, and all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches:
14 To the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height, neither shoot up their top among the thick boughs, neither their trees stand up in their height, all that drink water: for they are all delivered unto death, to the nether parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.
15 Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day when he went down to the grave I caused a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I restrained the floods thereof, and the great waters were stayed: and I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him.
16 I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit: and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, shall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth.
17 They also went down into hell with him unto *them that be* slain with the sword; and *they that were* his arm, *that* dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the heathen.
18 To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the nether parts of the earth: thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with *them that be* slain by the sword. This *is* Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 32

AND it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and thou *art* as a whale in the seas: and thou camest forth with thy rivers, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and fouledst their rivers.
3 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will therefore spread out my net over thee with a company of many people; and they shall bring thee up in my net.
4 Then will I leave thee upon the land, I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and will cause all the fowls of the heaven to remain upon thee, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with thee.
5 And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy height.
6 I will also water with thy blood the land wherein thou swimmest, *even* to the mountains; and the rivers shall be full of thee.
7 And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.
8 All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord GOD.
9 I will also vex the hearts of many people, when I shall bring thy destruction among the nations, into the countries which thou hast not known.
10 Yea, I will make many people amazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at *every* moment, every man for his own life, in the day of thy fall.
11 For thus saith the Lord GOD; The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon thee.
12 By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall, the terrible of the nations, all of them: and they shall spoil the pomp of Egypt, and all the multitude thereof shall be destroyed.
13 I will destroy also all the beasts thereof from beside the great waters; neither shall the foot of man trouble them any more, nor the hoofs of beasts trouble them.

14 Then will I make their waters
deep, and cause their rivers to run like
oil, saith the Lord God.
15 When I shall make the land of
Egypt desolate, and the country shall
be destitute of that whereof it was full,
when I shall smite all them that dwell
therein, then shall they know that I
am the Lord.
16 This *is* the lamentation where-
with they shall lament her: the daugh-
ters of the nations shall lament her:
they shall lament for her, *even* for
Egypt, and for all her multitude, saith
the Lord God.
17 It came to pass also in the
twelfth year, in the fifteenth *day* of the
month, *that* the word of the Lord
came unto me, saying,
18 Son of man, wail for the multi-
tude of Egypt, and cast them down,
even her, and the daughters of the fa-
mous nations, unto the nether parts of
the earth, with them that go down into
the pit.
19 Whom dost thou pass in beauty?
go down, and be thou laid with the un-
circumcised.
20 They shall fall in the midst of
them that are slain by the sword: she is
delivered to the sword: draw her and
all her multitudes.
21 The strong among the mighty
shall speak to him out of the midst of
hell with them that help him: they are
gone down, they lie uncircumcised,
slain by the sword.
22 Asshur *is* there and all her com-
pany: his graves *are* about him: all of
them slain, fallen by the sword:
23 Whose graves are set in the sides
of the pit, and her company is round
about her grave: all of them slain, fall-
en by the sword, which caused terror
in the land of the living.
24 There *is* E'-lam and all her mul-
titude round about her grave, all of
them slain, fallen by the sword, which
are gone down uncircumcised into
the nether parts of the earth, which
caused their terror in the land of
the living; yet have they borne their
shame with them that go down to the
pit.
25 They have set her a bed in the
midst of the slain with all her multi-
tude: her graves *are* round about him:
all of them uncircumcised, slain by the
sword: though their terror was caused
in the land of the living, yet have they
borne their shame with them that go
down to the pit: he is put in the midst
of *them that be* slain.
26 There *is* Me'-shech, Tu'-bal, and
all her multitude: her graves *are* round
about him: all of them uncircumcised,
slain by the sword, though they caused
their terror in the land of the living.
27 And they shall not lie with the
mighty *that are* fallen of the uncircum-
cised, which are gone down to hell
with their weapons of war: and they
have laid their swords under their
heads, but their iniquities shall be up-
on their bones, though *they were* the
terror of the mighty in the land of the
living.
28 Yea, thou shalt be broken in the
midst of the uncircumcised, and shalt
lie with *them that are* slain with the
sword.
29 There *is* Edom, her kings, and all
her princes, which with their might are
laid by *them that were* slain by the
sword: they shall lie with the uncir-
cumcised, and with them that go down
to the pit.
30 There *be* the princes of the north,
all of them, and all the Zi-do'-ni-ans,
which are gone down with the slain;
with their terror they are ashamed of
their might; and they lie uncircum-
cised with *them that be* slain by the
sword, and bear their shame with
them that go down to the pit.
31 Pharaoh shall see them, and
shall be comforted over all his multi-
tude, *even* Pharaoh and all his army
slain by the sword, saith the Lord
God.
32 For I have caused my terror in
the land of the living: and he shall be
laid in the midst of the uncircumcised
with *them that are* slain with the sword,
even Pharaoh and all his multitude,
saith the Lord God.

CHAPTER 33

AGAIN the word of the Lord came
unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, speak to the children
of thy people, and say unto them,
When I bring the sword upon a land,
if the people of the land take a man of
their coasts, and set him for their
watchman:
3 If when he seeth the sword come
upon the land, he blow the trumpet,
and warn the people;
4 Then whosoever heareth the
sound of the trumpet, and taketh not
warning; if the sword come, and take

him away, his blood shall be upon his
own head.
5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood
shall be upon him. But he that taketh
warning shall deliver his soul.
6 But if the watchman see the
sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if
the sword come, and take *any* person
from among them, he is taken away in
his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.
7 So thou, O son of man, I have set
thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the
word at my mouth, and warn them
from me.
8 When I say unto the wicked, O
wicked *man*, thou shalt surely die; if
thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked *man* shall
die in his iniquity; but his blood will I
require at thine hand.
9 Nevertheless, if thou warn the
wicked of his way to turn from it; if
he do not turn from his way, he shall
die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.
10 Therefore, O thou son of man,
speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye
speak, saying, If our transgressions
and our sins *be* upon us, and we pine
away in them, how should we then
live?
11 Say unto them, As I live, saith
the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in
the death of the wicked; but that the
wicked turn from his way and live:
turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways;
for why will ye die, O house of Israel?
12 Therefore, thou son of man, say
unto the children of thy people, The
righteousness of the righteous shall not
deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day
that he turneth from his wickedness;
neither shall the righteous be able to
live for his *righteousness* in the day that
he sinneth.
13 When I shall say to the righteous, *that* he shall surely live; if he
trust to his own righteousness, and
commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his
iniquity that he hath committed, he
shall die for it.
14 Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn
from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right;
15 *If* the wicked restore the pledge,
give again that he had robbed, walk in
the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he
shall not die.
16 None of his sins *that* he hath
committed shall be mentioned unto
him: he hath done that which is lawful
and right; he shall surely live.
17 Yet the children of thy people
say, The way of the Lord is not equal:
but as for them, their way is not equal.
18 When the righteous turneth
from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby.
19 But if the wicked turn from his
wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby.
20 Yet ye say, The way of the Lord
is not equal. O ye house of Israel, I will
judge you every one after his ways.
21 And it came to pass in the
twelfth year of our captivity, in the
tenth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the
month, *that* one that had escaped out
of Jerusalem came unto me, saying,
The city is smitten.
22 Now the hand of the LORD was
upon me in the evening, afore he that
was escaped came; and had opened my
mouth, until he came to me in the
morning; and my mouth was opened,
and I was no more dumb.
23 Then the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying,
24 Son of man, they that inhabit
those wastes of the land of Israel
speak, saying, Abraham was one, and
he inherited the land: but we *are* many;
the land is given us for inheritance.
25 Wherefore say unto them, Thus
saith the Lord GOD; Ye eat with the
blood, and lift up your eyes toward
your idols, and shed blood: and shall
ye possess the land?
26 Ye stand upon your sword, ye
work abomination, and ye defile every
one his neighbour's wife: and shall ye
possess the land?
27 Say thou thus unto them, Thus
saith the Lord GOD; As I live, surely
they that *are* in the wastes shall fall by
the sword, and him that *is* in the open
field will I give to the beasts to be devoured, and they that *be* in the forts
and in the caves shall die of the pestilence.
28 For I will lay the land most deso-

late, and the pomp of her strength shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through.

29 Then shall they know that I *am* the LORD, when I have laid the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed.

30 Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD.

31 And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee *as* my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them; for with their mouth they shew much love, *but* their heart goeth after their covetousness.

32 And, lo, thou *art* unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.

33 And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

CHAPTER 34

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe *be* to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

3 Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: *but* ye feed not the flock.

4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up *that which was* broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

5 And they were scattered, because *there is* no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek *after them*.

7 Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;

8 *As* I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because *there was* no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock;

9 Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;

10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.

11 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, *even* I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.

12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep *that are* scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and *in* a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD.

16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up *that which was* broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

17 And *as for* you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he goats.

18 *Seemeth it* a small thing u[illegible] you

to have eaten up the good pasture, but
ye must tread down with your feet the
residue of your pastures? and to have
drunk of the deep waters, but ye must
foul the residue with your feet?
19 And *as for* my flock, they eat
that which ye have trodden with your
feet; and they drink that which ye
have fouled with your feet.
20 Therefore thus saith the Lord
GOD unto them; Behold, I, *even* I, will
judge between the fat cattle and between the lean cattle.
21 Because ye have thrust with side
and with shoulder, and pushed all the
diseased with your horns, till ye have
scattered them abroad;
22 Therefore will I save my flock,
and they shall no more be a prey; and
I will judge between cattle and cattle.
23 And I will set up one shepherd
over them, and he shall feed them,
even my servant David; he shall feed
them, and he shall be their shepherd.
24 And I the LORD will be their
God, and my servant David a prince
among them; I the LORD have spoken
it.
25 And I will make with them a
covenant of peace, and will cause the
evil beasts to cease out of the land:
and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.
26 And I will make them and the
places round about my hill a blessing;
and I will cause the shower to come
down in his season; there shall be
showers of blessing.
27 And the tree of the field shall
yield her fruit, and the earth shall
yield her increase, and they shall be
safe in their land, and shall know that
I *am* the LORD, when I have broken
the bands of their yoke, and delivered
them out of the hand of those that
served themselves of them.
28 And they shall no more be a prey
to the heathen, neither shall the beast
of the land devour them; but they shall
dwell safely, and none shall make
them afraid.
29 And I will raise up for them a
plant of renown, and they shall be no
more consumed with hunger in the
land, neither bear the shame of the
heathen any more.
30 Thus shall they know that I the
LORD their God *am* with them, and
that they, *even* the house of Israel, *are*
my people, saith the Lord GOD.
31 And ye my flock, the flock of my
pasture, *are* men, *and* I *am* your God,
saith the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 35

MOREOVER the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, set thy face against
mount Se'ir, and prophesy against it,
3 And say unto it, Thus saith the
Lord GOD; Behold, O mount Se'ir, I
am against thee, and I will stretch out
mine hand against thee, and I will
make thee most desolate.
4 I will lay thy cities waste, and
thou shalt be desolate, and thou shalt
know that I *am* the LORD.
5 Because thou hast had a perpetual
hatred, and hast shed *the blood of* the
children of Israel by the force of the
sword in the time of their calamity, in
the time *that their* iniquity *had* an end:
6 Therefore, *as* I live, saith the
Lord GOD, I will prepare thee unto
blood, and blood shall pursue thee:
sith thou hast not hated blood, even
blood shall pursue thee.
7 Thus will I make mount Se'ir
most desolate, and cut off from it him
that passeth out and him that returneth.
8 And I will fill his mountains with
his slain *men:* in thy hills, and in thy
valleys, and in all thy rivers, shall they
fall that are slain with the sword.
9 I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not return:
and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
10 Because thou hast said, These
two nations and these two countries
shall be mine, and we will possess it;
whereas the LORD was there:
11 Therefore, *as* I live, saith the
Lord GOD, I will even do according to
thine anger, and according to thine
envy which thou hast used out of
thy hatred against them; and I will
make myself known among them,
when I have judged thee.
12 And thou shalt know that I *am*
the LORD, *and that* I have heard all thy
blasphemies which thou hast spoken
against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are
given us to consume.
13 Thus with your mouth ye have
boasted against me, and have multiplied your words against me: I have
heard *them.*
14 Thus saith the Lord GOD; When
the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make
thee desolate.

15 As thou didst rejoice at the in-
heritance of the house of Israel, be-
cause it was desolate, so will I do unto
thee: thou shalt be desolate, O mount
Se'-ir, and all I-du-me'-a, *even* all of it:
and they shall know that I *am* the
LORD.

CHAPTER 36

ALSO, thou son of man, prophesy unto the mountains of Israel, and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD:
2 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because
the enemy hath said against you, Aha,
even the ancient high places are ours
in possession:
3 Therefore prophesy and say, Thus
saith the Lord GOD; Because they have
made *you* desolate, and swallowed you
up on every side, that ye might be a
possession unto the residue of the hea-
then, and ye are taken up in the lips of
talkers, and *are* an infamy of the peo-
ple:
4 Therefore, ye mountains of Israel,
hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus
saith the Lord GOD to the mountains,
and to the hills, to the rivers, and to
the valleys, to the desolate wastes, and
to the cities that are forsaken, which
became a prey and derision to the resi-
due of the heathen that *are* round
about;
5 Therefore thus saith the Lord
GOD; Surely in the fire of my jealousy
have I spoken against the residue of
the heathen, and against all I-du-me'-a,
which have appointed my land into
their possession with the joy of all
their heart, with despiteful minds, to
cast it out for a prey.
6 Prophesy therefore concerning
the land of Israel, and say unto the
mountains, and to the hills, to the
rivers, and to the valleys, Thus saith
the Lord GOD; Behold, I have spoken
in my jealousy and in my fury, be-
cause ye have borne the shame of the
heathen:
7 Therefore thus saith the Lord
GOD; I have lifted up mine hand, Sure-
ly the heathen that *are* about you,
they shall bear their shame.
8 But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye
shall shoot forth your branches, and
yield your fruit to my people of Israel;
for they are at hand to come.
9 For, behold, I *am* for you, and I
will turn unto you, and ye shall be
tilled and sown:
10 And I will multiply men upon
you, all the house of Israel, *even* all of
it: and the cities shall be inhabited,
and the wastes shall be builded:
11 And I will multiply upon you
man and beast; and they shall increase
and bring fruit: and I will settle you
after your old estates, and will do bet-
ter *unto you* than at your beginnings:
and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
12 Yea, I will cause men to walk
upon you, *even* my people Israel; and
they shall possess thee, and thou shalt
be their inheritance, and thou shalt no
more henceforth bereave them *of men*.
13 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Be-
cause they say unto you, Thou *land*
devourest up men, and hast bereaved
thy nations;
14 Therefore thou shalt devour men
no more, neither bereave thy nations
any more, saith the Lord GOD.
15 Neither will I cause *men* to hear
in thee the shame of the heathen any
more, neither shalt thou bear the re-
proach of the people any more, neither
shalt thou cause thy nations to fall any
more, saith the Lord GOD.
16 Moreover the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying,
17 Son of man, when the house of
Israel dwelt in their own land, they
defiled it by their own way and by
their doings: their way was before me
as the uncleanness of a removed wom-
an.
18 Wherefore I poured my fury up-
on them for the blood that they had
shed upon the land, and for their idols
wherewith they had polluted it:
19 And I scattered them among the
heathen, and they were dispersed
through the countries: according to
their way and according to their doings
I judged them.
20 And when they entered unto the
heathen, whither they went, they pro-
faned my holy name, when they said
to them, These *are* the people of the
LORD, and are gone forth out of his
land.
21 But I had pity for mine holy
name, which the house of Israel had
profaned among the heathen, whither
they went.
22 Therefore say unto the house of
Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do
not *this* for your sakes, O house of Is-
rael, but for mine holy name's sake,
which ye have profaned among the
heathen, whither ye went.

23 And I will sanctify my great
name, which was profaned among the
heathen, which ye have profaned in
the midst of them; and the heathen
shall know that I *am* the LORD, saith
the Lord GOD, when I shall be sancti-
fied in you before their eyes.
24 For I will take you from among
the heathen, and gather you out of all
countries, and will bring you into your
own land.
25 Then will I sprinkle clean water
upon you, and ye shall be clean: from
all your filthiness, and from all your
idols, will I cleanse you.
26 A new heart also will I give you,
and a new spirit will I put within you:
and I will take away the stony heart
out of your flesh, and I will give you an
heart of flesh.
27 And I will put my spirit within
you, and cause you to walk in my stat-
utes, and ye shall keep my judgments,
and do *them*.
28 And ye shall dwell in the land
that I gave to your fathers; and ye
shall be my people, and I will be your
God.
29 I will also save you from all your
uncleannesses: and I will call for the
corn, and will increase it, and lay no
famine upon you.
30 And I will multiply the fruit of
the tree, and the increase of the field,
that ye shall receive no more reproach
of famine among the heathen.
31 Then shall ye remember your
own evil ways, and your doings that
were not good, and shall lothe your-
selves in your own sight for your in-
iquities and for your abominations.
32 Not for your sakes do I *this*,
saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto
you: be ashamed and confounded for
your own ways, O house of Israel.
33 Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the
day that I shall have cleansed you
from all your iniquities I will also
cause *you* to dwell in the cities, and the
wastes shall be builded.
34 And the desolate land shall be
tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the
sight of all that passed by.
35 And they shall say, This land
that was desolate is become like the
garden of Eden; and the waste and
desolate and ruined cities *are become*
fenced, *and* are inhabited.
36 Then the heathen that are left
round about you shall know that I the
LORD build the ruined *places, and*
plant that that was desolate: I the
LORD have spoken *it*, and I will do *it*.
37 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will
yet *for* this be enquired of by the house
of Israel, to do *it* for them; I will in-
crease them with men like a flock.
38 As the holy flock, as the flock of
Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so
shall the waste cities be filled with
flocks of men: and they shall know that
I *am* the LORD.

CHAPTER 37

THE hand of the LORD was upon
me, and carried me out in the spirit
of the LORD, and set me down in the
midst of the valley which *was* full of
bones,
2 And caused me to pass by them
round about: and, behold, *there were*
very many in the open valley; and, lo,
they were very dry.
3 And he said unto me, Son of man,
can these bones live? And I answered,
O Lord GOD, thou knowest.
4 Again he said unto me, Prophesy
upon these bones, and say unto them,
O ye dry bones, hear the word of the
LORD.
5 Thus saith the Lord GOD unto
these bones; Behold, I will cause
breath to enter into you, and ye shall
live:
6 And I will lay sinews upon you,
and will bring up flesh upon you, and
cover you with skin, and put breath
in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall
know that I *am* the LORD.
7 So I prophesied as I was com-
manded: and as I prophesied, there
was a noise, and behold a shaking, and
the bones came together, bone to his
bone.
8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews
and the flesh came up upon them, and
the skin covered them above: but
there was no breath in them.
9 Then said he unto me, Prophesy
unto the wind, prophesy, son of man,
and say to the wind, thus saith the
Lord GOD; Come from the four winds,
O breath, and breathe upon these
slain, that they may live.
10 So I prophesied as he com-
manded me, and the breath came into
them, and they lived, and stood up
upon their feet, an exceeding great
army.
11 Then he said unto me, Son of
man, these bones are the whole house
of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones

are dried, and our hope is lost: we are
cut off for our parts.
12 Therefore prophesy and say unto
them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Be-
hold, O my people, I will open your
graves, and cause you to come up out
of your graves, and bring you into the
land of Israel.
13 And ye shall know that I *am* the
LORD, when I have opened your
graves, O my people, and brought you
up out of your graves,
14 And shall put my spirit in you,
and ye shall live, and I shall place you
in your own land: then shall ye know
that I the LORD have spoken *it*, and
performed *it*, saith the LORD.
15 The word of the LORD came
again unto me, saying,
16 Moreover, thou son of man, take
thee one stick, and write upon it, For
Judah, and for the children of Israel
his companions: then take another
stick, and write upon it, For Joseph,
the stick of E'-phra-im, and *for* all the
house of Israel his companions:
17 And join them one to another
into one stick; and they shall become
one in thine hand.
18 And when the children of thy
people shall speak unto thee, saying,
Wilt thou not shew us what thou
meanest by these?
19 Say unto them, Thus saith the
Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the
stick of Joseph, which *is* in the hand of
E'-phra-im, and the tribes of Israel his
fellows, and will put them with him,
even with the stick of Judah, and make
them one stick, and they shall be one
in mine hand.
20 And the sticks whereon thou
writest shall be in thine hand before
their eyes.
21 And say unto them, Thus saith
the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the
children of Israel from among the
heathen, whither they be gone, and
will gather them on every side, and
bring them into their own land:
22 And I will make them one nation
in the land upon the mountains of
Israel; and one king shall be king to
them all: and they shall be no more
two nations, neither shall they be
divided into two kingdoms any more
at all:
23 Neither shall they defile them-
selves any more with their idols, nor
with their detestable things, nor with
any of their transgressions: but I will
save them out of all their dwelling-
places, wherein they have sinned, and
will cleanse them: so shall they be my
people, and I will be their God.
24 And David my servant *shall be*
king over them; and they all shall have
one shepherd: they shall also walk in
my judgments, and observe my stat-
utes, and do them.
25 And they shall dwell in the land
that I have given unto Jacob my ser-
vant, wherein your fathers have dwelt;
and they shall dwell therein, *even* they,
and their children, and their children's
children for ever: and my servant
David *shall be* their prince for ever.
26 Moreover I will make a covenant
of peace with them; it shall be an ever-
lasting covenant with them: and I will
place them, and multiply them, and
will set my sanctuary in the midst of
them for evermore.
27 My tabernacle also shall be with
them: yea, I will be their God, and they
shall be my people.
28 And the heathen shall know that
I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when
my sanctuary shall be in the midst of
them for evermore.

CHAPTER 38

AND the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, set thy face against
Gog, the land of Ma'-gog, the chief
prince of Me'-shech and Tu'-bal, and
prophesy against him,
3 And say, Thus saith the Lord
GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, O
Gog, the chief prince of Me'-shech and
Tu'-bal:
4 And I will turn thee back, and
put hooks into thy jaws, and I will
bring thee forth, and all thine army,
horses and horsemen, all of them
clothed with all sorts of *armour, even*
a great company *with* bucklers and
shields, all of them handling swords:
5 Persia, E-thi-o'-pi-a, and Libya
with them; all of them with shield and
helmet:
6 Go'-mer, and all his bands; the
house of To-gar'-mah of the north
quarters, and all his bands: *and* many
people with thee.
7 Be thou prepared, and prepare
for thyself, thou, and all thy company
that are assembled unto thee, and be
thou a guard unto them.
8 After many days thou shalt be
visited: in the latter years thou shalt

come into the land *that is* brought back
from the sword, *and is* gathered out of
many people, against the mountains of
Israel, which have been always waste:
but it is brought forth out of the na-
tions, and they shall dwell safely all of
them.
9 Thou shalt ascend and come like a
storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to
cover the land, thou, and all thy bands,
and many people with thee.
10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; It
shall also come to pass, *that* at the
same time shall things come into thy
mind, and thou shalt think an evil
thought:
11 And thou shalt say, I will go up
to the land of unwalled villages; I will
go to them that are at rest, that dwell
safely, all of them dwelling without
walls, and having neither bars nor
gates,
12 To take a spoil, and to take a
prey; to turn thine hand upon the
desolate places *that are now* inhabited,
and upon the people *that are* gathered
out of the nations, which have gotten
cattle and goods, that dwell in the
midst of the land.
13 She'-ba, and De'-dan, and the
merchants of Tarshish, with all the
young lions thereof, shall say unto
thee, Art thou come to take a spoil?
hast thou gathered thy company to
take a prey? to carry away silver and
gold, to take away cattle and goods,
to take a great spoil?
14 Therefore, son of man, prophesy
and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord
GOD; In that day when my people of
Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not
know *it?*
15 And thou shalt come from thy
place out of the north parts, thou, and
many people with thee, all of them
riding upon horses, a great company,
and a mighty army:
16 And thou shalt come up against
my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover
the land; it shall be in the latter days,
and I will bring thee against my land,
that the heathen may know me, when
I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog,
before their eyes.
17 Thus saith the Lord GOD; *Art*
thou he of whom I have spoken in old
time by my servants the prophets of
Israel, which prophesied in those days
many years that I would bring thee
against them?
18 And it shall come to pass at the
same time when Gog shall come against
the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD,
that my fury shall come up in my face.
19 For in my jealousy *and* in the
fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely
in that day there shall be a great
shaking in the land of Israel;
20 So that the fishes of the sea, and
the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts
of the field, and all creeping things that
creep upon the earth, and all the men
that *are* upon the face of the earth,
shall shake at my presence, and the
mountains shall be thrown down, and
the steep places shall fall, and every
wall shall fall to the ground.
21 And I will call for a sword
against him throughout all my moun-
tains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's
sword shall be against his brother.
22 And I will plead against him
with pestilence and with blood; and I
will rain upon him, and upon his
bands, and upon the many people that
are with him, an overflowing rain, and
great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.
23 Thus will I magnify myself, and
sanctify myself; and I will be known in
the eyes of many nations, and they
shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAPTER 39

THEREFORE, thou son of man,
prophesy against Gog, and say,
Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I
am against thee, O Gog, the chief
prince of Me'-shech and Tu'-bal:
2 And I will turn thee back, and
leave but *the sixth part of thee*, and
will cause thee to come up from the
north parts, and will bring thee upon
the mountains of Israel:
3 And I will smite thy bow out of
thy left hand, and will cause thine
arrows to fall out of thy right hand.
4 Thou shalt fall upon the moun-
tains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands,
and the people that *is* with thee: I will
give thee unto the ravenous birds of
every sort, and *to* the beasts of the
field to be devoured.
5 Thou shalt fall upon the open
field: for I have spoken *it*, saith the
Lord GOD.
6 And I will send a fire on Ma'-gog,
and among them that dwell carelessly
in the isles: and they shall know that I
am the LORD.
7 So will I make my holy name
known in the midst of my people
Israel; and I will not *let them* pollute

my holy name any more: and the
heathen shall know that I *am* the
LORD, the Holy One in Israel.
8 Behold, it is come, and it is done,
saith the Lord GOD; this *is* the day
whereof I have spoken.
9 And they that dwell in the cities
of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on
fire and burn the weapons, both the
shields and the bucklers, the bows and
the arrows, and the handstaves, and
the spears, and they shall burn them
with fire seven years:
10 So that they shall take no wood
out of the field, neither cut down *any*
out of the forests; for they shall burn
the weapons with fire: and they shall
spoil those that spoiled them, and rob
those that robbed them, saith the
Lord GOD.
11 And it shall come to pass in that
day, *that* I will give unto Gog a place
there of graves in Israel, the valley of
the passengers on the east of the sea:
and it shall stop the *noses* of the pas-
sengers: and there shall they bury Gog
and all his multitude: and they shall
call *it* The valley of Ha'-mon–gog.
12 And seven months shall the
house of Israel be burying of them,
that they may cleanse the land.
13 Yea, all the people of the land
shall bury *them;* and it shall be to
them a renown the day that I shall be
glorified, saith the Lord GOD.
14 And they shall sever out men
of continual employment, passing
through the land to bury with the
passengers those that remain upon the
face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the
end of seven months shall they search.
15 And the passengers *that* pass
through the land, when *any* seeth a
man's bone, then shall he set up a sign
by it, till the buriers have buried it in
the valley of Ha'-mon–gog.
16 And also the name of the city
shall be Ha-mo'-nah. Thus shall they
cleanse the land.
17 And, thou son of man, thus saith
the Lord GOD; Speak unto every
feathered fowl, and to every beast of
the field, Assemble yourselves, and
come; gather yourselves on every side
to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for
you, *even* a great sacrifice upon the
mountains of Israel, that ye may eat
flesh, and drink blood.
18 Ye shall eat the flesh of the
mighty, and drink the blood of the
princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs,
and of goats, of bullocks, all of them
fatlings of Ba'-shan.
19 And ye shall eat fat till ye be full,
and drink blood till ye be drunken, of
my sacrifice which I have sacrificed
for you.
20 Thus ye shall be filled at my table
with horses and chariots, with mighty
men, and with all men of war, saith the
Lord GOD.
21 And I will set my glory among
the heathen, and all the heathen shall
see my judgment that I have executed,
and my hand that I have laid upon
them.
22 So the house of Israel shall know
that I *am* the LORD their God from
that day and forward.
23 And the heathen shall know that
the house of Israel went into captivity
for their iniquity: because they tres-
passed against me, therefore hid I my
face from them, and gave them into
the hand of their enemies: so fell they
all by the sword.
24 According to their uncleanness
and according to their transgressions
have I done unto them, and hid my
face from them.
25 Therefore thus saith the Lord
GOD; Now will I bring again the cap-
tivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon
the whole house of Israel, and will be
jealous for my holy name;
26 After that they have borne their
shame, and all their trespasses whereby
they have trespassed against me,
when they dwelt safely in their land,
and none made *them* afraid.
27 When I have brought them again
from the people, and gathered them
out of their enemies' lands, and am
sanctified in them in the sight of many
nations;
28 Then shall they know that I *am*
the LORD their God, which caused
them to be led into captivity among
the heathen: but I have gathered them
unto their own land, and have left
none of them any more there.
29 Neither will I hide my face any
more from them: for I have poured out
my spirit upon the house of Israel,
saith the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 40

IN the five and twentieth year of our
captivity, in the beginning of the
year, in the tenth *day* of the month, in
the fourteenth year after that the city
was smitten, in the selfsame day the

hand of the LORD was upon me, and
brought me thither.
2 In the visions of God brought he
me into the land of Israel, and set me
upon a very high mountain, by which
was as the frame of a city on the south.
3 And he brought me thither, and,
behold, *there was* a man, whose ap-
pearance *was* like the appearance of
brass, with a line of flax in his hand,
and a measuring reed; and he stood in
the gate.
4 And the man said unto me, Son
of man, behold with thine eyes, and
hear with thine ears, and set thine
heart upon all that I shall shew thee;
for to the intent that I might shew
them unto thee *art* thou brought hither:
declare all that thou seest to the house
of Israel.
5 And behold a wall on the outside
of the house round about, and in the
man's hand a measuring reed of six
cubits *long* by the cubit and an hand
breadth: so he measured the breadth of
the building, one reed; and the height,
one reed.
6 Then came he unto the gate which
looketh toward the east, and went up
the stairs thereof, and measured the
threshold of the gate, *which was* one
reed broad; and the other threshold
of the gate, which was one reed broad.
7 And *every* little chamber *was* one
reed long, and one reed broad; and
between the little chambers *were* five
cubits; and the threshold of the gate
by the porch of the gate within *was*
one reed.
8 He measured also the porch of the
gate within, one reed.
9 Then measured he the porch of
the gate, eight cubits; and the posts
thereof, two cubits; and the porch of
the gate *was* inward.
10 And the little chambers of the
gate eastward *were* three on this side,
and three on that side; they three *were*
of one measure: and the posts had one
measure on this side and on that side.
11 And he measured the breadth
of the entry of the gate, ten cubits;
and the length of the gate, thirteen
cubits.
12 The space also before the little
chambers *was* one cubit *on this side*,
and the space *was* one cubit on that
side: and the little chambers *were* six
cubits on this side, and six cubits on
that side.
13 He measured then the gate from
the roof of *one* little chamber to the
roof of another: the breadth *was* five
and twenty cubits, door against door.
14 He made also posts of threescore
cubits, even unto the post of the court
round about the gate.
15 And from the face of the gate of
the entrance unto the face of the porch
of the inner gate *were* fifty cubits.
16 And *there were* narrow windows
to the little chambers, and to their
posts within the gate round about, and
likewise to the arches: and windows
were round about inward: and upon
each post *were* palm trees.
17 Then brought he me into the
outward court, and, lo, *there were*
chambers, and a pavement made for
the court round about: thirty chambers
were upon the pavement.
18 And the pavement by the side of
the gates over against the length of the
gates *was* the lower pavement.
19 Then he measured the breadth
from the forefront of the lower gate
unto the forefront of the inner court
without, an hundred cubits eastward
and northward.
20 And the gate of the outward
court that looked toward the north,
he measured the length thereof, and
the breadth thereof.
21 And the little chambers thereof
were three on this side and three on
that side; and the posts thereof and the
arches thereof were after the measure
of the first gate: the length thereof *was*
fifty cubits, and the breadth five and
twenty cubits.
22 And their windows, and their
arches, and their palm trees, *were* after
the measure of the gate that looketh
toward the east; and they went up
unto it by seven steps; and the arches
thereof *were* before them.
23 And the gate of the inner court
was over against the gate toward the
north, and toward the east; and he
measured from gate to gate an hun-
dred cubits.
24 After that he brought me toward
the south, and behold a gate toward
the south: and he measured the posts
thereof and the arches thereof ac-
cording to these measures.
25 And *there were* windows in it and
in the arches thereof round about,
like those windows: the length *was*
fifty cubits, and the breadth five and
twenty cubits.
26 And *there were* seven steps to go

up to it, and the arches thereof *were* before them: and it had palm trees, one on this side, and another on that side, upon the posts thereof.

27 And *there was* a gate in the inner court toward the south: and he measured from gate to gate toward the south an hundred cubits.

28 And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate: and he measured the south gate according to these measures;

29 And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these measures: and *there were* windows in it and in the arches thereof round about: *it was* fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

30 And the arches round about *were* five and twenty cubits long, and five cubits broad.

31 And the arches thereof *were* toward the utter court; and palm trees *were* upon the posts thereof: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

32 And he brought me into the inner court toward the east: and he measured the gate according to these measures.

33 And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, *were* according to these measures: and *there were* windows therein and in the arches thereof round about: *it was* fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

34 And the arches thereof *were* toward the outward court; and palm trees *were* upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

35 And he brought me to the north gate, and measured *it* according to these measures;

36 The little chambers thereof, the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, and the windows to it round about: the length *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

37 And the posts thereof *were* toward the utter court; and palm trees *were* upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

38 And the chambers and the entries thereof *were* by the posts of the gates, where they washed the burnt offering.

39 And in the porch of the gate *were* two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to slay thereon the burnt offering and the sin offering and the trespass offering.

40 And at the side without as one goeth up to the entry of the north gate, *were* two tables; and on the other side, which *was* at the porch of the gate, *were* two tables.

41 Four tables *were* on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate; eight tables, whereupon they slew *their sacrifices*.

42 And the four tables *were* of hewn stone for the burnt offering, of a cubit and an half long, and a cubit and an half broad, and one cubit high: whereupon also they laid the instruments wherewith they slew the burnt offering and the sacrifice.

43 And within *were* hooks, an hand broad, fastened round about: and upon the tables *was* the flesh of the offering.

44 And without the inner gate *were* the chambers of the singers in the inner court, which *was* at the side of the north gate; and their prospect *was* toward the south: one at the side of the east gate *having* the prospect toward the north.

45 And he said unto me, This chamber, whose prospect *is* toward the south, *is* for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house.

46 And the chamber whose prospect *is* toward the north *is* for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar: these *are* the sons of Za'-dok among the sons of Levi, which come near to the LORD to minister unto him.

47 So he measured the court, an hundred cubits long, and an hundred cubits broad, foursquare; and the altar *that was* before the house.

48 And he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured *each* post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side: and the breadth of the gate *was* three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side.

49 The length of the porch *was* twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits; and *he brought me* by the steps whereby they went up to it: and *there were* pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

CHAPTER 41

AFTERWARD he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side,

which was the breadth of the taber-
nacle.
2 And the breadth of the door *was*
ten cubits; and the sides of the door
were five cubits on the one side, and
five cubits on the other side: and he
measured the length thereof, forty
cubits: and the breadth, twenty cubits.
3 Then went he inward, and mea-
sured the post of the door, two cubits;
and the door, six cubits; and the
breadth of the door, seven cubits.
4 So he measured the length thereof,
twenty cubits; and the breadth,
twenty cubits, before the temple: and
he said unto me, This *is* the most holy
place.
5 After he measured the wall of the
house, six cubits; and the breadth of
every side chamber, four cubits, round
about the house on every side.
6 And the side chambers *were* three,
one over another, and thirty in order;
and they entered into the wall which
was of the house for the side chambers
round about, that they might have
hold, but they had not hold in the
wall of the house.
7 And *there was* an enlarging, and a
winding about still upward to the side
chambers: for the winding about of the
house went still upward round about
the house: therefore the breadth of the
house *was still* upward, and so increased
from the lowest *chamber* to the highest
by the midst.
8 I saw also the height of the house
round about: the foundations of the
side chambers *were* a full reed of six
great cubits.
9 The thickness of the wall, which
s for the side chamber without, *was*
e cubits: and *that* which *was* left *was*
e place of the side chambers that
were within.
10 And between the chambers *was*
the wideness of twenty cubits round
about the house on every side.
11 And the doors of the side cham-
bers *were* toward *the place that was*
left, one door toward the north, and
another door toward the south: and
the breadth of the place that was left
was five cubits round about.
12 Now the building that *was* before
the separate place at the end toward
the west *was* seventy cubits broad;
and the wall of the building *was* five
cubits thick round about, and the
length thereof ninety cubits.
13 So he measured the house, an
hundred cubits long; and the separate
place, and the building, with the walls
thereof, an hundred cubits long;
14 Also the breadth of the face of
the house, and of the separate place
toward the east, an hundred cubits.
15 And he measured the length of
the building over against the separate
place which *was* behind it, and the
galleries thereof on the one side and on
the other side, an hundred cubits, with
the inner temple, and the porches of
the court;
16 The door posts, and the narrow
windows, and the galleries round about
on their three stories, over against the
door, cieled with wood round about,
and from the ground up to the win-
dows, and the windows *were* covered;
17 To that above the door, even
unto the inner house, and without, and
by all the wall round about within and
without, by measure.
18 And *it was* made with cherubims
and palm trees, so that a palm tree
was between a cherub and a cherub;
and *every* cherub had two faces;
19 So that the face of a man *was*
toward the palm tree on the one side,
and the face of a young lion toward the
palm tree on the other side: *it was*
made through all the house round
about.
20 From the ground unto above the
door *were* cherubims and palm trees
made, and *on* the wall of the temple.
21 The posts of the temple *were*
squared, *and* the face of the sanctuary;
the appearance *of the one* as the ap-
pearance *of the other*.
22 The altar of wood *was* three
cubits high, and the length thereof
two cubits; and the corners thereof,
and the length thereof, and the walls
thereof, *were* of wood: and he said unto
me, This *is* the table that *is* before the
LORD.
23 And the temple and the sanc-
tuary had two doors.
24 And the doors had two leaves
apiece, two turning leaves; two *leaves*
for the one door, and two leaves for
the other *door*.
25 And *there were* made on them,
on the doors of the temple, cherubims
and palm trees, like as *were* made upon
the walls; and *there were* thick planks
upon the face of the porch without.
26 And *there were* narrow windows
and palm trees on the one side and on
the other side, on the sides of the

porch, and *upon* the side chambers of
the house, and thick planks.

CHAPTER 42

THEN he brought me forth into
the utter court, the way toward
the north: and he brought me into the
chamber that *was* over against the
separate place, and which *was* before
the building toward the north.
2 Before the length of an hundred
cubits *was* the north door, and the
breadth *was* fifty cubits.
3 Over against the twenty *cubits*
which *were* for the inner court, and
over against the pavement which *was*
for the utter court, *was* gallery against
gallery in three *stories*.
4 And before the chambers *was* a
walk of ten cubits breadth inward, a
way of one cubit; and their doors
toward the north.
5 Now the upper chambers *were*
shorter: for the galleries were higher
than these, than the lower, and than
the middlemost of the building.
6 For they *were* in three *stories*, but
had not pillars as the pillars of the
courts: therefore *the building* was
straitened more than the lowest and
the middlemost from the ground.
7 And the wall that *was* without
over against the chambers, toward the
utter court on the forepart of the
chambers, the length thereof *was* fifty
cubits.
8 For the length of the chambers
that *were* in the utter court *was* fifty
cubits: and, lo, before the temple *were*
an hundred cubits.
9 And from under these chambers
was the entry on the east side, as one
goeth into them from the utter court.
10 The chambers *were* in the thick-
ness of the wall of the court toward
the east, over against the separate
place, and over against the building.
11 And the way before them *was*
like the appearance of the chambers
which *were* toward the north, as long
as they, *and* as broad as they: and all
their goings out *were* both according
to their fashions, and according to their
doors.
12 And according to the doors of
the chambers that *were* toward the
south *was* a door in the head of the
way, *even* the way directly before the
wall toward the east, as one entereth
into them.
13 Then said he unto me, The north
chambers *and* the south chambers,
which *are* before the separate place,
they *be* holy chambers, where the
priests that approach unto the LORD
shall eat the most holy things: there
shall they lay the most holy things,
and the meat offering, and the sin
offering, and the trespass offering; for
the place *is* holy.
14 When the priests enter therein,
then shall they not go out of the holy
place into the utter court, but there
they shall lay their garments wherein
they minister; for they *are* holy; and
shall put on other garments, and shall
approach to *those things* which *are* for
the people.
15 Now when he had made an end
of measuring the inner house, he
brought me forth toward the gate
whose prospect *is* toward the east, and
measured it round about.
16 He measured the east side with
the measuring reed, five hundred
reeds, with the measuring reed round
about.
17 He measured the north side,
five hundred reeds, with the measuring
reed round about.
18 He measured the south side, five
hundred reeds, with the measuring
reed.
19 He turned about to the west
side, *and* measured five hundred reeds
with the measuring reed.
20 He measured it by the four sides:
it had a wall round about, five hundred
reeds long, and five hundred broad, to
make a separation between the sanctu-
ary and the profane place.

CHAPTER 43

AFTERWARD he brought me to
the gate, *even* the gate that
looketh toward the east:
2 And, behold, the glory of the God
of Israel came from the way of the
east: and his voice *was* like a noise of
many waters: and the earth shined
with his glory.
3 And *it was* according to the ap-
pearance of the vision which I saw,
even according to the vision that I saw
when I came to destroy the city: and
the visions *were* like the vision that I
saw by the river Che´bar; and I fell
upon my face.
4 And the glory of the LORD came
into the house by the way of the gate
whose prospect *is* toward the east.

5 So the spirit took me up, and
brought me into the inner court; and,
behold, the glory of the LORD filled the
house.
6 And I heard *him* speaking unto
me out of the house; and the man stood
by me.
7 And he said unto me, Son of man,
the place of my throne, and the place
of the soles of my feet, where I will
dwell in the midst of the children of
Israel for ever, and my holy name,
shall the house of Israel no more defile,
neither they, nor their kings, by their
whoredom, nor by the carcases of their
kings in their high places.
8 In their setting of their threshold
by my thresholds, and their post by
my posts, and the wall between me and
them, they have even defiled my holy
name by their abominations that they
have committed: wherefore I have
consumed them in mine anger.
9 Now let them put away their
whoredom, and the carcases of their
kings, far from me, and I will dwell in
the midst of them for ever.
10 Thou son of man, shew the
house to the house of Israel, that they
may be ashamed of their iniquities:
and let them measure the pattern.
11 And if they be ashamed of all
that they have done, shew them the
form of the house, and the fashion
thereof, and the goings out thereof,
and the comings in thereof, and all the
forms thereof, and all the ordinances
thereof, and all the forms thereof, and
all the laws thereof: and write *it* in
their sight, that they may keep the
whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them.
12 This *is* the law of the house;
Upon the top of the mountain the
whole limit thereof round about *shall
be* most holy. Behold, this *is* the law of
the house.
13 And these *are* the measures of the
altar after the cubits: The cubit *is* a
cubit and an hand breadth; even the
bottom *shall be* a cubit, and the
breadth a cubit, and the border thereof
by the edge thereof round about *shall
be* a span: and this *shall be* the higher
place of the altar.
14 And from the bottom *upon* the
ground *even* to the lower settle *shall
be* two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser settle *even* to
the greater settle *shall be* four cubits,
and the breadth *one* cubit.
15 So the altar *shall be* four cubits;
and from the altar and upward *shall be*
four horns.
16 And the altar *shall be* twelve
cubits long, twelve broad, square in the
four squares thereof.
17 And the settle *shall be* fourteen
cubits long and fourteen broad in the
four squares thereof; and the border
about it *shall be* half a cubit; and the
bottom thereof *shall be* a cubit about;
and his stairs shall look toward the
east.
18 And he said unto me, Son of
man, thus saith the Lord GOD; These
are the ordinances of the altar in the
day when they shall make it, to offer
burnt offerings thereon, and to sprinkle blood thereon.
19 And thou shalt give to the
priests the Levites that be of the seed
of Za'-dok, which approach unto me,
to minister unto me, saith the Lord
GOD, a young bullock for a sin offering.
20 And thou shalt take of the blood
thereof, and put *it* on the four horns of
it, and on the four corners of the settle,
and upon the border round about:
thus shalt thou cleanse and purge it.
21 Thou shalt take the bullock also
of the sin offering, and he shall burn it
in the appointed place of the house,
without the sanctuary.
22 And on the second day thou
shalt offer a kid of the goats without
blemish for a sin offering; and they
shall cleanse the altar, as they did
cleanse *it* with the bullock.
23 When thou hast made an end of
cleansing *it*, thou shalt offer a young
bullock without blemish, and a ram
out of the flock without blemish.
24 And thou shalt offer them before
the LORD, and the priests shall cast
salt upon them, and they shall offer
them up *for* a burnt offering unto the
LORD.
25 Seven days shalt thou prepare
every day a goat *for* a sin offering:
they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish.
26 Seven days shall they purge the
altar and purify it; and they shall
consecrate themselves.
27 And when these days are expired, it shall be, *that* upon the eighth
day, and *so* forward, the priests shall
make your burnt offerings upon the
altar, and your peace offerings; and
I will accept you, saith the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 44

THEN he brought me back the way of the gate of the outward sanctuary which looketh toward the east; and it *was* shut.

2 Then said the LORD unto me; This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the LORD, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut.

3 *It is* for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.

4 Then brought he me the way of the north gate before the house: and I looked, and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD: and I fell upon my face.

5 And the LORD said unto me, Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD, and all the laws thereof; and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary.

6 And thou shalt say to the rebellious, *even* to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations,

7 In that ye have brought *into my sanctuary* strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, *even* my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations.

8 And ye have not kept the charge of mine holy things: but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves.

9 Thus saith the Lord GOD; No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that *is* among the children of Israel.

10 And the Levites that are gone away far from me, when Israel went astray, which went astray away from me after their idols; they shall even bear their iniquity.

11 Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, *having* charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house: they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them.

12 Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity; therefore have I lifted up mine hand against them, saith the Lord GOD, and they shall bear their iniquity.

13 And they shall not come near unto me, to do the office of a priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the most holy *place*: but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed.

14 But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.

15 But the priests the Levites, the sons of Za'-dok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord GOD:

16 They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge.

17 And it shall come to pass, *that* when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within.

18 They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird *themselves* with any thing that causeth sweat.

19 And when they go forth into the utter court, *even* into the utter court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they ministered, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments.

20 Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall only poll their heads.

21 Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.

22 Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away: but they shall take maidens of

the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that had a priest before.

23 And they shall teach my people *the difference* between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

24 And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; *and* they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies; and they shall hallow my sabbaths.

25 And they shall come at no dead person to defile themselves: but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may defile themselves.

26 And after he is cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days.

27 And in the day that he goeth into the sanctuary, unto the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, saith the Lord GOD.

28 And it shall be unto them for an inheritance: I *am* their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel: I *am* their possession.

29 They shall eat the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; and every dedicated thing in Israel shall be theirs.

30 And the first of all the firstfruits of all *things*, and every oblation of all, of every *sort* of your oblations, shall be the priest's: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house.

31 The priests shall not eat of any thing that is dead of itself, or torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

CHAPTER 45

MOREOVER, when ye shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall offer an oblation unto the LORD, an holy portion of the land: the length *shall be* the length of five and twenty thousand *reeds*, and the breadth *shall be* ten thousand. This *shall be* holy in all the borders thereof round about.

2 Of this there shall be for the sanctuary five hundred *in length*, with five hundred *in breadth*, square round about; and fifty cubits round about for the suburbs thereof.

3 And of this measure shalt thou measure the length of five and twenty thousand, and the breadth of ten thousand: and in it shall be the sanctuary *and* the most holy *place*.

4 The holy *portion* of the land shall be for the priests the ministers of the sanctuary, which shall come near to minister unto the LORD: and it shall be a place for their houses, and an holy place for the sanctuary.

5 And the five and twenty thousand of length, and the ten thousand of breadth, shall also the Levites, the ministers of the house, have for themselves, for a possession for twenty chambers.

6 And ye shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and five and twenty thousand long, over against the oblation of the holy *portion*: it shall be for the whole house of Israel.

7 And *a portion shall be* for the prince on the one side and on the other side of the oblation of the holy *portion*, and of the possession of the city, before the oblation of the holy *portion*, and before the possession of the city, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward: and the length *shall be* over against one of the portions, from the west border unto the east border.

8 In the land shall be his possession in Israel: and my princes shall no more oppress my people; and *the rest of* the land shall they give to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

9 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel: remove violence and spoil, and execute judgment and justice, take away your exactions from my people, saith the Lord GOD.

10 Ye shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath.

11 The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of an homer, and the ephah the tenth part of an homer: the measure thereof shall be after the homer.

12 And the shekel *shall be* twenty gerahs: twenty shekels, five and twenty shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your maneh.

13 This *is* the oblation that ye shall offer; the sixth part of an ephah of an homer of wheat, and ye shall give the sixth part of an ephah of an homer of barley:

14 Concerning the ordinance of oil,

the bath of oil, *ye shall offer* the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, *which is* an homer of ten baths; for ten baths *are* an homer:

15 And one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the fat pastures of Israel; for a meat offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make reconciliation for them, saith the Lord GOD.

16 All the people of the land shall give this oblation for the prince in Israel.

17 And it shall be the prince's part *to give* burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meat offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel.

18 Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the first *month*, in the first *day* of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish, and cleanse the sanctuary:

19 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put *it* upon the posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court.

20 And so thou shalt do the seventh *day* of the month for every one that erreth, and for *him that is* simple: so shall ye reconcile the house.

21 In the first *month*, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

22 And upon that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bullock *for* a sin offering.

23 And seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to the LORD, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a kid of the goats daily *for* a sin offering.

24 And he shall prepare a meat offering of an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and an hin of oil for an ephah.

25 In the seventh *month*, in the fifteenth day of the month, shall he do the like in the feast of the seven days, according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and according to the meat offering, and according to the oil.

CHAPTER 46

THUS saith the Lord GOD; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened.

2 And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.

3 Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the LORD in the sabbaths and in the new moons.

4 And the burnt offering that the prince shall offer unto the LORD in the sabbath day *shall be* six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish.

5 And the meat offering *shall be* an ephah for a ram, and the meat offering for the lambs as he shall be able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

6 And in the day of the new moon *it shall be* a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram: they shall be without blemish.

7 And he shall prepare a meat offering, an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs according as his hand shall attain unto, and an hin of oil to an ephah.

8 And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof.

9 But when the people of the land shall come before the LORD in the solemn feasts, he that entereth in by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth over against it.

10 And the prince in the midst of them, when they go in, shall go in; and when they go forth, shall go forth.

11 And in the feasts and in the solemnities the meat offering shall be an ephah to a bullock, and an ephah

to a ram, and to the lambs as he is
able to give, and an hin of oil to an
ephah.
12 Now when the prince shall prepare a voluntary burnt offering or
peace offerings voluntarily unto the
LORD, *one* shall then open him the gate
that looketh toward the east, and he
shall prepare his burnt offering and his
peace offerings, as he did on the sabbath day: then he shall go forth; and
after his going forth *one* shall shut the
gate.
13 Thou shalt daily prepare a burnt
offering unto the LORD *of* a lamb of the
first year without blemish: thou shalt
prepare it every morning.
14 And thou shalt prepare a meat
offering for it every morning, the sixth
part of an ephah, and the third part of
an hin of oil, to temper with the fine
flour; a meat offering continually by a
perpetual ordinance unto the LORD.
15 Thus shall they prepare the
lamb, and the meat offering, and the
oil, every morning *for* a continual
burnt offering.
16 Thus saith the Lord GOD; If the
prince give a gift unto any of his sons,
the inheritance thereof shall be his
sons'; it *shall be* their possession by
inheritance.
17 But if he give a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then
it shall be his to the year of liberty;
after it shall return to the prince: but
his inheritance shall be his sons' for
them.
18 Moreover the prince shall not
take of the people's inheritance by
oppression, to thrust them out of their
possession; *but* he shall give his sons
inheritance out of his own possession:
that my people be not scattered every
man from his possession.
19 After he brought me through
the entry, which *was* at the side of the
gate, into the holy chambers of the
priests, which looked toward the north:
and, behold, there *was* a place on the
two sides westward.
20 Then said he unto me, This *is*
the place where the priests shall boil
the trespass offering and the sin offering, where they shall bake the meat
offering; that they bear *them* not out
into the utter court, to sanctify the
people.
21 Then he brought me forth into
the utter court, and caused me to pass
by the four corners of the court; and,
behold, in every corner of the court
there was a court.
22 In the four corners of the court
there were courts joined of forty *cubits*
long and thirty broad: these four
corners *were* of one measure.
23 And *there was* a row *of building*
round about in them, round about
them four, and *it was* made with boiling places under the rows round about.
24 Then said he unto me, these *are*
the places of them that boil, where the
ministers of the house shall boil the
sacrifice of the people.

CHAPTER 47

AFTERWARD he brought me again
unto the door of the house; and,
behold, waters issued out from under
the threshold of the house eastward:
for the forefront of the house *stood*
toward the east, and the waters came
down from under from the right side
of the house, at the south *side* of the
altar.
2 Then brought he me out of the
way of the gate northward, and led me
about the way without unto the utter
gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.
3 And when the man that had the
line in his hand went forth eastward,
he measured a thousand cubits, and he
brought me through the waters; the
waters *were* to the ancles.
4 Again he measured a thousand,
and brought me through the waters;
the waters *were* to the knees. Again he
measured a thousand, and brought me
through; the waters *were* to the loins.
5 Afterward he measured a thousand; *and it was* a river that I could
not pass over: for the waters were
risen, waters to swim in, a river that
could not be passed over.
6 And he said unto me, Son of man,
hast thou seen *this*? Then he brought
me, and caused me to return to the
brink of the river.
7 Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river *were* very
many trees on the one side and on the
other.
8 Then said he unto me, These
waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and
go into the sea: *which being* brought
forth into the sea, the waters shall be
healed.

9 And it shall come to pass, *that*
every thing that liveth, which moveth,
whithersoever the rivers shall come,
shall live: and there shall be a very
great multitude of fish, because these
waters shall come thither: for they
shall be healed; and every thing shall
live whither the river cometh.
10 And it shall come to pass, *that*
the fishers shall stand upon it from
En–ge'-di even unto En–eg'-la-im; they
shall be a *place* to spread forth nets;
their fish shall be according to their
kinds, as the fish of the great sea,
exceeding many.
11 But the miry places thereof and
the marishes thereof shall not be
healed; they shall be given to salt.
12 And by the river upon the bank
thereof, on this side and on that side,
shall grow all trees for meat, whose
leaf shall not fade, neither shall the
fruit thereof be consumed: it shall
bring forth new fruit according to his
months, because their waters they
issued out of the sanctuary: and the
fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the
leaf thereof for medicine.
13 Thus saith the Lord GOD; This
shall be the border, whereby ye shall
inherit the land according to the twelve
tribes of Israel: Joseph *shall have two*
portions.
14 And ye shall inherit it, one as
well as another: *concerning* the which
I lifted up mine hand to give it unto
your fathers: and this land shall fall
unto you for inheritance.
15 And this *shall be* the border of
the land toward the north side, from
the great sea, the way of Heth'-lon, as
men go to Ze'-dad;
16 Ha'-math, Be-ro'-thah, Sib'-ra-im,
which *is* between the border of Damas-
cus and the border of Ha'-math;
Ha'-zar–hat'-ti-con, which *is* by the
coast of Hau'-ran.
17 And the border from the sea
shall be Ha'-zar–e'-nan, the border of
Damascus, and the north northward,
and the border of Ha'-math. And *this*
is the north side.
18 And the east side ye shall
measure from Hau'-ran, and from
Damascus, and from Gilead, and from
the land of Israel *by* Jordan, from the
border unto the east sea. And *this is*
the east side.
19 And the south side southward,
from Ta'-mar *even* to the waters of
strife *in* Ka'-desh, the river to the
great sea. And *this is* the south side
southward.
20 The west side also *shall be* the
great sea from the border, till a man
come over against Ha'-math. This *is*
the west side.
21 So shall ye divide this land unto
you according to the tribes of Israel.
22 And it shall come to pass, *that*
ye shall divide it by lot for an inherit-
ance unto you, and to the strangers
that sojourn among you, which shall
beget children among you: and they
shall be unto you as born in the coun-
try among the children of Israel; they
shall have inheritance with you among
the tribes of Israel.
23 And it shall come to pass, *that*
in what tribe the stranger sojourneth,
there shall ye give *him* his inheritance,
saith the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 48

NOW these *are* the names of the
tribes. From the north end to the
coast of the way of Heth'-lon, as one
goeth to Ha'-math, Ha'-zar–e'-nan, the
border of Damascus northward, to the
coast of Ha'-math; for these are his
sides east *and* west; a *portion for* Dan.
2 And by the border of Dan, from
the east side unto the west side, a
portion for Asher.
3 And by the border of Asher, from
the east side even unto the west side, a
portion for Naph'-ta-li.
4 And by the border of Naph'-ta-li,
from the east side unto the west side, a
portion for Ma-nas'-seh.
5 And by the border of Ma-nas'-seh,
from the east side unto the west side, a
portion for E'-phra-im.
6 And by the border of E'-phra-im,
from the east side even unto the west
side, a *portion for* Reuben.
7 And by the border of Reuben,
from the east side unto the west side,
a *portion for* Judah.
8 And by the border of Judah,
from the east side unto the west side,
shall be the offering which ye shall
offer of five and twenty thousand
reeds in breadth, and *in* length as one
of the *other* parts, from the east side
unto the west side: and the sanctuary
shall be in the midst of it.
9 The oblation that ye shall offer
unto the LORD *shall be* of five and
twenty thousand in [illegible]h, and of ten
thousand in breadt[illegible]

10 And for them, *even* for the priests, shall be *this* holy *oblation*; toward the north five and twenty thousand *in length*, and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south five and twenty thousand in length: and the sanctuary of the LORD shall be in the midst thereof.

11 *It shall be* for the priests that are sanctified of the sons of Za'-dok; which have kept my charge, which went not astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray.

12 And *this* oblation of the land that is offered shall be unto them a thing most holy by the border of the Levites.

13 And over against the border of the priests the Levites *shall have* five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth: all the length *shall be* five and twenty thousand, and the breadth ten thousand.

14 And they shall not sell of *it*, neither exchange, nor alienate the firstfruits of the land: for *it is* holy unto the LORD.

15 And the five thousand, that are left in the breadth over against the five and twenty thousand, shall be a profane *place* for the city, for dwelling, and for suburbs: and the city shall be in the midst thereof.

16 And these *shall be* the measures thereof; the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hundred.

17 And the suburbs of the city shall be toward the north two hundred and fifty, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty.

18 And the residue in length over against the oblation of the holy *portion shall be* ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward: and it shall be over against the oblation of the holy *portion*; and the increase thereof shall be for food unto them that serve the city.

19 And they that serve the city shall serve it out of all the tribes of Israel.

20 All the oblation *shall be* five and twenty thousand by five and twenty thousand: ye shall offer the holy oblation foursquare, with the possession of the city.

21 And the residue *shall be* for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy oblation, and of the possession of the city, over against the five and twenty thousand of the oblation toward the east border, and westward over against the five and twenty thousand toward the west border, over against the portions for the prince: and it shall be the holy oblation; and the sanctuary of the house *shall be* in the midst thereof.

22 Moreover from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, *being* in the midst *of that* which is the prince's, between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, shall be for the prince.

23 As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side unto the west side, Benjamin *shall have* a *portion*.

24 And by the border of Benjamin, *from the east side unto the west side*, Simeon *shall have* a *portion*.

25 And by the border of Simeon, from the east side unto the west side, Is'-sa-char a *portion*.

26 And by the border of Is'-sa-char, from the east side unto the west side, Zeb'-u-lun a *portion*.

27 And by the border of Zeb'-u-lun, from the east side unto the west side, Gad a *portion*.

28 And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Ta'-mar *unto* the waters of strife *in* Ka'-desh, *and* to the river toward the great sea.

29 This *is* the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these *are* their portions, saith the Lord GOD.

30 And these *are* the goings out of the city on the north side, four thousand and five hundred measures.

31 And the gates of the city *shall be* after the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward; one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi.

32 And at the east side four thousand and five hundred: and three gates; and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan.

33 And at the south side four thousand and five hundred measures: and three gates; one gate of Simeon, one

gate of Is'-sa-char, one gate of Zeb'-u-lun.

34 At the west side four thousand and five hundred, *with* their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naph'-ta-li.

35 It *was* round about eighteen thousand *measures*: and the name of the city from *that* day *shall be*, The LORD *is* there.

The Book of DANIEL

CHAPTER 1

IN the third year of the reign of Je-hoi'-a-kim king of Judah came Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.

2 And the Lord gave Je-hoi'-a-kim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shi'-nar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

3 And the king spake unto Ash'-pe-naz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring *certain* of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes;

4 Children in whom *was* no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as *had* ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chal-de'-ans.

5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.

6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Han-a-ni'-ah, Mish'-a-el, and Az-a-ri'-ah:

7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel *the name* of Bel-te-shaz'-zar; and to Han-a-ni'-ah, of Sha'-drach; and to Mish'-a-el, of Me'-shach; and to Az-a-ri'-ah, of A-bed'-ne-go.

8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which *are* of your sort? then shall ye make *me* endanger my head to the king.

11 Then said Daniel to Mel'-zar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Han-a-ni'-ah, Mish'-a-el, and Az-a-ri'-ah,

12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.

13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.

14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

16 Thus Mel'-zar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.

17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar.

19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Han-a-ni'-ah, Mish'-a-el, and Az-a-ri'-ah: therefore stood they before the king.

20 And in all matters of wisdom *and* understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians *and* astrologers that *were* in all his realm.
21 And Daniel continued *even* unto the first year of king Cyrus.

CHAPTER 2

AND in the second year of the reign of Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.
2 Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chal-de'-ans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.
3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.
4 Then spake the Chal-de'-ans to the king in Syr'-i-ack, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.
5 The king answered and said to the Chal-de'-ans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.
6 But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof.
7 They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation of it.
8 The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me.
9 But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, *there is but* one decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof.
10 The Chal-de'-ans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore *there is* no king, lord, nor ruler, *that* asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chal-de'-an.
11 And *it is* a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.
12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise *men* of Babylon.
13 And the decree went forth that the wise *men* should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain.
14 Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to A'-ri-och the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise *men* of Babylon:
15 He answered and said to A'-ri-och the king's captain, Why *is* the decree *so* hasty from the king? Then A'-ri-och made the thing known to Daniel.
16 Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation.
17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Han-a-ni'-ah, Mish'-a-el, and Az-a-ri'-ah, his companions:
18 That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon.
19 Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.
20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:
21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:
22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what *is* in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.
23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast *now* made known unto us the king's matter.
24 Therefore Daniel went in unto A'-ri-och, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise *men* of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; De-

stroy not the wise *men* of Babylon:
bring me in before the king, and I will
shew unto the king the interpreta-
tion.
25 Then A'-ri-och brought in Daniel
before the king in haste, and said thus
unto him, I have found a man of the
captives of Judah, that will make
known unto the king the interpre-
tation.
26 The king answered and said to
Daniel, whose name *was* Bel-te-shaz'-
zar, Art thou able to make known unto
me the dream which I have seen, and
the interpretation thereof?
27 Daniel answered in the presence
of the king, and said, The secret which
the king hath demanded cannot the
wise *men*, the astrologers, the magi-
cians, the soothsayers, shew unto the
king;
28 But there is a God in heaven that
revealeth secrets, and maketh known
to the king Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar what
shall be in the latter days. Thy dream,
and the visions of thy head upon thy
bed, are these;
29 As for thee, O king, thy thoughts
came *into thy mind* upon thy bed,
what should come to pass hereafter:
and he that revealeth secrets maketh
known to thee what shall come to
pass.
30 But as for me, this secret is not
revealed to me for *any* wisdom that I
have more than any living, but for
their sakes that shall make known the
interpretation to the king, and that
thou mightest know the thoughts of
thy heart.
31 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold
a great image. This great image, whose
brightness *was* excellent, stood before
thee; and the form thereof *was* terrible.
32 This image's head *was* of fine
gold, his breast and his arms of silver,
his belly and his thighs of brass,
33 His legs of iron, his feet part of
iron and part of clay.
34 Thou sawest till that a stone was
cut out without hands, which smote
the image upon his feet *that were* of
iron and clay, and brake them to
pieces.
35 Then was the iron, the clay, the
brass, the silver, and the gold, broken
to pieces together, and became like the
chaff of the summer threshingfloors;
and the wind carried them away, that
no place was found for them: and the
stone that smote the image became a
great mountain, and filled the whole
earth.
36 This *is* the dream; and we will
tell the interpretation thereof before
the king.
37 Thou, O king, *art* a king of kings:
for the God of heaven hath given thee
a kingdom, power, and strength, and
glory.
38 And wheresoever the children of
men dwell, the beasts of the field and
the fowls of the heaven hath he given
into thine hand, and hath made thee
ruler over them all. Thou *art* this head
of gold.
39 And after thee shall arise an-
other kingdom inferior to thee, and
another third kingdom of brass, which
shall bear rule over all the earth.
40 And the fourth kingdom shall be
strong as iron: forasmuch as iron
breaketh in pieces and subdueth all
things: and as iron that breaketh all
these, shall it break in pieces and
bruise.
41 And whereas thou sawest the
feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and
part of iron, the kingdom shall be
divided; but there shall be in it of the
strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou
sawest the iron mixed with miry
clay.
42 And *as* the toes of the feet *were*
part of iron, and part of clay, *so* the
kingdom shall be partly strong, and
partly broken.
43 And whereas thou sawest iron
mixed with miry clay, they shall min-
gle themselves with the seed of men:
but they shall not cleave one to an-
other, even as iron is not mixed with
clay.
44 And in the days of these kings
shall the God of heaven set up a king-
dom, which shall never be destroyed:
and the kingdom shall not be left to
other people, *but* it shall break in
pieces and consume all these king-
doms, and it shall stand for ever.
45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that
the stone was cut out of the mountain
without hands, and that it brake in
pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the
silver, and the gold; the great God hath
made known to the king what shall
come to pass hereafter: and the dream
is certain, and the interpretation
thereof sure.
46 Then the king Neb-u-chad-
nez'-zar fell upon his face, and wor-
shipped Daniel, and commanded that

they should offer an oblation and
sweet odours unto him.
47 The king answered unto Daniel,
and said, Of a truth *it is*, that your
God *is* a God of gods, and a Lord of
kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing
thou couldest reveal this secret.
48 Then the king made Daniel a
great man, and gave him many great
gifts, and made him ruler over the
whole province of Babylon, and chief
of the governors over all the wise *men*
of Babylon.
49 Then Daniel requested of the
king, and he set Sha'-drach, Me'-shach,
and A-bed'-ne-go, over the affairs of
the province of Babylon: but Daniel
sat in the gate of the king.

CHAPTER 3

NEB-U-CHAD-NEZ'-ZAR the king
made an image of gold, whose
height *was* threescore cubits, *and* the
breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up
in the plain of Du'-ra, in the province
of Babylon.
2 Then Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar the king
sent to gather together the princes,
the governors, and the captains, the
judges, the treasurers, the counsellors,
the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the
provinces, to come to the dedication of
the image which Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar
the king had set up.
3 Then the princes, the governors,
and captains, the judges, the treas-
urers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and
all the rulers of the provinces, were
gathered together unto the dedication
of the image that Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar
the king had set up; and they stood
before the image that Neb-u-chad-
nez'-zar had set up.
4 Then an herald cried aloud, To
you it is commanded, O people, na-
tions, and languages,
5 *That* at what time ye hear the
sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sack-
but, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds
of musick, ye fall down and worship
the golden image that Neb-u-chad-
nez'-zar the king hath set up:
6 And whoso falleth not down and
worshippeth shall the same hour be
cast into the midst of a burning fiery
furnace.
7 Therefore at that time, when all
the people heard the sound of the
cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery,
and all kinds of musick, all the people,
the nations, and the languages, fell
down *and* worshipped the golden image
that Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar the king had
set up.
8 Wherefore at that time certain
Chal-de'-ans came near, and accused
the Jews.
9 They spake and said to the king
Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar, O king, live for
ever.
10 Thou, O king, hast made a de-
cree, that every man that shall hear
the sound of the cornet, flute, harp,
sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and
all kinds of musick, shall fall down and
worship the golden image:
11 And whoso falleth not down and
worshippeth, *that* he should be cast
into the midst of a burning fiery
furnace.
12 There are certain Jews whom
thou hast set over the affairs of the
province of Babylon, Sha'-drach,
Me'-shach, and A-bed'-ne-go; these
men, O king, have not regarded thee:
they serve not thy gods, nor worship
the golden image which thou hast set
up.
13 Then Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar in *his*
rage and fury commanded to bring
Sha'-drach, Me'-shach, and A-bed'-
ne-go. Then they brought these men
before the king.
14 Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar spake and
said unto them, *Is it* true, O Sha'-drach,
Me'-shach, and A-bed'-ne-go, do not
ye serve my gods, nor worship the
golden image which I have set up?
15 Now if ye be ready that at what
time ye hear the sound of the cornet,
flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and
dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye
fall down and worship the image which
I have made; *well:* but if ye worship
not, ye shall be cast the same hour
into the midst of a burning fiery
furnace; and who *is* that God that
shall deliver you out of my hands?
16 Sha'-drach, Me'-shach, and A-
bed'-ne-go, answered and said to the
king, O Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar, we *are*
not careful to answer thee in this
matter.
17 If it be *so*, our God whom we
serve is able to deliver us from the
burning fiery furnace, and he will
deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king.
18 But if not, be it known unto
thee, O king, that we will not serve
thy gods, nor worship the golden image
which thou hast set up.
19 Then was Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar

to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.

32 And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling *shall be* with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

33 The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' *feathers*, and his nails like birds' *claws*.

34 And at the end of the days I Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and *mine* understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:

35 And all the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

36 At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.

37 Now I Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works *are* truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

CHAPTER 5

BEL-SHAZ'-ZAR the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.

2 Bel-shaz'-zar, whiles he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar had taken out of the temple which *was* in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein.

3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which *was* at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them.

4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

6 Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.

7 The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chal-de'-ans, and the soothsayers. *And* the king spake, and said to the wise *men* of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and *have* a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.

8 Then came in all the king's wise *men*: but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof.

9 Then was king Bel-shaz'-zar greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were astonied.

10 *Now* the queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house: *and* the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed:

11 There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar thy father, the king, *I say*, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chal-de'-ans, *and* soothsayers;

12 Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Bel-te-shaz'-zar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.

13 Then was Daniel brought in be-

tree in the midst of the earth, and the
height thereof *was* great.
11 The tree grew, and was strong,
and the height thereof reached unto
heaven, and the sight thereof to the
end of all the earth:
12 The leaves thereof *were* fair, and
the fruit thereof much, and in it *was*
meat for all: the beasts of the field had
shadow under it, and the fowls of the
heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof,
and all flesh was fed of it.
13 I saw in the visions of my head
upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher
and an holy one came down from
heaven;
14 He cried aloud, and said thus,
Hew down the tree, and cut off his
branches, shake off his leaves, and
scatter his fruit: let the beasts get
away from under it, and the fowls
from his branches:
15 Nevertheless leave the stump
of his roots in the earth, even with a
band of iron and brass, in the tender
grass of the field; and let it be wet with
the dew of heaven, and *let* his portion
be with the beasts in the grass of the
earth:
16 Let his heart be changed from
man's, and let a beast's heart be given
unto him: and let seven times pass
over him.
17 This matter *is* by the decree of
the watchers, and the demand by the
word of the holy ones: to the intent
that the living may know that the
most High ruleth in the kingdom of
men, and giveth it to whomsoever he
will, and setteth up over it the basest
of men.
18 This dream I king Neb-u-chad-
nez'-zar have seen. Now thou, O Bel-
te-shaz'-zar, declare the interpretation
thereof, forasmuch as all the wise *men*
of my kingdom are not able to make
known unto me the interpretation:
but thou *art* able; for the spirit of the
holy gods *is* in thee.
19 Then Daniel, whose name *was*
Bel-te-shaz'-zar, was astonied for one
hour, and his thoughts troubled him.
The king spake, and said, Bel-te-
shaz'-zar, let not the dream, or the
interpretation thereof, trouble thee.
Bel-te-shaz'-zar answered and said,
My lord, the dream *be* to them that
hate thee, and the interpertation
thereof to thine enemies.
20 The tree that thou sawest, which
grew, and was strong, whose height
reached unto the heaven, and the
sight thereof to all the earth;
21 Whose leaves *were* fair, and the
fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat
for all; under which the beasts of the
field dwelt, and upon whose branches
the fowls of the heaven had their
habitation:
22 It *is* thou, O king, that art
grown and become strong: for thy
greatness is grown, and reacheth unto
heaven, and thy dominion to the end
of the earth.
23 And whereas the king saw a
watcher and an holy one coming down
from heaven, and saying, Hew the
tree down, and destroy it; yet leave
the stump of the roots thereof in the
earth, even with a band of iron and
brass, in the tender grass of the field;
and let it be wet with the dew of
heaven, and *let* his portion *be* with the
beasts of the field, till seven times pass
over him;
24 This *is* the interpretation, O
king, and this *is* the decree of the most
High, which is come upon my lord the
king:
25 That they shall drive thee from
men, and thy dwelling shall be with
the beasts of the field, and they shall
make thee to eat grass as oxen, and
they shall wet thee with the dew of
heaven, and seven times shall pass
over thee, till thou know that the most
High ruleth in the kingdom of men,
and giveth it to whomsoever he will.
26 And whereas they commanded
to leave the stump of the tree roots;
thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee,
after that thou shalt have known that
the heavens do rule.
27 Wherefore, O king, let my coun-
sel be acceptable unto thee, and break
off thy sins by righteousness, and thine
iniquities by shewing mercy to the
poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy
tranquillity.
28 All this came upon the king
Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar.
29 At the end of twelve months he
walked in the palace of the kingdom of
Babylon.
30 The king spake, and said, Is not
this great Babylon, that I have built
for the house of the kingdom by the
might of my power, and for the honour
of my majesty?
31 While the word *was* in the king's
mouth, there fell a voice from heaven,
saying, O king Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar,

to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.

32 And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling *shall be* with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

33 The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' *feathers*, and his nails like birds' *claws*.

34 And at the end of the days I Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:

35 And all the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

36 At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.

37 Now I Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works *are* truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

CHAPTER 5

BEL-SHAZ'-ZAR the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.

2 Bel-shaz'-zar, whiles he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar had taken out of the temple which *was* in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein.

3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which *was* at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them.

4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

6 Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.

7 The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chal-de'-ans, and the soothsayers. *And* the king spake, and said to the wise *men* of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and *have* a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.

8 Then came in all the king's wise *men:* but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof.

9 Then was king Bel-shaz'-zar greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were astonied.

10 *Now* the queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house: *and* the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed:

11 There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Neb-u-chad-nez'-zar thy father, the king, *I say*, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chal-de'-ans, *and* soothsayers;

12 Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Bel-te-shaz'-zar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.

13 Then was Daniel brough[illegible] be-

fore the king. *And* the king spake and said unto Daniel, *Art* thou that Daniel, which *art* of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Jewry?

14 I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods *is* in thee, and *that* light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee.

15 And now the wise *men*, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not shew the interpretation of the thing:

16 And I have heard of thee, that thou canst make interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and *have* a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.

17 Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation.

18 O thou king, the most high God gave Neb-u-chad-nez´-zar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour:

19 And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down.

20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him:

21 And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling *was* with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and *that* he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.

22 And thou his son, O Bel-shaz´-zar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this;

23 But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath *is*, and whose *are* all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:

24 Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written.

25 And this *is* the writing that was written, ME´-NE, ME´-NE, TE´-KEL, U-PHAR´-SIN.

26 This *is* the interpretation of the thing: ME´-NE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.

27 TE´-KEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

28 PE´-RES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

29 Then commanded Bel-shaz´-zar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and *put* a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

30 In that night was Bel-shaz´-zar the king of the Chal-de´-ans slain.

31 And Darius the Me´-di-an took the kingdom, *being* about threescore and two years old.

CHAPTER 6

IT pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom;

2 And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel *was* first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage.

3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit *was* in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

4 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he *was* faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find *it* against him concerning the law of his God.

6 Then these presidents and princes

assembled together to the king, and
said thus unto him, King Darius, live
for ever.
7 All the presidents of the kingdom,
the governors, and the princes, the
counsellors, and the captains, have
consulted together to establish a royal
statute, and to make a firm decree,
that whosoever shall ask a petition of
any God or man for thirty days, save
of thee, O king, he shall be cast into
the den of lions.
8 Now, O king, establish the decree,
and sign the writing, that it be not
changed, according to the law of the
Medes and Persians, which altereth
not.
9 Wherefore king Darius signed the
writing and the decree.
10 Now when Daniel knew that the
writing was signed, he went into his
house; and his windows being open in
his chamber toward Jerusalem, he
kneeled upon his knees three times a
day, and prayed, and gave thanks
before his God, as he did aforetime.
11 Then these men assembled, and
found Daniel praying and making
supplication before his God.
12 Then they came near, and spake
before the king concerning the king's
decree; Hast thou not signed a decree,
that every man that shall ask *a petition*
of any God or man within thirty days,
save of thee, O king, shall be cast into
the den of lions? The king answered
and said, The thing *is* true, according
to the law of the Medes and Persians,
which altereth not.
13 Then answered they and said
before the king, That Daniel, which
is of the children of the captivity of
Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor
the decree that thou hast signed, but
maketh his petition three times a
day.
14 Then the king, when he heard
these words, was sore displeased with
himself, and set *his* heart on Daniel to
deliver him: and he laboured till the
going down of the sun to deliver him.
15 Then these men assembled unto
the king, and said unto the king,
Know, O king, that the law of the
Medes and Persians *is*, That no decree
nor statute which the king establisheth
may be changed.
16 Then the king commanded, and
they brought Daniel, and cast *him* into
the den of lions. *Now* the king spake
and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom
thou servest continually, he will de-
liver thee.
17 And a stone was brought, and
laid upon the mouth of the den; and
the king sealed it with his own signet,
and with the signet of his lords; that
the purpose might not be changed
concerning Daniel.
18 Then the king went to his palace,
and passed the night fasting: neither
were instruments of musick brought
before him: and his sleep went from
him.
19 Then the king arose very early
in the morning, and went in haste unto
the den of lions.
20 And when he came to the den,
he cried with a lamentable voice unto
Daniel: *and* the king spake and said to
Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living
God, is thy God, whom thou servest
continually, able to deliver thee from
the lions?
21 Then said Daniel unto the king,
O king, live for ever.
22 My God hath sent his angel, and
hath shut the lions' mouths, that they
have not hurt me: forasmuch as before
him innocency was found in me; and
also before thee, O king, have I done
no hurt.
23 Then was the king exceeding
glad for him, and commanded that
they should take Daniel up out of the
den. So Daniel was taken up out of the
den, and no manner of hurt was found
upon him, because he believed in his
God.
24 And the king commanded, and
they brought those men which had
accused Daniel, and they cast *them*
into the den of lions, them, their
children, and their wives; and the
lions had the mastery of them, and
brake all their bones in pieces or
ever they came at the bottom of the
den.
25 Then king Darius wrote unto all
people, nations, and languages, that
dwell in all the earth; Peace be multi-
plied unto you.
26 I make a decree, That in every
dominion of my kingdom men tremble
and fear before the God of Daniel: for
he *is* the living God, and stedfast for
ever, and his kingdom *that* which shall
not be destroyed, and his dominion
shall be even unto the end.
27 He delivereth and rescueth, and
he worketh signs and wonders in
heaven and in earth, who hath de-

livered Daniel from the power of the lions.

28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

CHAPTER 7

IN the first year of Bel-shaz'-zar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, *and* told the sum of the matters.

2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.

4 The first *was* like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and *it had* three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it *was* diverse from all the beasts that *were* before it; and it had ten horns.

8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn *were* eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne *was like* the fiery flame, *and* his wheels *as* burning fire.

10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld *even* till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of *my* body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

17 These great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings, *which* shall arise out of the earth.

18 But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth *were of* iron, and his nails *of* brass; *which* devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

20 And of the ten horns that *were* in his head, and *of* the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even *of* that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look *was* more stout than his fellows.

21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all

kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

25 And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy *it* unto the end.

27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

28 Hitherto *is* the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

CHAPTER 8

IN the third year of the reign of king Bel-shaz'-zar a vision appeared unto me, *even unto* me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first.

2 And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I *was* at Shu'-shan *in* the palace, which *is* in the province of E'-lam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of U'-la-i.

3 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had *two* horns: and the *two* horns *were* high; but one *was* higher than the other, and the higher came up last.

4 I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither *was there any* that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.

5 And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat *had* a notable horn between his eyes.

6 And he came to the ram that had *two* horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power.

7 And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.

8 Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.

9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant *land*.

10 And it waxed great, *even* to the host of heaven; and it cast down *some* of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.

11 Yea, he magnified *himself* even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily *sacrifice* was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.

12 And an host was given *him* against the daily *sacrifice* by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.

13 Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain *saint* which spake, How long *shall be* the vision *concerning* the daily *sacrifice*, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

15 And it came to pass, when I, *even* I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man.

16 And I heard a man's voice between *the banks of* U'-la-i, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this *man* to understand the vision.

17 So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end *shall be* the vision.

18 Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face to-

ward the ground: but he touched me,
and set me upright.
19 And he said, Behold, I will make
thee know what shall be in the last end
of the indignation: for at the time
appointed the end *shall be*.
20 The ram which thou sawest
having *two* horns *are* the kings of
Me'-di-a and Persia.
21 And the rough goat *is* the king of
Grecia: and the great horn that *is* be-
tween his eyes *is* the first king.
22 Now that being broken, whereas
four stood up for it, four kingdoms
shall stand up out of the nation, but
not in his power.
23 And in the latter time of their
kingdom, when the transgressors are
come to the full, a king of fierce coun-
tenance, and understanding dark sen-
tences, shall stand up.
24 And his power shall be mighty,
but not by his own power: and he shall
destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper,
and practise, and shall destroy the
mighty and the holy people.
25 And through his policy also he
shall cause craft to prosper in his hand;
and he shall magnify *himself* in his
heart, and by peace shall destroy
many: he shall also stand up against
the Prince of princes; but he shall be
broken without hand.
26 And the vision of the evening
and the morning which was told *is*
true: wherefore shut thou up the
vision; for it *shall be* for many days.
27 And I Daniel fainted, and was
sick *certain* days; afterward I rose up,
and did the king's business; and I was
astonished at the vision, but none
understood *it*.

CHAPTER 9

IN the first year of Darius the son of
A-has-u-e'-rus, of the seed of the
Medes, which was made king over the
realm of the Chal-de'-ans;
2 In the first year of his reign I
Daniel understood by books the num-
ber of the years, whereof the word of
the LORD came to Jeremiah the
prophet, that he would accomplish
seventy years in the desolations of
Jersualem.
3 And I set my face unto the Lord
God, to seek by prayer and supplica-
tions, with fasting, and sackcloth, and
ashes:
4 And I prayed unto the LORD my
God, and made my confession, and
said, O Lord, the great and dreadful
God, keeping the covenant and mercy
to them that love him, and to them
that keep his commandments;
5 We have sinned, and have com-
mitted iniquity, and have done wick-
edly, and have rebelled, even by de-
parting from thy precepts and from
thy judgments:
6 Neither have we hearkened unto
thy servants the prophets, which spake
in thy name to our kings, our princes,
and our fathers, and to all the people
of the land.
7 O Lord, righteousness *belongeth*
unto thee, but unto us confusion of
faces, as at this day; to the men of
Judah, and to the inhabitants of
Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, *that are*
near, and *that are* far off, through all
the countries whither thou hast driven
them, because of their trespass that
they have trespassed against thee.
8 O Lord, to us *belongeth* confusion
of face, to our kings, to our princes,
and to our fathers, because we have
sinned against thee.
9 To the Lord our God *belong* mer-
cies and forgivenesses, though we have
rebelled against him;
10 Neither have we obeyed the
voice of the LORD our God, to walk in
his laws, which he set before us by his
servants the prophets.
11 Yea, all Israel have transgressed
thy law, even by departing, that they
might not obey thy voice; therefore
the curse is poured upon us, and the
oath that *is* written in the law of
Moses the servant of God, because we
have sinned against him.
12 And he hath confirmed his
words, which he spake against us, and
against our judges that judged us, by
bringing upon us a great evil: for
under the whole heaven hath not been
done as hath been done upon Jeru-
salem.
13 As *it is* written in the law of
Moses, all this evil is come upon us:
yet made we not our prayer before the
LORD our God, that we might turn
from our iniquities, and understand
thy truth.
14 Therefore hath the LORD watched
upon the evil, and brought it upon us:
for the LORD our God *is* righteous in all
his works which he doeth: for we
obeyed not his voice.
15 And now, O Lord our God, that
hast brought thy people forth out of

the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

16 O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people *are become* a reproach to all *that are* about us.

17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.

18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.

19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

20 And whiles I *was* speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;

21 Yea, whiles I *was* speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

22 And he informed *me*, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew *thee;* for thou *art* greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

25 Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

CHAPTER 10

IN the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Bel-te-shaz'-zar; and the thing *was* true, but the time appointed *was* long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

2 In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks.

3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

4 And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which *is* Hid'-de-kel;

5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins *were* girded with fine gold of U'-phaz:

6 His body also *was* like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

7 And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into

corruption, and I retained no strength.
9 Yet heard I the voice of his words:
and when I heard the voice of his
words, then was I in a deep sleep on
my face, and my face toward the
ground.
10 And, behold, an hand touched
me, which set me upon my knees and
upon the palms of my hands.
11 And he said unto me, O Daniel,
a man greatly beloved, understand
the words that I speak unto thee, and
stand upright: for unto thee am I now
sent. And when he had spoken this
word unto me, I stood trembling.
12 Then said he unto me, Fear not,
Daniel: for from the first day that
thou didst set thine heart to under-
stand, and to chasten thyself before
thy God, thy words were heard, and I
am come for thy words.
13 But the prince of the kingdom of
Persia withstood me one and twenty
days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief
princes, came to help me; and I re-
mained there with the kings of Persia.
14 Now I am come to make thee
understand what shall befall thy peo-
ple in the latter days: for yet the vision
is for *many* days.
15 And when he had spoken such
words unto me, I set my face toward
the ground, and I became dumb.
16 And, behold, *one* like the simili-
tude of the sons of men touched my
lips: then I opened my mouth, and
spake, and said unto him that stood
before me, O my lord, by the vision my
sorrows are turned upon me, and I
have retained no strength.
17 For how can the servant of this
my lord talk with this my lord? for
as for me, straightway there remained
no strength in me, neither is there
breath left in me.
18 Then there came again and
touched me *one* like the appearance of
a man, and he strengthened me.
19 And said, O man greatly be-
loved, fear not: peace *be* unto thee, be
strong, yea, be strong. And when he
had spoken unto me, I was strength-
ened, and said, Let my lord speak; for
thou hast strengthened me.
20 Then said he, Knowest thou
wherefore I come unto thee? and now
will I return to fight with the prince
of Persia: and when I am gone forth,
lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.
21 But I will shew thee that which
is noted in the scripture of truth: and
there is none that holdeth with me in
these things, but Michael your prince.

CHAPTER 11

ALSO I in the first year of Darius
the Mede, *even* I, stood to confirm
and to strengthen him.
2 And now will I shew thee the
truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet
three kings in Persia; and the fourth
shall be far richer than *they* all: and by
his strength through his riches he
shall stir up all against the realm of
Grecia.
3 And a mighty king shall stand
up, that shall rule with great domin-
ion, and do according to his will.
4 And when he shall stand up, his
kingdom shall be broken, and shall
be divided toward the four winds of
heaven; and not to his posterity, nor
according to his dominion which he
ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked
up, even for others beside those.
5 And the king of the south shall be
strong, and *one* of his princes; and he
shall be strong above him, and have
dominion; his dominion *shall be* a great
dominion.
6 And in the end of years they shall
join themselves together; for the
king's daughter of the south shall
come to the king of the north to make
an agreement: but she shall not retain
the power of the arm; neither shall he
stand, nor his arm: but she shall be
given up, and they that brought her,
and he that begat her, and he that
strengthened her in *these* times.
7 But out of a branch of her roots
shall *one* stand up in his estate, which
shall come with an army, and shall
enter into the fortress of the king of
the north, and shall deal against them,
and shall prevail:
8 And shall also carry captives into
Egypt their gods, with their princes,
and with their precious vessels of
silver and of gold; and he shall con-
tinue *more* years than the king of the
north.
9 So the king of the south shall
come into *his* kingdom, and shall re-
turn into his own land.
10 But his sons shall be stirred up,
and shall assemble a multitude of
great forces: and *one* shall certainly
come, and overflow, and pass through:
then shall he return, and be stirred
up, *even* to his fortress.

11 And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, *even* with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand.

12 *And* when he hath taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down *many* ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened *by it.*

13 For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches.

14 And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall.

15 So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take the most fenced cities: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither *shall there be any* strength to withstand.

16 But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed.

17 He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do: and he shall give him the daughter of women, corrupting her: but she shall not stand *on his side,* neither be for him.

18 After this shall he turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many: but a prince for his own behalf shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause *it* to turn upon him.

19 Then he shall turn his face toward the fort of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.

20 Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes *in* the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle.

21 And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflown from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant.

23 And after the league *made* with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.

24 He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do *that* which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: *yea,* and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time.

25 And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.

26 Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain.

27 And both these kings' hearts *shall be* to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end *shall be* at the time appointed.

28 Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart *shall be* against the holy covenant; and he shall do *exploits,* and return to his own land.

29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.

30 For the ships of Chit'-tim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.

31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily *sacrifice,* and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do *exploits.*

33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, *many* days.

34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

35 And *some* of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make *them* white, *even* to the time of the end: because *it is* yet for a time appointed.

36 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.

38 But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

39 Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge *and* increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.

40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, *even* Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; and the Lib'-y-ans and the E-thi-o'-pi-ans *shall be* at his steps.

44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

CHAPTER 12

AND at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.

3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

5 Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.

6 And *one* said to the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, How long *shall it be to* the end of these wonders?

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that *it shall be* for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished.

8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things?*

9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

11 And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12 Blessed *is* he that waiteth, and
cometh to the thousand three hundred
and five and thirty days.

13 But go thou thy way till the end
be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy
lot at the end of the days.

Hosea

CHAPTER 1

THE word of the LORD that came
unto Ho-se'-a, the son of Be-e'-ri,
in the days of Uz-zi'-ah, Jo'-
tham, Ahaz, *and* Hez-e-ki'-ah, kings
of Judah, and in the days of Jer-o-
bo'-am the son of Jo'-ash, king of Israel.
2 The beginning of the word of the
LORD by Ho-se'-a. And the LORD said
to Ho-se'-a, Go, take unto thee a wife
of whoredoms and children of whore-
doms: for the land hath committed
great whoredom, *departing* from the
LORD.
3 So he went and took Go'-mer the
daughter of Dib'-la-im; which con-
ceived, and bare him a son.
4 And the LORD said unto him,
Call his name Jez'-re-el; for yet a little
while, and I will avenge the blood of
Jez'-re-el upon the house of Jehu, and
will cause to cease the kingdom of the
house of Israel.
5 And it shall come to pass at that
day, that I will break the bow of Israel
in the valley of Jez'-re-el.
6 And she conceived again, and
bare a daughter. And *God* said unto
him, Call her name Lo-ru-ha'-mah: for
I will no more have mercy upon the
house of Israel; but I will utterly take
them away.
7 But I will have mercy upon the
house of Judah, and will save them by
the LORD their God, and will not save
them by bow, nor by sword, nor by
battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.
8 Now when she had weaned Lo-
ru-ha'-mah, she conceived, and bare a
son.
9 Then said *God,* Call his name
Lo-am'-mi: for ye *are* not my people,
and I will not be your *God.*
10 Yet the number of the children
of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea,
which cannot be measured nor num-
bered; and it shall come to pass, *that*
in the place where it was said unto
them, Ye *are* not my people, *there* it
shall be said unto them, *Ye are* the
sons of the living God.
11 Then shall the children of Judah
and the children of Israel be gathered
together, and appoint themselves one
head, and they shall come up out of
the land: for great *shall be* the day of
Jez'-re-el.

CHAPTER 2

SAY ye unto your brethren, Am'-mi;
and to your sisters, Ru-ha'-mah.
2 Plead with your mother, plead:
for she *is* not my wife, neither *am* I
her husband: let her therefore put
away her whoredoms out of her sight,
and her adulteries from between her
breasts;
3 Lest I strip her naked, and set
her as in the day that she was born,
and make her as a wilderness, and set
her like a dry land, and slay her with
thirst.
4 And I will not have mercy upon
her children; for they *be* the children
of whoredoms.
5 For their mother hath played the
harlot: she that conceived them hath
done shamefully: for she said, I will go
after my lovers, that give *me* my bread
and my water, my wool and my flax,
mine oil and my drink.
6 Therefore, behold, I will hedge up
thy way with thorns, and make a wall,
that she shall not find her paths.
7 And she shall follow after her
lovers, but she shall not overtake
them; and she shall seek them, but
shall not find *them:* then shall she say,
I will go and return to my first hus-
band; for then *was it* better with me
than now.
8 For she did not know that I gave
her corn, and wine, and oil, and multi-
plied her silver and gold, *which* they
prepared for Ba'-al.
9 Therefore will I return, and take
away my corn in the time thereof, and
my wine in the season thereof, and
will recover my wool and my flax
given to cover her nakedness.
10 And now will I discover her
lewdness in the sight of her lovers,
and none shall deliver her out of mine
hand.
11 I will also cause all her mirth to

cease, her feast days, her new moons,
and her sabbaths, and all her solemn
feasts.
12 And I will destroy her vines and
her fig trees, whereof she hath said,
These *are* my rewards that my lovers
have given me: and I will make them a
forest, and the beasts of the field shall
eat them.
13 And I will visit upon her the days
of Ba'-al-im, wherein she burned in-
cense to them, and she decked herself
with her earrings and her jewels, and
she went after her lovers, and forgat
me, saith the LORD.
14 Therefore, behold, I will allure
her, and bring her into the wilderness,
and speak comfortably unto her.
15 And I will give her her vine-
yards from thence, and the valley of
A'-chor for a door of hope: and she
shall sing there, as in the days of her
youth, and as in the day when she
came up out of the land of Egypt.
16 And it shall be at that day, saith
the LORD, *that* thou shalt call me
I'-shi; and shalt call me no more
Ba'-al-i.
17 For I will take away the names
of Ba'-al-im out of her mouth, and they
shall no more be remembered by their
name.
18 And in that day will I make a
covenant for them with the beasts of
the field, and with the fowls of heaven,
and *with* the creeping things of the
ground: and I will break the bow and
the sword and the battle out of the
earth, and will make them to lie down
safely.
19 And I will betroth thee unto me
for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto
me in righteousness, and in judg-
ment, and in lovingkindness, and in
mercies.
20 I will even betroth thee unto me
in faithfulness: and thou shalt know
the LORD.
21 And it shall come to pass in that
day, I will hear, saith the LORD, I will
hear the heavens, and they shall hear
the earth;
22 And the earth shall hear the
corn, and the wine, and the oil; and
they shall hear Jez'-re-el.
23 And I will sow her unto me in
the earth; and I will have mercy upon
her that had not obtained mercy; and
I will say to *them which were* not my
people, Thou *art* my people; and they
shall say, *Thou art* my God.

CHAPTER 3

THEN said the LORD unto me, Go
yet, love a woman beloved of *her*
friend, yet an adulteress, according to
the love of the LORD toward the chil-
dren of Israel, who look to other gods,
and love flagons of wine.
2 So I bought her to me for fifteen
pieces of silver, and *for* an homer of
barley, and an half homer of barley:
3 And I said unto her, Thou shalt
abide for me many days; thou shalt
not play the harlot, and thou shalt not
be for *another* man: so *will* I also *be*
for thee.
4 For the children of Israel shall
abide many days without a king, and
without a prince, and without a sacri-
fice, and without an image, and with-
out an ephod, and *without* teraphim:
5 Afterward shall the children of
Israel return, and seek the LORD their
God, and David their king; and shall
fear the LORD and his goodness in the
latter days.

CHAPTER 4

HEAR the word of the LORD, ye
children of Israel: for the LORD
hath a controversy with the inhabit-
ants of the land, because *there is* no
truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of
God in the land.
2 By swearing, and lying, and kill-
ing, and stealing, and committing
adultery, they break out, and blood
toucheth blood.
3 Therefore shall the land mourn,
and every one that dwelleth therein
shall languish, with the beasts of the
field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea,
the fishes of the sea also shall be taken
away.
4 Yet let no man strive, nor reprove
another: for thy people *are* as they
that strive with the priest.
5 Therefore shalt thou fall in the
day, and the prophet also shall fall
with thee in the night, and I will de-
stroy thy mother.
6 My people are destroyed for lack
of knowledge: because thou hast re-
jected knowledge, I will also reject
thee, that thou shalt be no priest to
me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law
of thy God, I will also forget thy
children.
7 As they were increased, so they
sinned against me: *therefore* will I
change their glory into shame.

8 They eat up the sin of my people, and they set their heart on their iniquity.

9 And there shall be, like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings.

10 For they shall eat, and not have enough: they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase: because they have left off to take heed to the LORD.

11 Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.

12 My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused *them* to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.

13 They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof *is* good: therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery.

14 I will not punish your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your spouses when they commit adultery: for themselves are separated with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots: therefore the people *that* doth not understand shall fall.

15 Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, *yet* let not Judah offend; and come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Beth–a'-ven, nor swear, The LORD liveth.

16 For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer: now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a large place.

17 E'-phra-im *is* joined to idols: let him alone.

18 Their drink is sour: they have committed whoredom continually: her rulers *with* shame do love, Give ye.

19 The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

CHAPTER 5

HEAR ye this, O priests; and hearken, ye house of Israel; and give ye ear, O house of the king; for judgment *is* toward you, because ye have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread upon Ta'-bor.

2 And the revolters are profound to make slaughter, though I *have been* a rebuker of them all.

3 I know E'-phra-im, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O E'-phra-im, thou committest whoredom, *and* Israel is defiled.

4 They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God: for the spirit of whoredoms *is* in the midst of them, and they have not known the LORD.

5 And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore shall Israel and E'-phra-im fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them.

6 They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the LORD; but they shall not find *him;* he hath withdrawn himself from them.

7 They have dealt treacherously against the LORD: for they have begotten strange children: now shall a month devour them with their portions.

8 Blow ye the cornet in Gib'-e-ah, *and* the trumpet in Ra'-mah: cry aloud *at* Beth–a'-ven, after thee, O Benjamin.

9 E'-phra-im shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be.

10 The princes of Judah were like them that remove the bound: *therefore* I will pour out my wrath upon them like water.

11 E'-phra-im *is* oppressed *and* broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandment.

12 Therefore *will* I *be* unto E'-phra-im as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness.

13 When E'-phra-im saw his sickness, and Judah *saw* his wound, then went E'-phra-im to the Assyrian, and sent to king Ja'-reb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound.

14 For I *will be* unto E'-phra-im as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, *even* I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue *him.*

15 I will go *and* return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.

CHAPTER 6

COME, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

3 Then shall we know, *if* we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth

is prepared as the morning; and he
shall come unto us as the rain, as the
latter *and* former rain unto the earth.
4 O E'-phra-im, what shall I do
unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do
unto thee? for your goodness *is* as a
morning cloud, and as the early dew it
goeth away.
5 Therefore have I hewed *them* by
the prophets; I have slain them by the
words of my mouth: and thy judg-
ments *are as* the light *that* goeth forth.
6 For I desired mercy, and not
sacrifice; and the knowledge of God
more than burnt offerings.
7 But they like men have trans-
gressed the covenant: there have they
dealt treacherously against me.
8 Gilead *is* a city of them that work
iniquity, *and is* polluted with blood.
9 And as troops of robbers wait for
a man, *so* the company of priests mur-
der in the way by consent: for they
commit lewdness.
10 I have seen an horrible thing in
the house of Israel: there *is* the whore-
dom of E'-phra-im, Israel is defiled.
11 Also, O Judah, he hath set an
harvest for thee, when I returned the
captivity of my people.

CHAPTER 7

WHEN I would have healed Is-
rael, then the iniquity of
E'-phra-im was discovered, and the
wickedness of Sa-ma'-ri-a: for they
commit falsehood; and the thief
cometh in, *and* the troop of robbers
spoileth without.
2 And they consider not in their
hearts *that* I remember all their wicked-
ness: now their own doings have beset
them about; they are before my face.
3 They make the king glad with
their wickedness, and the princes with
their lies.
4 They *are* all adulterers, as an oven
heated by the baker, *who* ceaseth from
raising after he hath kneaded the
dough, until it be leavened.
5 In the day of our king the princes
have made *him* sick with bottles of
wine; he stretched out his hand with
scorners.
6 For they have made ready their
heart like an oven, whiles they lie in
wait: their baker sleepeth all the night;
in the morning it burneth as a flaming
fire.
7 They are all hot as an oven, and
have devoured their judges; all their
kings are fallen: *there is* none among
them that calleth unto me.
8 E'-phra-im, he hath mixed him-
self among the people; E'-phra-im is a
cake not turned.
9 Strangers have devoured his
strength, and he knoweth *it* not: yea,
gray hairs are here and there upon
him, yet he knoweth not.
10 And the pride of Israel testifieth
to his face: and they do not return to
the LORD their God, nor seek him for
all this.
11 E'-phra-im also is like a silly
dove without heart: they call to Egypt,
they go to Assyria.
12 When they shall go, I will
spread my net upon them; I will bring
them down as the fowls of the heaven;
I will chastise them, as their congrega-
tion hath heard.
13 Woe unto them! for they have
fled from me: destruction unto them!
because they have transgressed against
me: though I have redeemed them,
yet they have spoken lies againt me.
14 And they have not cried unto
me with their heart, when they howled
upon their beds: they assemble them-
selves for corn and wine, *and* they
rebel against me.
15 Though I have bound *and*
strengthened their arms, yet do they
imagine mischief against me.
16 They return, *but* not to the most
High: they are like a deceitful bow:
their princes shall fall by the sword
for the rage of their tongue: this *shall
be* their derision in the land of Egypt.

CHAPTER 8

SET the trumpet to thy mouth. *He
shall come* as an eagle against the
house of the LORD, because they have
transgressed my covenant, and tres-
passed against my law.
2 Israel shall cry unto me, My God,
we know thee.
3 Israel hath cast off *the thing that is*
good: the enemy shall pursue him.
4 They have set up kings, but not
by me: they have made princes, and I
knew *it* not: of their silver and their
gold have they made them idols, that
they may be cut off.
5 Thy calf, O Sa-ma'-ri-a, hath cast
thee off; mine anger is kindled against
them: how long *will it be* ere they attain
to innocency?
6 For from Israel *was* it also: the
workman made it; therefore it *is* not

God: but the calf of Sa-ma'-ri-a shall
be broken in pieces.
7 For they have sown the wind, and
they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath
no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal:
if so be *it* yield, the strangers shall
swallow it up.
8 Israel is swallowed up: now shall
they be among the Gentiles as a vessel
wherein *is* no pleasure.
9 For they are gone up to Assyria,
a wild ass alone by himself: E'-phra-im
hath hired lovers.
10 Yea, though they have hired
among the nations, now will I gather
them, and they shall sorrow a little for
the burden of the king of princes.
11 Because E'-phra-im hath made
many altars to sin, altars shall be unto
him to sin.
12 I have written to him the great
things of my law, *but* they were
counted as a strange thing.
13 They sacrifice flesh *for* the sacri-
fices of mine offerings, and eat *it; but*
the LORD accepteth them not; now
will he remember their iniquity, and
visit their sins: they shall return to
Egypt.
14 For Israel hath forgotten his
Maker, and buildeth temples; and
Judah hath multiplied fenced cities:
but I will send a fire upon his cities,
and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

CHAPTER 9

REJOICE not, O Israel, for joy, as
other people: for thou hast gone a
whoring from thy God, thou hast
loved a reward upon every cornfloor.
2 The floor and the winepress shall
not feed them, and the new wine shall
fail in her.
3 They shall not dwell in the LORD'S
land; but E'-phra-im shall return to
Egypt, and they shall eat unclean
things in Assyria.
4 They shall not offer wine *offer-
ings* to the LORD, neither shall they be
pleasing unto him: their sacrifices
shall be unto them as the bread of
mourners; all that eat thereof shall be
polluted: for their bread for their soul
shall not come into the house of the
LORD.
5 What will ye do in the solemn
day, and in the day of the feast of the
LORD?
6 For, lo, they are gone because of
destruction: Egypt shall gather them
up, Mem'-phis shall bury them: the
pleasant *places* for their silver, nettles
shall possess them: thorns *shall be*
in their tabernacles.
7 The days of visitation are come,
the days of recompence are come;
Israel shall know *it:* the prophet *is* a
fool, the spiritual man *is* mad, for the
multitude of thine iniquity, and the
great hatred.
8 The watchman of E'-phra-im *was*
with my God: *but* the prophet *is* a
snare of a fowler in all his ways, *and*
hatred in the house of his God.
9 They have deeply corrupted *them-
selves*, as in the days of Gib'-e-ah:
therefore he will remember their
iniquity, he will visit their sins.
10 I found Israel like grapes in the
wilderness; I saw your fathers as the
firstripe in the fig tree at her first
time: *but* they went to Ba'-al–pe'-or,
and separated themselves unto *that*
shame; and *their* abominations were
according as they loved.
11 *As for* E'-phra-im, their glory
shall fly away like a bird, from the
birth, and from the womb, and from
the conception.
12 Though they bring up their
children, yet will I bereave them,
that there shall not *be* a man *left:* yea,
woe also to them when I depart from
them!
13 E'-phra-im, as I saw Tyrus, *is*
planted in a pleasant place: but
E'-phra-im shall bring forth his children
to the murderer.
14 Give them, O LORD: what wilt
thou give? give them a miscarrying
womb and dry breasts.
15 All their wickedness *is* in Gilgal:
for there I hated them: for the wicked-
ness of their doings I will drive them
out of mine house, I will love them no
more: all their princes *are* revolters.
16 E'-phra-im is smitten, their root
is dried up, they shall bear no fruit:
yea, though they bring forth, yet will
I slay *even* the beloved *fruit* of their
womb.
17 My God will cast them away,
because they did not hearken unto
him: and they shall be wanderers
among the nations.

CHAPTER 10

ISRAEL *is* an empty vine, he bring-
eth forth fruit unto himself: ac-
cording to the multitude of his fruit he
hath increased the altars; according to

the goodness of his land they have made goodly images.

2 Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty: he shall break down their altars, he shall spoil their images.

3 For now they shall say, We have no king, because we feared not the LORD; what then should a king do to us?

4 They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant: thus judgment springeth up as hemlock in the furrows of the field.

5 The inhabitants of Sa-ma´-ri-a shall fear because of the calves of Beth–a´-ven: for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and the priests thereof *that* rejoiced on it, for the glory thereof, because it is departed from it.

6 It shall be also carried unto Assyria *for* a present to king Ja´-reb: E´-phra-im shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel.

7 *As for* Sa-ma´-ri-a, her king is cut off as the foam upon the water.

8 The high places also of A´-ven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.

9 O Israel, thou hast sinned from the days of Gib´-e-ah: there they stood: the battle in Gib´-e-ah against the children of iniquity did not overtake them.

10 *It is* in my desire that I should chastise them; and the people shall be gathered against them, when they shall bind themselves in their two furrows.

11 And E´-phra-im *is as* an heifer *that is* taught, *and* loveth to tread out *the corn*; but I passed over upon her fair neck: I will make E´-phra-im to ride; Judah shall plow, *and* Jacob shall break his clods.

12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for *it is* time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

13 Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men.

14 Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people, and all thy fortresses shall be spoiled, as Shal´-man spoiled Beth–ar´-bel in the day of battle: the mother was dashed in pieces upon *her* children.

15 So shall Beth–el do unto you because of your great wickedness: in a morning shall the king of Israel utterly be cut off.

CHAPTER 11

WHEN Israel *was* a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.

2 *As* they called them, *so* they went from them: they sacrificed unto Ba´-al-im, and burned incense to graven images.

3 I taught E´-phra-im also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them.

4 I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love: and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them.

5 He shall not return into the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return.

6 And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches, and devour *them*, because of their own counsels.

7 And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt *him*.

8 How shall I give thee up, E´-phra-im? *how* shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Ad´-mah? *how* shall I set thee as Ze-bo´-im? mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together.

9 I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy E´-phra-im: for I *am* God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not enter into the city.

10 They shall walk after the LORD: he shall roar like a lion: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west.

11 They shall tremble as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria: and I will place them in their houses, saith the LORD.

12 E´-phra-im compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the saints.

CHAPTER 12

E´-PHRA-IM feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind: he

daily increaseth lies and desolation; and they do make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt.

2 The LORD hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him.

3 He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had power with God:

4 Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him *in* Beth–el, and there he spake with us;

5 Even the LORD God of hosts; the LORD *is* his memorial.

6 Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually.

7 *He is* a merchant, the balances of deceit *are* in his hand: he loveth to oppress.

8 And E'-phra-im said, Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance: *in* all my labours they shall find none iniquity in me that *were* sin.

9 And I *that am* the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt will yet make thee to dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feast.

10 I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.

11 *Is there* iniquity *in* Gilead? surely they are vanity: they sacrificed bullocks in Gilgal; yea, their altars *are* as heaps in the furrows of the fields.

12 And Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept *sheep*.

13 And by a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved.

14 E'-phra-im provoked *him* to anger most bitterly: therefore shall he leave his blood upon him, and his reproach shall his Lord return unto him.

CHAPTER 13

WHEN E'-phra-im spake trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Ba'-al, he died.

2 And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, *and* idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let the men that sacrifice kiss the calves.

3 Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passeth away, as the chaff *that* is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney.

4 Yet I *am* the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for *there is* no saviour beside me.

5 I did know thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought.

6 According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten me.

7 Therefore I will be unto them as a lion: as a leopard by the way will I observe *them:*

8 I will meet them as a bear *that is* bereaved *of her whelps*, and will rend the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: the wild beast shall tear them.

9 O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me *is* thine help.

10 I will be thy king: where *is any other* that may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes?

11 I gave thee a king in mine anger, and took *him* away in my wrath.

12 The iniquity of E'-phra-im *is* bound up; his sin *is* hid.

13 The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him: he *is* an unwise son; for he should not stay long in *the place of* the breaking forth of children.

14 I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

15 Though he be fruitful among *his* brethren, an east wind shall come, the wind of the LORD shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: he shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant vessels.

16 Sa-ma'-ri-a shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces,

and their women with child shall be
ripped up.

CHAPTER 14

O ISRAEL, return unto the LORD
thy God; for thou hast fallen by
thine iniquity.
2 Take with you words, and turn
to the LORD: say unto him, Take
away all iniquity, and receive *us*
graciously: so will we render the calves
of our lips.
3 Asshur shall not save us; we will
not ride upon horses: neither will we
say any more to the work of our hands,
Ye are our gods: for in thee the father-
less findeth mercy.
4 I will heal their backsliding, I
will love them freely; for mine anger is
turned away from him.
5 I will be as the dew unto Israel:
he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth
his roots as Lebanon.
6 His branches shall spread, and
his beauty shall be as the olive tree,
and his smell as Lebanon.
7 They that dwell under his shad-
ow shall return; they shall revive *as*
the corn, and grow as the vine: the
scent thereof *shall be* as the wine of
Lebanon.
8 E'-phra-im *shall say,* What have
I to do any more with idols? I have
heard *him,* and observed him: I *am*
like a green fir tree. From me is thy
fruit found.
9 Who *is* wise, and he shall under-
stand these *things?* prudent, and he
shall know them? for the ways of the
LORD *are* right, and the just shall walk
in them: but the transgressors shall
fall therein.

Joel

CHAPTER 1

THE word of the LORD that came
to Jo'-el the son of Pe-thu'-el.
2 Hear this, ye old men, and
give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land.
Hath this been in your days, or even
in the days of your fathers?
3 Tell ye your children of it, and
let your children *tell* their children,
and their children another generation.
4 That which the palmerworm hath
left hath the locust eaten; and that
which the locust hath left hath the
cankerworm eaten; and that which
the cankerworm hath left hath the
caterpiller eaten.
5 Awake, ye drunkards, and weep;
and howl, all ye drinkers of wine,
because of the new wine; for it is cut
off from your mouth.
6 For a nation is come up upon my
land, strong, and without number,
whose teeth *are* the teeth of a lion, and
he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.
7 He hath laid my vine waste, and
barked my fig tree: he hath made it
clean bare, and cast *it* away; the
branches thereof are made white.
8 Lament like a virgin girded with
sackcloth for the husband of her youth.
9 The meat offering and the drink
offering is cut off from the house of the
LORD; the priests, the LORD's minis-
ters, mourn.
10 The field is wasted, the land
mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the
new wine is dried up, the oil lan-
guisheth.
11 Be ye ashamed, O ye husband-
men; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the
wheat and for the barley; because the
harvest of the field is perished.
12 The vine is dried up, and the fig
tree languisheth; the pomegranate
tree, the palm tree also, and the apple
tree, *even* all the trees of the field, are
withered: because joy is withered
away from the sons of men.
13 Gird yourselves, and lament, ye
priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar:
come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye
ministers of my God: for the meat
offering and the drink offering is with-
holden from the house of your God.
14 Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn
assembly, gather the elders *and* all
the inhabitants of the land *into* the
house of the LORD your God, and cry
unto the LORD,
15 Alas for the day! for the day of
the LORD *is* at hand, and as a destruc-
tion from the Almighty shall it come.
16 Is not the meat cut off before
our eyes, *yea,* joy and gladness from
the house of our God?
17 The seed is rotten under their
clods, the garners are laid desolate,
the barns are broken down; for the
corn is withered.

18 How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.

19 O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field.

20 The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

CHAPTER 2

BLOW ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for *it is* nigh at hand;

2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, *even* to the years of many generations.

3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land *is* as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.

4 The appearance of them *is* as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.

6 Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness.

7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:

8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and *when* they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.

9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.

10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp *is* very great: for *he is* strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD *is* great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

12 Therefore also now, saith the LORD, Turn ye *even* to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he *is* gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

14 Who knoweth *if* he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; *even* a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:

16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

17 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where *is* their God?

18 Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

19 Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:

20 But I will remove far off from you the northern *army*, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.

21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.

22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former *rain* moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first *month*.

24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpiller, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

27 And ye shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel, and *that* I *am* the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

32 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

CHAPTER 3

FOR, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,

2 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Je-hosh'-a-phat, and will plead with them there for my people and *for* my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

3 And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.

4 Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zi'-don, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly *and* speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;

5 Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things:

6 The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border.

7 Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompence upon your own head:

8 *And* I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sa-be'-ans, to a people far off: for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

9 Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:

10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I *am* strong.

11 Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.

12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Je-hosh'-a-phat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.

13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness *is* great.

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision.

15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD *will be* the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

17 So shall ye know that I *am* the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my

holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.
18 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shit′-tim.
19 Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence *against* the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.
20 But Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.
21 For I will cleanse their blood *that* I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion.

Amos

CHAPTER 1

THE words of Amos, who was among the herdmen of Te-ko′-a, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uz-zi′-ah king of Judah, and in the days of Jer-o-bo′-am the son of Jo′-ash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.
2 And he said, The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.
3 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron:
4 But I will send a fire into the house of Haz′-a-el, which shall devour the palaces of Ben–ha′-dad.
5 I will break also the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of A′-ven, and him that holdeth the sceptre from the house of Eden: and the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith the LORD.
6 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Ga′-za, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver *them* up to Edom:
7 But I will send a fire on the wall of Ga′-za, which shall devour the palaces thereof:
8 And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ash′-dod, and him that holdeth the sceptre from Ash′-ke-lon, and I will turn mine hand against Ekron: and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, saith the Lord GOD.
9 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Tyrus, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and remembered not the brotherly covenant:
10 But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which shall devour the palaces thereof.
11 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever:
12 But I will send a fire upon Te′-man, which shall devour the palaces of Boz′-rah.
13 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border:
14 But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rab′-bah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind:
15 And their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER 2

THUS saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime:
2 But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kir′-i-oth: and Moab shall die with

tumult, with shouting, *and* with the
sound of the trumpet:
3 And I will cut off the judge from
the midst thereof, and will slay all the
princes thereof with him, saith the
LORD.
4 Thus saith the LORD; For three
transgressions of Judah, and for four,
I will not turn away *the punishment*
thereof; because they have despised
the law of the LORD, and have not
kept his commandments, and their
lies caused them to err, after the which
their fathers have walked:
5 But I will send a fire upon Judah,
and it shall devour the palaces of
Jerusalem.
6 Thus saith the LORD; For three
transgressions of Israel, and for four,
I will not turn away *the punishment*
thereof; because they sold the right-
eous for silver, and the poor for a pair
of shoes;
7 That pant after the dust of the
earth on the head of the poor, and
turn aside the way of the meek: and a
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same maid, to profane my holy name:
8 And they lay *themselves* down
upon clothes laid to pledge by every
altar, and they drink the wine of the
condemned *in* the house of their god.
9 Yet destroyed I the Amorite
before them, whose height *was* like
the height of the cedars, and he *was*
strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his
fruit from above, and his roots from
beneath.
10 Also I brought you up from the
land of Egypt, and led you forty years
through the wilderness, to possess the
land of the Amorite.
11 And I raised up of your sons for
prophets, and of your young men for
Nazarites. *Is it* not even thus, O ye
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12 But ye gave the Nazarites wine
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phets, saying, Prophesy not.
13 Behold, I am pressed under you,
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14 Therefore the flight shall perish
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6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the
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7 Surely the Lord GOD will do noth-
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9 Publish in the palaces at Ash'-dod,
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I will also visit the altars of Beth-el:

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2 The Lord GOD hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks.

3 And ye shall go out at the breaches, every *cow at that which is* before her; and ye shall cast *them* into the palace, saith the LORD.

4 Come to Beth–el, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, *and* your tithes after three years:

5 And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim *and* publish the free offerings: for this liketh you, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

6 And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

7 And also I have withholden the rain from you, when *there were* yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered.

8 So two *or* three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

9 I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured *them:* yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

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11 I have overthrown *some* of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomor'-rah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

12 Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: *and* because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.

13 For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what *is* his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, *is* his name.

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HEAR ye this word which I take up against you, *even* a lamentation, O house of Israel.

2 The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is forsaken upon her land; *there is* none to raise her up.

3 For thus saith the Lord GOD; The city that went out *by* a thousand shall leave an hundred, and that which went forth *by* an hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Israel.

4 For thus saith the LORD unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live:

5 But seek not Beth–el, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Be'-er–she'-ba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Beth–el shall come to nought.

6 Seek the LORD, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour *it,* and *there be* none to quench *it* in Beth–el.

7 Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth,

8 *Seek him* that maketh the seven stars and O-ri'-on, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD *is* his name:

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from him burdens of wheat: ye have
built houses of hewn stone, but ye
shall not dwell in them; ye have
planted pleasant vineyards, but ye
shall not drink wine of them.
12 For I know your manifold trans-
gressions and your mighty sins: they
afflict the just, they take a bribe, and
they turn aside the poor in the gate
from their right.
13 Therefore the prudent shall keep
silence in that time: for it *is* an evil
time.
14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye
may live: and so the LORD, the God of
hosts, shall be with you, as ye have
spoken.
15 Hate the evil, and love the
good, and establish judgment in the
gate: it may be that the LORD God of
hosts will be gracious unto the remnant
of Joseph.
16 Therefore the LORD, the God
of hosts, the Lord, saith thus; Wailing
shall be in all streets; and they shall
say in all the highways, Alas! alas!
and they shall call the husbandman to
mourning, and such as are skilful of
lamentation to wailing.
17 And in all vineyards *shall be*
wailing: for I will pass through thee,
saith the LORD.
18 Woe unto you that desire the
day of the LORD! to what end *is* it for
you? the day of the LORD *is* darkness,
and not light.
19 As if a man did flee from a lion,
and a bear met him; or went into the
house, and leaned his hand on the
wall, and a serpent bit him.
20 *Shall* not the day of the LORD *be*
darkness, and not light? even very
dark, and no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your feast days,
and I will not smell in your solemn
assemblies.
22 Though ye offer me burnt offer-
ings and your meat offerings, I will
not accept *them:* neither will I regard
the peace offerings of your fat beasts.
23 Take thou away from me the
noise of thy songs; for I will not hear
the melody of thy viols.
24 But let judgment run down as
waters, and righteousness as a mighty
stream.
25 Have ye offered unto me sacri-
fices and offerings in the wilderness
forty years, O house of Israel?
26 But ye have borne the taber-
nacle of your Moloch and Chi'-un your
images, the star of your god, which ye
made to yourselves.
27 Therefore will I cause you to go
into captivity beyond Damascus,
saith the LORD, whose name *is* The
God of hosts.

CHAPTER 6

WOE to them *that are* at ease in
Zion, and trust in the mountain
of Sa-ma'-ri-a, *which are* named chief of
the nations, to whom the house of
Israel came!
2 Pass ye unto Cal'-neh, and see;
and from thence go ye to Ha'-math the
great: then go down to *Gath* of the
Philistines: *be they* better than these
kingdoms? or their border greater
than your border?
3 Ye that put far away the evil day,
and cause the seat of violence to come
near;
4 That lie upon beds of ivory, and
stretch themselves upon their couches,
and eat the lambs out of the flock, and
the calves out of the midst of the stall;
5 That chant to the sound of the
viol, *and* invent to themselves instru-
ments of musick, like David;
6 That drink wine in bowls, and
anoint themselves with the chief
ointments: but they are not grieved
for the affliction of Joseph.
7 Therefore now shall they go cap-
tive with the first that go captive, and
the banquet of them that stretched
themselves shall be removed.
8 The Lord GOD hath sworn by him-
self, saith the LORD the God of hosts,
I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and
hate his palaces: therefore will I de-
liver up the city with all that is therein.
9 And it shall come to pass, if there
remain ten men in one house, that they
shall die.
10 And a man's uncle shall take
him up, and he that burneth him, to
bring out the bones out of the house,
and shall say unto him that *is* by the
sides of the house, *Is there* yet *any*
with thee? and he shall say, No. Then
shall he say, Hold thy tongue: for we
may not make mention of the name of
the LORD.
11 For, behold, the LORD com-
mandeth, *and he will smite the great*
house with breaches, and the little
house with clefts.
12 Shall horses run upon the rock?
will *one* plow *there* with oxen? for ye

have turned judgment into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into hemlock:

13 Ye which rejoice in a thing of nought, which say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength?

14 But, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith the LORD the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the entering in of He′-math unto the river of the wilderness.

CHAPTER 7

THUS hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me; and, behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, *it was* the latter growth after the king's mowings.

2 And it came to pass, *that* when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord GOD, forgive, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he *is* small.

3 The LORD repented for this: It shall not be, saith the LORD.

4 Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and, behold, the Lord GOD called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part.

5 Then said I, O Lord GOD, cease, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he *is* small.

6 The LORD repented for this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord GOD.

7 Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall *made* by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

8 And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more:

9 And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jer-o-bo′-am with the sword.

10 Then Am-a-zi′-ah the priest of Beth–el sent to Jer-o-bo′-am king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.

11 For thus Amos saith, Jer-o-bo′-am shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land.

12 Also Am-a-zi′-ah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there:

13 But prophesy not again any more at Beth–el: for it *is* the king's chapel, and it *is* the king's court.

14 Then answered Amos, and said to Am-a-zi′-ah, I *was* no prophet, neither *was* I a prophet's son; but I *was* an herdman, and a gatherer of sycomore fruit:

15 And the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.

16 Now therefore hear thou the word of the LORD: Thou sayest, Prophesy not against Israel, and drop not *thy word* against the house of Isaac.

17 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.

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2 And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me, The end is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more.

3 And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord GOD: *there shall be* many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast *them* forth with silence.

4 Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail,

5 Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?

6 That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; *yea*, and sell the refuse of the wheat?

7 The LORD hath sworn by the

excellency of Jacob, Surely I will
never forget any of their works.
8 Shall not the land tremble for
this, and every one mourn that dwell-
eth therein? and it shall rise up
wholly as a flood; and it shall be cast
out and drowned, as *by* the flood of
Egypt.
9 *And it shall come to pass* in that
day, saith the Lord GOD, that I will
cause the sun to go down at noon,
and I will darken the earth in the clear
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10 And I will turn your feasts into
mourning, and all your songs into
lamentation; and I will bring up sack-
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11 Behold, the days come, saith
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12 And they shall wander from sea
to sea, and from the north even to the
east, they shall run to and fro to seek
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find *it.*
13 In that day shall the fair virgins
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14 They that swear by the sin of
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NOW the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of A-mit´-ta-i, saying,
2 Arise, go to Nin´-e-veh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.
3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.
4 But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.
5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that *were* in the ship into the sea, to lighten *it* of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.
6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.
7 And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil *is* upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.
8 Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil *is* upon us; What *is* thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what *is* thy country? and of what people *art* thou?
9 And he said unto them, I *am* an Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry *land*.
10 Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.
11 Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous.
12 And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest *is* upon you.
13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring *it* to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them.
14 Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee.
15 So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.
16 Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows.
17 Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

CHAPTER 2

THEN Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,
2 And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, *and* thou heardest my voice.
3 For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.
4 Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.
5 The waters compassed me about, *even* to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head.
6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars *was* about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.
7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.
8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.
9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay *that* that I have vowed. Salvation *is* of the LORD.

10 And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry *land*.

CHAPTER 3

AND the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying,

2 Arise, go unto Nin'-e-veh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

3 So Jonah arose, and went unto Nin'-e-veh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nin'-e-veh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.

4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nin'-e-veh shall be overthrown.

5 So the people of Nin'-e-veh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

6 For word came unto the king of Nin'-e-veh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered *him* with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

7 And he caused *it* to be proclaimed and published through Nin'-e-veh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything: let them not feed, nor drink water:

8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that *is* in their hands.

9 Who can tell *if* God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did *it* not.

CHAPTER 4

BUT it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.

2 And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, *was* not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou *art* a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

3 Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for *it is* better for me to die than to live.

4 Then said the LORD, Doest thou well to be angry?

5 So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.

6 And the LORD God prepared a gourd, and made *it* to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd.

7 But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered.

8 And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, *It is* better for me to die than to live.

9 And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry *for* the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, *even* unto death.

10 Then said the LORD, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:

11 And should not I spare Nin'-e-veh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and *also* much cattle?

Micah

CHAPTER 1

THE word of the LORD that came
to Mi'-cah the Mo'-ras-thite in
the days of Jo'-tham, Ahaz, *and*
Hez-e-ki'-ah, kings of Judah, which he
saw concerning Sa-ma'-ri-a and Jeru-
salem.
2 Hear, all ye people; hearken, O
earth, and all that therein is: and let
the Lord GOD be witness against you,
the LORD from his holy temple.
3 For, behold, the LORD cometh
forth out of his place, and will come
down, and tread upon the high places
of the earth.
4 And the mountains shall be
molten under him, and the valleys
shall be cleft, as wax before the fire,
and as the waters *that are* poured down
a steep place.
5 For the transgression of Jacob
is all this, and for the sins of the house
of Israel. What *is* the transgression of
Jacob? *is it* not Sa-ma'-ri-a? and what
are the high places of Judah? *are they*
not Jerusalem?
6 Therefore I will make Sa-ma'-ri-a
as an heap of the field, *and* as plant-
ings of a vineyard: and I will pour
down the stones thereof into the val-
ley, and I will discover the foundations
thereof.
7 And all the graven images thereof
shall be beaten to pieces, and all the
hires thereof shall be burned with the
fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay
desolate: for she gathered *it* of the hire
of an harlot, and they shall return to
the hire of an harlot.
8 Therefore I will wail and howl,
I will go stripped and naked: I will
make a wailing like the dragons, and
mourning as the owls.
9 For her wound *is* incurable; for
it is come unto Judah; he is come unto
the gate of my people, *even* to Jeru-
salem.
10 Declare ye *it* not at Gath, weep
ye not at all: in the house of Aph'-rah
roll thyself in the dust.
11 Pass ye away, thou inhabitant
of Sa'-phir, having thy shame naked:
the inhabitant of Za'-a-nan came not
forth in the mourning of Beth–e'-zel;
he shall receive of you his standing.
12 For the inhabitant of Ma'-roth
waited carefully for good: but evil
came down from the LORD unto the
gate of Jerusalem.
13 O thou inhabitant of La'-chish,
bind the chariot to the swift beast:
she *is* the beginning of the sin to the
daughter of Zion: for the transgres-
sions of Israel were found in thee.
14 Therefore shalt thou give pres-
ents to Mor'-esh-eth–gath: the houses
of Ach'-zib *shall be* a lie to the kings of
Israel.
15 Yet will I bring an heir unto
thee, O inhabitant of Ma-re'-shah: he
shall come unto A-dul'-lam the glory of
Israel.
16 Make thee bald, and poll thee
for thy delicate children; enlarge thy
baldness as the eagle; for they are gone
into captivity from thee.

CHAPTER 2

WOE to them that devise in-
iquity, and work evil upon their
beds! when the morning is light, they
practise it, because it is in the power of
their hand.
2 And they covet fields, and take
them by violence; and houses, and
take *them* away: so they oppress a man
and his house, even a man and his
heritage.
3 Therefore thus saith the LORD;
Behold, against this family do I devise
an evil, from which ye shall not re-
move your necks; neither shall ye go
haughtily: for this time *is* evil.
4 In that day shall *one* take up a
parable against you, and lament with
a doleful lamentation, *and* say, We be
utterly spoiled: he hath changed the
portion of my people: how hath he
removed *it* from me! turning away he
hath divided our fields.
5 Therefore thou shalt have none
that shall cast a cord by lot in the
congregation of the LORD.
6 Prophesy ye not, *say they to them
that* prophesy: they shall not prophesy
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7 O *thou that art* named the house
of Jacob, is the spirit of the LORD
straitened? *are* these his doings? do
not my words do good to him that
walketh uprightly?
8 Even of late my people is risen
up as an enemy: ye pull off the robe

with the garment from them that pass by securely as men averse from war.

9 The women of my people have ye cast out from their pleasant houses; from their children have ye taken away my glory for ever.

10 Arise ye, and depart; for this *is* not *your* rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy *you*, even with a sore destruction.

11 If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, *saying*, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people.

12 I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Boz'-rah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of *the multitude of* men.

13 The breaker is come up before them: they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their king shall pass before them, and the LORD on the head of them.

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AND I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel; *Is it* not for you to know judgment?

2 Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones;

3 Who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron.

4 Then shall they cry unto the LORD, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings.

5 Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him.

6 Therefore night *shall be* unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.

7 Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for *there is* no answer of God.

8 But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

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10 They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.

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THE word of the LORD that came to Mi'-cah the Mo'-ras-thite in the days of Jo'-tham, Ahaz, *and* Hez-e-ki'-ah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Sa-ma'-ri-a and Jerusalem.

2 Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is: and let the Lord GOD be witness against you, the LORD from his holy temple.

3 For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth.

4 And the mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, *and* as the waters *that are* poured down a steep place.

5 For the transgression of Jacob *is* all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What *is* the transgression of Jacob? *is it* not Sa-ma'-ri-a? and what *are* the high places of Judah? *are they* not Jerusalem?

6 Therefore I will make Sa-ma'-ri-a as an heap of the field, *and* as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof.

7 And all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the hires thereof shall be burned with the fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate: for she gathered *it* of the hire of an harlot, and they shall return to the hire of an harlot.

8 Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the owls.

9 For her wound *is* incurable; for *it is* come unto Judah; he is come unto the gate of my people, *even* to Jerusalem.

10 Declare ye *it* not at Gath, weep ye not at all: in the house of Aph'-rah roll thyself in the dust.

11 Pass ye away, thou inhabitant of Sa'-phir, having thy shame naked: the inhabitant of Za'-a-nan came not forth in the mourning of Beth–e'-zel; he shall receive of you his standing.

12 For the inhabitant of Ma'-roth waited carefully for good: but evil came down from the LORD unto the gate of Jerusalem.

13 O thou inhabitant of La'-chish, bind the chariot to the swift beast: she *is* the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zion: for the transgressions of Israel were found in thee.

14 Therefore shalt thou give presents to Mor'-esh-eth–gath: the houses of Ach'-zib *shall be* a lie to the kings of Israel.

15 Yet will I bring an heir unto thee, O inhabitant of Ma-re'-shah: he shall come unto A-dul'-lam the glory of Israel.

16 Make thee bald, and poll thee for thy delicate children; enlarge thy baldness as the eagle; for they are gone into captivity from thee.

CHAPTER 2

WOE to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand.

2 And they covet fields, and take *them* by violence; and houses, and take *them* away: so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.

3 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks; neither shall ye go haughtily: for this time *is* evil.

4 In that day shall *one* take up a parable against you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, *and* say, We be utterly spoiled: he hath changed the portion of my people: how hath he removed *it* from me! turning away he hath divided our fields.

5 Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast a cord by lot in the congregation of the LORD.

6 Prophesy ye not, *say they to them that* prophesy: they shall not prophesy to them, *that* they shall not take shame.

7 O *thou that art* named the house of Jacob, is the spirit of the LORD straitened? *are* these his doings? do not my words do good to him *that* walketh uprightly?

8 Even of late my people is risen up as an enemy: ye pull off the robe

with the garment from them that pass
by securely as men averse from war.
9 The women of my people have ye
cast out from their pleasant houses;
from their children have ye taken
away my glory for ever.
10 Arise ye, and depart; for this
is not *your* rest: because it is polluted,
it shall destroy *you*, even with a sore
destruction.
11 If a man walking in the spirit
and falsehood do lie, *saying*, I will
prophesy unto thee of wine and of
strong drink; he shall even be the
prophet of this people.
12 I will surely assemble, O Jacob,
all of thee; I will surely gather the
remnant of Israel; I will put them together
as the sheep of Boz′rah, as the
flock in the midst of their fold: they
shall make great noise by reason of
the multitude of men.
13 The breaker is come up before
them: they have broken up, and have
passed through the gate, and are gone
out by it: and their king shall pass
before them, and the LORD on the head
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CHAPTER 3

AND I said, Hear, I pray you, O
heads of Jacob, and ye princes of
the house of Israel; Is *it* not for you to
know judgment?
2 Who hate the good, and love
the evil; who pluck off their skin from
off them, and their flesh from off their
bones;
3 Who also eat the flesh of my
people, and flay their skin from off
them; and they break their bones, and
chop them in pieces, as for the pot,
and as flesh within the caldron.
4 Then shall they cry unto the
LORD, but he will not hear them: he
will even hide his face from them at
that time, as they have behaved themselves
ill in their doings.
5 Thus saith the LORD concerning
the prophets that make my people err,
that bite with their teeth, and cry,
Peace; and he that putteth not into
their mouths, they even prepare war
against him.
6 Therefore night *shall be* unto you,
that ye shall not have a vision; and
it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall
not divine; and the sun shall go down
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8 And thou, O tower of the flock,
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Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the
first dominion; the kingdom shall come
to the daughter of Jerusalem.
9 Now why dost thou cry out
aloud? *is there* no king in thee? is thy
counsellor perished? for pangs have
taken thee as a woman in travail.
10 Be in pain, and labour to bring
forth, O daughter of Zion, like a
woman in travail: for now shalt thou
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tions of the earth: for the LORD hath a
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3 O my people, what have I done
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14 Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily *in* the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed *in* Ba'-shan and Gilead, as in the days of old.
15 According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto him marvellous *things*.
16 The nations shall see and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay *their* hand upon *their* mouth, their ears shall be deaf.
17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of thee.
18 Who *is* a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth *in* mercy.
19 He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.
20 Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, *and* the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

Nahum

CHAPTER 1

THE burden of Nin'-e-veh. The book of the vision of Nahum the El'-kosh-ite.
2 God *is* jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and *is* furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth *wrath* for his enemies.
3 The LORD *is* slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit *the wicked:* the LORD *hath* his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds *are* the dust of his feet.
4 He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers; Ba'-shan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth.
5 The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.
6 Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.
7 The LORD *is* good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.
8 But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.
9 What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.
10 For while *they be* folden together *as* thorns, and while they are drunken *as* drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.
11 There is *one* come out of thee, that imagineth evil against the LORD, a wicked counsellor.
12 Thus saith the LORD; Though *they be* quiet, and likewise many, yet thus shall they be cut down, when he shall pass through. Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more.
13 For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder.
14 And the LORD hath given a commandment concerning thee, *that* no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image: I will make thy grave; for thou art vile.
15 Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

CHAPTER 2

HE that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make *thy* loins strong, fortify *thy* power mightily.
2 For the LORD hath turned away

the excellency of Jacob, as the excel-
lency of Israel: for the emptiers have
emptied them out, and marred their
vine branches.
3 The shield of his mighty men is
made red, the valiant men *are* in
scarlet: the chariots *shall be* with
flaming torches in the day of his
preparation, and the fir trees shall be
terribly shaken.
4 The chariots shall rage in the
streets, they shall justle one against
another in the broad ways: they shall
seem like torches, they shall run like
the lightnings.
5 He shall recount his worthies:
they shall stumble in their walk; they
shall make haste to the wall thereof,
and the defence shall be prepared.
6 The gates of the rivers shall be
opened, and the palace shall be dis-
solved.
7 And Huz′-zab shall be led away
captive, she shall be brought up, and
her maids shall lead *her* as with the
voice of doves, tabering upon their
breasts.
8 But Nin′-e-veh *is* of old like a
pool of water: yet they shall flee away.
Stand, stand, *shall they cry;* but none
shall look back.
9 Take ye the spoil of silver, take
the spoil of gold: for *there is* none end
of the store *and* glory out of all the
pleasant furniture.
10 She is empty, and void, and
waste: and the heart melteth, and the
knees smite together, and much pain
is in all loins, and the faces of them all
gather blackness.
11 Where *is* the dwelling of the
lions, and the feedingplace of the
young lions, where the lion, *even* the
old lion, walked, *and* the lion's whelp,
and none made *them* afraid?
12 The lion did tear in pieces
enough for his whelps, and strangled
for his lionesses, and filled his holes
with prey, and his dens with ravin.
13 Behold, I *am* against thee, saith
the LORD of hosts, and I will burn her
chariots in the smoke, and the sword
shall devour thy young lions: and I
will cut off thy prey from the earth,
and the voice of thy messengers shall
no more be heard.

CHAPTER 3

WOE to the bloody city! *it is*
all full of lies *and* robbery; the
prey departeth not;
2 The noise of a whip, and the noise
of the rattling of the wheels, and of the
pransing horses, and of the jumping
chariots.
3 The horseman lifteth up both the
bright sword and the glittering spear:
and *there is* a multitude of slain, and a
great number of carcases; and *there is*
none end of *their* corpses; they stumble
upon their corpses:
4 Because of the multitude of the
whoredoms of the wellfavoured harlot,
the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth
nations through her whoredoms, and
families through her witchcrafts.
5 Behold, I *am* against thee, saith
the LORD of hosts; and I will discover
thy skirts upon thy face, and I will
shew the nations thy nakedness, and
the kingdoms thy shame.
6 And I will cast abominable filth
upon thee, and make thee vile, and
will set thee as a gazingstock.
7 And it shall come to pass, *that*
all they that look upon thee shall flee
from thee, and say, Nin′-e-veh is laid
waste: who will bemoan her? whence
shall I seek comforters for thee?
8 Art thou better than populous
No, that was situate among the rivers,
that had the waters round about it,
whose rampart *was* the sea, *and* her
wall *was* from the sea?
9 E-thi-o′-pi-a and Egypt *were* her
strength, and *it was* infinite; Put and
Lu′-bim were thy helpers.
10 Yet *was* she carried away, she
went into captivity: her young chil-
dren also were dashed in pieces at the
top of all the streets: and they cast
lots for her honourable men, and all
her great men were bound in chains.
11 Thou also shalt be drunken: thou
shalt be hid, thou also shalt seek
strength because of the enemy.
12 All thy strong holds *shall be like*
fig trees with the firstripe figs: if they
be shaken, they shall even fall into the
mouth of the eater.
13 Behold, thy people in the midst
of thee *are* women: the gates of thy
land shall be set wide open unto thine
enemies: the fire shall devour thy
bars.
14 Draw thee waters for the siege,
fortify thy strong holds: go into clay,
and tread the morter, make strong the
brickkiln.
15 There shall the fire devour thee;
the sword shall cut thee off, it shall
eat thee up like the cankerworm: make

thyself many as the cankerworm, make thyself many as the locusts.

16 Thou hast multiplied thy merchants above the stars of heaven: the cankerworm spoileth, and fleeth away.

17 Thy crowned *are* as the locusts, and thy captains as the great grasshoppers, which camp in the hedges in the cold day, *but* when the sun ariseth they flee away, and their place is not known where they *are*.

18 Thy shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria: thy nobles shall dwell *in the dust:* thy people is scattered upon the mountains, and no man gathereth *them*.

19 *There is* no healing of thy bruise; thy wound is grievous: all that hear the bruit of thee shall clap the hands over thee: for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually?

Habakkuk

CHAPTER 1

THE burden which Ha-bak'-kuk the prophet did see.

2 O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! *even* cry out unto thee *of* violence, and thou wilt not save!

3 Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause *me* to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence *are* before me: and there are *that* raise up strife and contention.

4 Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth.

5 Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for I will work a work in your days, *which* ye will not believe, though it be told *you*.

6 For, lo, I raise up the Chal-de'-ans, *that* bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwellingplaces *that are* not theirs.

7 They *are* terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves.

8 Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle *that* hasteth to eat.

9 They shall come all for violence: their faces shall sup up *as* the east wind, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand.

10 And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them: they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it.

11 Then shall *his* mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, *imputing* this his power unto his god.

12 *Art* thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, mine Holy One? we shall not die. O LORD, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction.

13 *Thou art* of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, *and* holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth *the man that is* more righteous than he?

14 And makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, *that have* no ruler over them?

15 They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their drag: therefore they rejoice and are glad.

16 Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion *is* fat, and their meat plenteous.

17 Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations?

CHAPTER 2

I WILL stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.

2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

3 For the vision *is* yet for an ap-
pointed time, but at the end it shall
speak, and not lie: though it tarry,
wait for it; because it will surely come,
it will not tarry.
4 Behold, his soul *which* is lifted up
is not upright in him: but the just shall
live by his faith.
5 Yea also, because he transgresseth
by wine, *he is* a proud man, neither
keepeth at home, who enlargeth his
desire as hell, and *is* as death, and
cannot be satisfied, but gathereth
unto him all nations, and heapeth unto
him all people:
6 Shall not all these take up a
parable against him, and a taunting
proverb against him, and say, Woe to
him that increaseth *that which is* not
his! how long? and to him that ladeth
himself with thick clay!
7 Shall they not rise up suddenly
that shall bite thee, and awake that
shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for
booties unto them?
8 Because thou hast spoiled many
nations, all the remnant of the people
shall spoil thee; because of men's
blood, and *for* the violence of the land,
of the city, and of all that dwell
therein.
9 Woe to him that coveteth an evil
covetousness to his house, that he
may set his nest on high, that he may
be delivered from the power of evil!
10 Thou hast consulted shame to
thy house by cutting off many people,
and hast sinned *against* thy soul.
11 For the stone shall cry out of the
wall, and the beam out of the timber
shall answer it.
12 Woe to him that buildeth a town
with blood, and stablisheth a city by
iniquity!
13 Behold, *is it* not of the LORD of
hosts that the people shall labour in
the very fire, and the people shall
weary themselves for very vanity?
14 For the earth shall be filled
with the knowledge of the glory of
the LORD, as the waters cover the
sea.
15 Woe unto him that giveth his
neighbour drink, that puttest thy
bottle to *him*, and makest *him* drunken
also, that thou mayest look on their
nakedness!
16 Thou art filled with shame for
glory: drink thou also, and let thy
foreskin be uncovered: the cup of the
LORD's right hand shall be turned
unto thee, and shameful spewing *shall*
be on thy glory.
17 For the violence of Lebanon
shall cover thee, and the spoil of
beasts, *which* made them afraid, be-
cause of men's blood, and for the
violence of the land, of the city, and
of all that dwell therein.
18 What profiteth the graven image
that the maker thereof hath graven
it; the molten image, and a teacher of
lies, that the maker of his work trust-
eth therein, to make dumb idols?
19 Woe unto him that saith to the
wood, Awake; to the dumb stone,
Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it *is* laid
over with gold and silver, and *there is*
no breath at all in the midst of it.
20 But the LORD *is* in his holy
temple: let all the earth keep silence
before him.

CHAPTER 3

A PRAYER of Ha-bak'-kuk the
prophet upon Shi-gi'-o-noth.
2 O LORD, I have heard thy speech,
and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy
work in the midst of the years, in the
midst of the years make known; in
wrath remember mercy.
3 God came from Te'-man, and the
Holy One from mount Pa'-ran. Se'-lah.
His glory covered the heavens, and
the earth was full of his praise.
4 And *his* brightness was as the
light; he had horns *coming* out of his
hand: and there *was* the hiding of his
power.
5 Before him went the pestilence,
and burning coals went forth at his
feet.
6 He stood, and measured the
earth: he beheld, and drove asunder
the nations; and the everlasting moun-
tains were scattered, the perpetual
hills did bow: his ways *are* everlasting.
7 I saw the tents of Cu'-shan in
affliction: *and* the curtains of the land
of Mid'-i-an did tremble.
8 Was the LORD displeased against
the rivers? *was* thine anger against the
rivers? *was* thy wrath against the sea,
that thou didst ride upon thine horses
and thy chariots of salvation?
9 Thy bow was made quite naked,
according to the oaths of the tribes,
even thy word. Se'-lah. Thou didst
cleave the earth with rivers.
10 The mountains saw thee, *and*
they trembled: the overflowing of the
water passed by: the deep uttered his

voice, *and* lifted up his hands on high.
11 The sun *and* moon stood still in
their habitation: at the light of thine
arrows they went, *and* at the shining
of thy glittering spear.
12 Thou didst march through the
land in indignation, thou didst thresh
the heathen in anger.
13 Thou wentest forth for the
salvation of thy people, *even* for salva-
tion with thine anointed; thou wound-
edst the head out of the house of the
wicked, by discovering the foundation
unto the neck. Se'-lah.
14 Thou didst strike through with
his staves the head of his villages: they
came out as a whirlwind to scatter me:
their rejoicing *was* as to devour the
poor secretly.
15 Thou didst walk through the
sea with thine horses, *through* the heap
of great waters.
16 When I heard, my belly trem-
bled; my lips quivered at the voice:
rottenness entered into my bones, and
I trembled in myself, that I might rest
in the day of trouble: when he cometh
up unto the people, he will invade
them with his troops.
17 Although the fig tree shall not
blossom, neither *shall* fruit *be* in the
vines; the labour of the olive shall
fail, and the fields shall yield no meat;
the flock shall be cut off from the
fold, and *there shall be* no herd in the
stalls:
18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD,
I will joy in the God of my salva-
tion.
19 The LORD God *is* my strength,
and he will make my feet like hinds'
feet, and he will make me to walk upon
mine high places. To the chief singer
on my stringed instruments.

Zephaniah

CHAPTER 1

THE word of the LORD which
came unto Zeph-a-ni'-ah the son
of Cu'-shi, the son of Ged-a-li'-ah,
the son of Am-a-ri'-ah, the son of
Hiz-ki'-ah, in the days of Jo-si'-ah the
son of Amon, king of Judah.
2 I will utterly consume all *things*
from off the land, saith the LORD.
3 I will consume man and beast;
I will consume the fowls of the heaven,
and the fishes of the sea, and the stum-
blingblocks with the wicked; and I
will cut off man from off the land, saith
the LORD.
4 I will also stretch out mine hand
upon Judah, and upon all the inhabit-
ants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off
the remnant of Ba'-al from this place,
and the name of the Chem'-a-rims with
the priests;
5 And them that worship the host
of heaven upon the housetops; and
them that worship *and* that swear by
the LORD, and that swear by Mal'-
cham;
6 And them that are turned back
from the LORD; and *those* that have
not sought the LORD, nor enquired for
him.
7 Hold thy peace at the presence
of the Lord GOD: for the day of the
LORD *is* at hand: for the LORD hath
prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his
guests.
8 And it shall come to pass in the
day of the LORD's sacrifice, that I will
punish the princes, and the king's
children, and all such as are clothed
with strange apparel.
9 In the same day also will I punish
all those that leap on the threshold,
which fill their masters' houses with
violence and deceit.
10 And it shall come to pass in that
day, saith the LORD, *that there shall be*
the noise of a cry from the fish gate,
and an howling from the second, and
a great crashing from the hills.
11 Howl, ye inhabitants of Mak'-
tesh, for all the merchant people are
cut down; all they that bear silver are
cut off.
12 And it shall come to pass at that
time, *that* I will search Jerusalem with
candles, and punish the men that are
settled on their lees: that say in their
heart, The LORD will not do good,
neither will he do evil.
13 Therefore their goods shall be-
come a booty, and their houses a
desolation: they shall also build
houses, but not inhabit *them*; and
they shall plant vineyards, but not
drink the wine thereof.
14 The great day of the LORD *is*
near, *it is* near, and hasteth greatly,

even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

15 That day *is* a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

16 A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.

17 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung.

18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD'S wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

CHAPTER 2

GATHER yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired;

2 Before the decree bring forth, *before* the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD'S anger come upon you.

3 Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger.

4 For Gaʹ-za shall be forsaken, and Ashʹ-ke-lon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashʹ-dod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up.

5 Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherʹ-e-thites! the word of the LORD *is* against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.

6 And the sea coast shall be dwellings *and* cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks.

7 And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed thereupon: in the houses of Ashʹ-ke-lon shall they lie down in the evening: for the LORD their God shall visit them and turn away their captivity.

8 I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the revilings of the children of Ammon, whereby they have reproached my people, and magnified *themselves* against their border.

9 Therefore *as* I live, saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely Moab shall be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Go-morʹ-rah, *even* the breeding of nettles, and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation: the residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my people shall possess them.

10 This shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified *themselves* against the people of the LORD of hosts.

11 The LORD *will be* terrible unto them: for he will famish all the gods of the earth; and *men* shall worship him, every one from his place, *even* all the isles of the heathen.

12 Ye E-thi-oʹ-pi-ans also, ye *shall be* slain by my sword.

13 And he will stretch out his hand against the north, and destroy Assyria; and will make Ninʹ-e-veh a desolation, *and* dry like a wilderness.

14 And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, all the beasts of the nations: both the cormorant and the bittern shall lodge in the upper lintels of it; *their* voice shall sing in the windows; desolation *shall be* in the thresholds: for he shall uncover the cedar work.

15 This *is* the rejoicing city that dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart, I *am*, and *there is* none beside me: how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! every one that passeth by her shall hiss, *and* wag his hand.

CHAPTER 3

WOE to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!

2 She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God.

3 Her princes within her *are* roaring lions; her judges *are* evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.

4 Her prophets *are* light *and* treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.

5 The just LORD *is* in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: every

morning doth he bring his judgment
to light, he faileth not; but the unjust
knoweth no shame.
6 I have cut off the nations: their
towers are desolate; I made their
streets waste, that none passeth by:
their cities are destroyed, so that there
is no man, that there is none inhabit-
ant.
7 I said, Surely thou wilt fear me,
thou wilt receive instruction; so their
dwelling should not be cut off, howso-
ever I punished them: but they rose
early, *and* corrupted all their doings.
8 Therefore wait ye upon me, saith
the LORD, until the day that I rise up
to the prey: for my determination *is*
to gather the nations, that I may
assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon
them mine indignation, *even* all my
fierce anger: for all the earth shall be
devoured with the fire of my jealousy.
9 For then will I turn to the people
a pure language, that they may all call
upon the name of the LORD, to serve
him with one consent.
10 From beyond the rivers of
E-thi-o'-pi-a my suppliants, *even* the
daughter of my dispersed, shall bring
mine offering.
11 In that day shalt thou not be
ashamed for all thy doings, wherein
thou hast transgressed against me:
for then I will take away out of the
midst of thee them that rejoice in thy
pride, and thou shalt no more be
haughty because of my holy mountain.
12 I will also leave in the midst of
thee an afflicted and poor people, and
they shall trust in the name of the
LORD.
13 The remnant of Israel shall not do
iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall
a deceitful tongue be found in their
mouth: for they shall feed and lie down,
and none shall make *them* afraid.
14 Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout,
O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all
the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.
15 The LORD hath taken away thy
judgments, he hath cast out thine
enemy: the king of Israel, *even* the
LORD, *is* in the midst of thee: thou
shalt not see evil any more.
16 In that day it shall be said to
Jerusalem, Fear thou not: *and* to
Zion, Let not thine hands be slack.
17 The LORD thy God in the midst
of thee *is* mighty; he will save, he will
rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest
in his love, he will joy over thee with
singing.
18 I will gather *them that are* sor-
rowful for the solemn assembly, *who*
are of thee, *to whom* the reproach of it
was a burden.
19 Behold, at that time I will undo
all that afflict thee: and I will save her
that halteth, and gather her that was
driven out; and I will get them praise
and fame in every land where they
have been put to shame.
20 At that time will I bring you
again, even in the time that I gather
you: for I will make you a name and a
praise among all people of the earth,
when I turn back your captivity before
your eyes, saith the LORD.

Haggai

CHAPTER 1

IN the second year of Darius the
king, in the sixth month, in
the first day of the month, came
the word of the LORD by Hag'-ga-i the
prophet unto Ze-rub'-ba-bel the son of
She-al'-ti-el, governor of Judah, and to
Joshua the son of Jos'-e-dech, the
high priest, saying,
2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts,
saying, This people say, The time is
not come, the time that the LORD's
house should be built.
3 Then came the word of the LORD
by Hag'-ga-i the prophet, saying,
4 *Is it* time for you, O ye, to dwell
in your cieled houses, and this house
lie waste?
5 Now therefore thus saith the
LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.
6 Ye have sown much, and bring
in little; ye eat, but ye have not
enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled
with drink; ye clothe you, but there is
none warm; and he that earneth wages
earneth wages *to put it* into a bag with
holes.
7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts;
Consider your ways.
8 Go up to the mountain, and bring
wood, and build the house; and I will
take pleasure in it, and I will be
glorified, saith the LORD.

the pomegranate, and the olive tree,
hath not brought forth: from this day
will I bless *you*.
20 And again the word of the LORD
came unto Hag'-ga-i in the four and
twentieth *day* of the month, say-
ing,
21 Speak to Ze-rub'-ba-bel, gov-
ernor of Judah, saying, I will shake
the heavens and the earth;
22 And I will overthrow the throne
of kingdoms, and I will destroy the
strength of the kingdoms of the
heathen; and I will overthrow the
chariots, and those that ride in them;
and the horses and their riders shall
come down, every one by the sword of
his brother.
23 In that day, saith the LORD of
hosts, will I take thee, O Ze-rub'-ba-
bel, my servant, the son of She-al'-ti-el,
saith the LORD, and will make thee as
a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith
the LORD of hosts.

Zechariah

CHAPTER 1

IN the eighth month, in the second
year of Darius, came the word of
the LORD unto Zech-a-ri'-ah, the
son of Ber-e-chi'-ah, the son of Id'-do
the prophet, saying,
2 The LORD hath been sore dis-
pleased with your fathers.
3 Therefore say thou unto them,
Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye
unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and
I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of
hosts.
4 Be ye not as your fathers, unto
whom the former prophets have cried,
saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts;
Turn ye now from your evil ways, and
from your evil doings: but they did
not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith
the LORD.
5 Your fathers, where *are* they? and
the prophets, do they live for ever?
6 But my words and my statutes,
which I commanded my servants the
prophets, did they not take hold of
your fathers? and they returned and
said, Like as the LORD of hosts thought
to do unto us, according to our ways,
and according to our doings, so hath
he dealt with us.
7 Upon the four and twentieth day
of the eleventh month, which *is* the
month Se'-bat, in the second year of
Darius, came the word of the LORD
unto Zech-a-ri'-ah, the son of Ber-e-
chi'-ah, the son of Id'-do the prophet,
saying,
8 I saw by night, and behold a man
riding upon a red horse, and he stood
among the myrtle trees that *were* in
the bottom; and behind him *were there*
red horses, speckled, and white.
9 Then said I, O my lord, what *are*
these? And the angel that talked with
me said unto me, I will shew thee what
these *be*.
10 And the man that stood among
the myrtle trees answered and said,
These *are they* whom the LORD hath
sent to walk to and fro through the
earth.
11 And they answered the angel
of the LORD that stood among the
myrtle trees, and said, We have
walked to and fro through the earth,
and, behold, all the earth sitteth still,
and is at rest.
12 Then the angel of the LORD
answered and said, O LORD of hosts,
how long wilt thou not have mercy on
Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah,
against which thou hast had indigna-
tion these threescore and ten years?
13 And the LORD answered the
angel that talked with me *with* good
words *and* comfortable words.
14 So the angel that communed
with me said unto me, Cry thou, say-
ing, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I
am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion
with a great jealousy.
15 And I am very sore displeased
with the heathen *that are* at ease: for I
was but a little displeased, and they
helped forward the affliction.
16 Therefore thus saith the LORD; I
am returned to Jerusalem with mer-
cies: my house shall be built in it, saith
the LORD of hosts, and a line shall
be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.
17 Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the
LORD of hosts; My cities through
prosperity shall yet be spread abroad;
and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion,
and shall yet choose Jerusalem.
18 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and
saw, and behold four horns.

19 And I said unto the angel that
talked with me, What *be* these? And
he answered me, These *are* the horns
which have scattered Judah, Israel,
and Jerusalem.
20 And the LORD shewed me four
carpenters.
21 Then said I, What come these
to do? And he spake, saying, These *are*
the horns which have scattered Judah,
so that no man did lift up his head:
but these are come to fray them, to
cast out the horns of the Gentiles,
which lifted up *their* horn over the
land of Judah to scatter it.

CHAPTER 2

I LIFTED up mine eyes again, and
looked, and behold a man with a
measuring line in his hand.
2 Then said I, Whither goest thou?
And he said unto me, To measure
Jerusalem, to see what *is* the breadth
thereof, and what *is* the length thereof.
3 And, behold, the angel that talked
with me went forth, and another angel
went out to meet him,
4 And said unto him, Run, speak
to this young man, saying, Jerusalem
shall be inhabited *as* towns without
walls for the multitude of men and
cattle therein:
5 For I, saith the LORD, will be unto
her a wall of fire round about, and
will be the glory in the midst of her.
6 Ho, ho, *come forth*, and flee from
the land of the north, saith the LORD:
for I have spread you abroad as the
four winds of the heaven, saith the
LORD.
7 Deliver thyself, O Zion, that
dwellest *with* the daughter of Babylon.
8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts;
After the glory hath he sent me unto
the nations which spoiled you: for he
that toucheth you toucheth the apple
of his eye.
9 For, behold, I will shake mine
hand upon them, and they shall be a
spoil to their servants: and ye shall
know that the LORD of hosts hath
sent me.
10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of
Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell
in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.
11 And many nations shall be
joined to the LORD in that day, and
shall be my people: and I will dwell in
the midst of thee, and thou shalt know
that the LORD of hosts hath sent me
unto thee.
12 And the LORD shall inherit Ju-
dah his portion in the holy land, and
shall choose Jerusalem again.
13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the
LORD: for he is raised up out of his
holy habitation.

CHAPTER 3

AND he shewed me Joshua the high
priest standing before the angel
of the LORD, and Satan standing at his
right hand to resist him.
2 And the LORD said unto Satan,
The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even
the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem
rebuke thee: *is* not this a brand plucked
out of the fire?
3 Now Joshua was clothed with
filthy garments, and stood before the
angel.
4 And he answered and spake unto
those that stood before him, saying,
Take away the filthy garments from
him. And unto him he said, Behold, I
have caused thine iniquity to pass
from thee, and I will clothe thee with
change of raiment.
5 And I said, Let them set a fair
mitre upon his head. So they set a
fair mitre upon his head, and clothed
him with garments. And the angel of
the LORD stood by.
6 And the angel of the LORD pro-
tested unto Joshua, saying,
7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If
thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou
wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt
also judge my house, and shalt also
keep my courts, and I will give thee
places to walk among these that
stand by.
8 Hear now, O Joshua the high
priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit
before thee: for they *are* men won-
dered at: for, behold, I will bring forth
my servant the BRANCH.
9 For behold the stone that I have
laid before Joshua; upon one stone
shall be seven eyes: behold, I will en-
grave the graving thereof, saith the
LORD of hosts, and I will remove the
iniquity of that land in one day.
10 In that day, saith the LORD of
hosts, shall ye call every man his
neighbour under the vine and under
the fig tree.

CHAPTER 4

AND the angel that talked with me
came again, and waked me, as a

man that *is* wakened out of his sleep,
2 And said unto me, What seest
thou? And I said, I have looked, and
behold a candlestick all *of* gold, with a
bowl upon the top of it, and his seven
lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the
seven lamps, which *are* upon the top
thereof:
3 And two olive trees by it, one
upon the right *side* of the bowl, and
the other upon the left *side* thereof.
4 So I answered and spake to the
angel that talked with me, saying,
What *are* these, my lord?
5 Then the angel that talked with
me answered and said unto me, Know-
est thou not what these be? And I
said, No, my lord.
6 Then he answered and spake unto
me, saying, This *is* the word of the
LORD unto Ze-rub'-ba-bel, saying, Not
by might, nor by power, but by my
spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.
7 Who *art* thou, O great mountain?
before Ze-rub'-ba-bel *thou shalt be-
come* a plain: and he shall bring forth
the headstone *thereof with* shoutings,
crying, Grace, grace unto it.
8 Moreover the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying,
9 The hands of Ze-rub'-ba-bel have
laid the foundation of this house; his
hands shall also finish it; and thou
shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath
sent me unto you.
10 For who hath despised the day
of small things? for they shall rejoice,
and shall see the plummet in the hand
of Ze-rub'-ba-bel *with* those seven; they
are the eyes of the LORD, which run
to and fro through the whole earth.
11 Then answered I, and said unto
him, What *are* these two olive trees
upon the right *side* of the candlestick
and upon the left *side* thereof?
12 And I answered again, and said
unto him, What *be these* two olive
branches which through the two golden
pipes empty the golden *oil* out of
themselves?
13 And he answered me and said,
Knowest thou not what these *be?* And
I said, No, my lord.
14 Then said he, These *are* the two
anointed ones, *that* stand by the Lord
of the whole earth.

CHAPTER 5

THEN I turned, and lifted up mine
eyes, and looked, and behold a
flying roll.
2 And he said unto me, What seest
thou? And I answered, I see a flying
roll; *the* length thereof *is* twenty
cubits, and the breadth thereof ten
cubits.
3 Then said he unto me, This *is*
the curse that goeth forth over the
face of the whole earth: for every one
that stealeth shall be cut off *as* on this
side according to it; and every one
that sweareth shall be cut off *as* on
that side according to it.
4 I will bring it forth, saith the
LORD of hosts, and it shall enter into
the house of the thief, and into the
house of him *that* sweareth falsely
by my name: and it shall remain in
the midst of his house, and shall con-
sume it with the timber thereof and
the stones thereof.
5 Then the angel that talked with
me went forth, and said unto me, Lift
up now thine eyes, and see what *is* this
that goeth forth.
6 And I said, What *is* it? And he
said, This is an ephah that goeth forth.
He said moreover, This *is* their re-
semblance through all the earth.
7 And, behold, there was lifted up a
talent of lead: and this *is* a woman that
sitteth in the midst of the ephah.
8 And he said, This *is* wickedness.
And he cast it into the midst of the
ephah; and he cast the weight of lead
upon the mouth thereof.
9 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and
looked, and, behold, there came out
two women, and the wind *was* in their
wings; for they had wings like the
wings of a stork: and they lifted up the
ephah between the earth and the
heaven.
10 Then said I to the angel that
talked with me, Whither do these bear
the ephah?
11 And he said unto me, To build
it an house in the land of Shi'-nar: and
it shall be established, and set there
upon her own base.

CHAPTER 6

AND I turned, and lifted up mine
eyes, and looked, and, behold,
there came four chariots out from be-
tween two mountains; and the moun-
tains *were* mountains of brass.
2 In the first chariot *were* red
horses; and in the second chariot black
horses;
3 And in the third chariot white

horses; and in the fourth chariot
grisled and bay horses.
4 Then I answered and said unto
the angel that talked with me, What
are these, my lord?
5 And the angel answered and said
unto me, These *are* the four spirits of
the heavens, which go forth from
standing before the Lord of all the
earth.
6 The black horses which *are* therein
go forth into the north country; and
the white go forth after them; and the
grisled go forth toward the south
country.
7 And the bay went forth, and
sought to go that they might walk to
and fro through the earth: and he
said, Get you hence, walk to and fro
through the earth. So they walked to
and fro through the earth.
8 Then cried he upon me, and spake
unto me, saying, Behold, these that go
toward the north country have quieted
my spirit in the north country.
9 And the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying,
10 Take of *them of* the captivity,
even of Hel'-da-i, of To-bi'-jah, and of
Je-da'-iah, which are come from Baby-
lon, and come thou the same day, and
go into the house of Josiah the son of
Zeph-a-ni'-ah;
11 Then take silver and gold, and
make crowns, and set *them* upon the
head of Joshua the son of Jos'-e-dech,
the high priest;
12 And speak unto him, saying,
Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts,
saying, Behold the man whose name
is The BRANCH; and he shall grow
up out of his place, and he shall build
the temple of the LORD:
13 Even he shall build the temple
of the LORD; and he shall bear the
glory, and shall sit and rule upon his
throne; and he shall be a priest upon
his throne: and the counsel of peace
shall be between them both.
14 And the crowns shall be to He'-
lem, and to To-bi'-jah, and to Je-da'-
iah, and to Hen the son of Zeph-a-
ni'-ah, for a memorial in the temple
of the LORD.
15 And they *that are* far off shall
come and build in the temple of the
LORD, and ye shall know that the
LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.
And *this* shall come to pass, if ye will
diligently obey the voice of the LORD
your God.

CHAPTER 7

AND it came to pass in the fourth
year of king Darius, *that* the word
of the LORD came unto Zech-a-ri'-ah in
the fourth *day* of the ninth month,
even in Chis'-leu;
2 When they had sent unto the
house of God She-re'-zer and Re'-gem-
me'-lech, and their men, to pray before
the LORD,
3 *And* to speak unto the priests
which *were* in the house of the LORD of
hosts, and to the prophets, saying,
Should I weep in the fifth month,
separating myself, as I have done these
so many years?
4 Then came the word of the LORD
of hosts unto me, saying,
5 Speak unto all the people of the
land, and to the priests, saying, When
ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and
seventh *month*, even those seventy
years, did ye at all fast unto me, *even*
to me?
6 And when ye did eat, and when
ye did drink, did not ye eat *for your-
selves*, and drink *for yourselves?*
7 *Should* ye not *hear* the words
which the LORD hath cried by the
former prophets, when Jerusalem was
inhabited and in prosperity, and the
cities thereof round about her, when
men inhabited the south and the plain?
8 And the word of the LORD came
unto Zech-a-ri'-ah, saying,
9 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts,
saying, Execute true judgment, and
shew mercy and compassions every
man to his brother:
10 And oppress not the widow, nor
the fatherless, the stranger, nor the
poor; and let none of you imagine evil
against his brother in your heart.
11 But they refused to hearken,
and pulled away the shoulder, and
stopped their ears, that they should
not hear.
12 Yea, they made their hearts *as*
an adamant stone, lest they should
hear the law, and the words which the
LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by
the former prophets: therefore came
a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.
13 Therefore it is come to pass, *that*
as he cried, and they would not hear;
so they cried, and I would not hear,
saith the LORD of hosts:
14 But I scattered them with a
whirlwind among all the nations whom
they knew not. Thus the land was

desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the pleasant land desolate.

CHAPTER 8

AGAIN the word of the LORD of hosts came *to me*, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.

3 Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.

4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age.

5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.

6 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts.

7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country;

8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

9 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which *were* in the day *that* the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built.

10 For before these days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither *was there any* peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction: for I set all men every one against his neighbour.

11 But now I *will* not *be* unto the residue of this people as in the former days, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 For the seed *shall be* prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these *things*.

13 And it shall come to pass, *that* as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, *but* let your hands be strong.

14 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; As I thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith the LORD of hosts, and I repented not:

15 So again have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: fear ye not.

16 These *are* the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:

17 And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these *are things* that I hate, saith the LORD.

18 And the word of the LORD of hosts came unto me, saying,

19 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The fast of the fourth *month*, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love the truth and peace.

20 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; *It shall* yet *come to pass*, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities:

21 And the inhabitants of one *city* shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also.

22 Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.

23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days *it shall come to pass*, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard *that* God *is* with you.

CHAPTER 9

THE burden of the word of the LORD in the land of Ha´drach, and Damascus *shall be* the rest thereof: when the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Israel, *shall be* toward the LORD.

2 And Ha´math also shall border thereby; Ty´rus, and Zi´don, though it be very wise.

3 And Ty´-rus did build herself a strong hold, and heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets.

4 Behold, the Lord will cast her out, and he will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire.

5 Ash´-ke-lon shall see *it*, and fear; Ga´-za also *shall see it*, and be very sorrowful, and Ekron; for her expectation shall be ashamed; and the king shall perish from Ga´-za, and Ash´-ke-lon shall not be inhabited.

6 And a bastard shall dwell in Ash´-dod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.

7 And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth: but he that remaineth, even he, *shall be* for our God, and he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron as a Jeb´-u-site.

8 And I will encamp about mine house because of the army, because of him that passeth by, and because of him that returneth: and no oppressor shall pass through them any more: for now have I seen with mine eyes.

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he *is* just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

10 And I will cut off the chariot from E´-phra-im, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion *shall be* from sea *even* to sea, and from the river *even* to the ends of the earth.

11 As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein *is* no water.

12 Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare *that* I will render double unto thee;

13 When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with E´-phra-im, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man.

14 And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord GOD shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

15 The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, *and* make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, *and* as the corners of the altar.

16 And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for *they shall be as* the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.

17 For how great *is* his goodness, and how great *is* his beauty! corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids.

CHAPTER 10

ASK ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; *so* the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

2 For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because *there was* no shepherd.

3 Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle.

4 Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together.

5 And they shall be as mighty *men*, which tread down *their enemies* in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the LORD *is* with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded.

6 And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I *am* the LORD their God, and will hear them.

7 And *they of* E´-phra-im shall be like a mighty *man*, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see *it*, and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the LORD.

8 I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased.

9 And I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me

in far countries; and they shall live
with their children, and turn again.
10 I will bring them again also out
of the land of Egypt, and gather them
out of Assyria; and I will bring them
into the land of Gilead and Lebanon;
and *place* shall not be found for them.
11 And he shall pass through the
sea with affliction, and shall smite the
waves in the sea, and all the deeps of
the river shall dry up: and the pride of
Assyria shall be brought down, and
the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away.
12 And I will strengthen them in
the LORD; and they shall walk up and
down in his name, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER 11

OPEN thy doors, O Lebanon, that
the fire may devour thy cedars.
2 Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is
fallen; because the mighty are spoiled:
howl, O ye oaks of Ba'-shan; for the
forest of the vintage is come down.
3 *There is* a voice of the howling of
the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled:
a voice of the roaring of young lions;
for the pride of Jordan is spoiled.
4 Thus saith the LORD my God;
Feed the flock of the slaughter;
5 Whose possessors slay them, and
hold themselves not guilty: and they
that sell them say, Blessed *be* the
LORD; for I am rich: and their own
shepherds pity them not.
6 For I will no more pity the in-
habitants of the land, saith the LORD:
but, lo, I will deliver the men every
one into his neighbour's hand, and
into the hand of his king: and they
shall smite the land, and out of their
hand I will not deliver *them*.
7 And I will feed the flock of
slaughter, *even* you, O poor of the
flock. And I took unto me two staves;
the one I called Beauty, and the other
I called Bands; and I fed the flock.
8 Three shepherds also I cut off in
one month; and my soul lothed them,
and their soul also abhorred me.
9 Then said I, I will not feed you:
that that dieth, let it die; and that that
is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let
the rest eat every one the flesh of an-
other.
10 And I took my staff, *even*
Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I
might break my covenant which I had
made with all the people.
11 And it was broken in that day:
and so the poor of the flock that waited
upon me knew that it *was* the word of
the LORD.
12 And I said unto them, If ye
think good, give *me* my price; and if
not, forbear. So they weighed for my
price thirty *pieces* of silver.
13 And the LORD said unto me,
Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price
that I was prised at of them. And I
took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and
cast them to the potter in the house
of the LORD.
14 Then I cut asunder mine other
staff, *even* Bands, that I might break
the brotherhood between Judah and
Israel.
15 And the LORD said unto me,
Take unto thee yet the instruments
of a foolish shepherd.
16 For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd
in the land, *which* shall not visit those
that be cut off, neither shall seek the
young one, nor heal that that is
broken, nor feed that that standeth
still: but he shall eat the flesh of the
fat, and tear their claws in pieces.
17 Woe to the idol shepherd that
leaveth the flock! the sword *shall be*
upon his arm, and upon his right eye:
his arm shall be clean dried up, and
his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

CHAPTER 12

THE burden of the word of the
LORD for Israel, saith the LORD,
which stretcheth forth the heavens,
and layeth the foundation of the earth,
and formeth the spirit of man within
him.
2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a
cup of trembling unto all the people
round about, when they shall be in the
siege both against Judah *and* against
Jerusalem.
3 And in that day will I make
Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all
people: all that burden themselves
with it shall be cut in pieces, though
all the people of the earth be gathered
together against it.
4 In that day, saith the LORD, I
will smite every horse with astonish-
ment, and his rider with madness: and
I will open mine eyes upon the house
of Judah, and will smite every horse of
the people with blindness.
5 And the governors of Judah shall
say in their heart, The inhabitants of
Jerusalem *shall be* my strength in the
LORD of hosts their God.
6 In that day will I make the gov-

ernors of Judah like an hearth of fire
among the wood, and like a torch of
fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour
all the people round about, on the
right hand and on the left: and Jeru-
salem shall be inhabited again in her
own place, *even* in Jerusalem.
7 The LORD also shall save the tents
of Judah first, that the glory of the
house of David and the glory of the
inhabitants of Jerusalem do not mag-
nify *themselves* against Judah.
8 In that day shall the LORD defend
the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he
that is feeble among them at that day
shall be as David; and the house of
David *shall be* as God, as the angel
of the LORD before them.
9 And it shall come to pass in that
day, *that* I will seek to destroy all the
nations that come against Jerusalem.
10 And I will pour upon the house
of David, and upon the inhabitants of
Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of
supplications: and they shall look
upon me whom they have pierced, and
they shall mourn for him, as one
mourneth for *his* only *son*, and shall
be in bitterness for him, as one that is
in bitterness for *his* firstborn.
11 In that day shall there be a
great mourning in Jerusalem, as the
mourning of Ha-dad-rim'-mon in the
valley of Me-gid'-don.
12 And the land shall mourn, every
family apart; the family of the house
of David apart, and their wives apart;
the family of the house of Nathan
apart, and their wives apart;
13 The family of the house of Levi
apart, and their wives apart; the fam-
ily of Shim'-e-i apart, and their wives
apart;
14 All the families that remain,
every family apart, and their wives
apart.

CHAPTER 13

IN that day there shall be a fountain
opened to the house of David and
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin
and for uncleanness.
2 And it shall come to pass in that
day, saith the LORD of hosts, *that* I
will cut off the names of the idols out
of the land, and they shall no more be
remembered: and also I will cause the
prophets and the unclean spirit to
pass out of the land.
3 And it shall come to pass, *that*
when any shall yet prophesy, then his
father and his mother that begat him
shall say unto him, Thou shalt not
live; for thou speakest lies in the name
of the LORD: and his father and his
mother that begat him shall thrust him
through when he prophesieth.
4 And it shall come to pass in that
day, *that* the prophets shall be ashamed
every one of his vision, when he hath
prophesied; neither shall they wear a
rough garment to deceive:
5 But he shall say, I *am* no prophet,
I *am* an husbandman; for man taught
me to keep cattle from my youth.
6 And *one* shall say unto him, What
are these wounds in thine hands?
Then he shall answer, *Those* with
which I was wounded *in* the house of
my friends.
7 Awake, O sword, against my
shepherd, and against the man *that is*
my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts:
smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall
be scattered: and I will turn mine
hand upon the little ones.
8 And it shall come to pass, *that* in
all the land, saith the LORD, two parts
therein shall be cut off *and* die; but the
third shall be left therein.
9 And I will bring the third part
through the fire, and will refine them
as silver is refined, and will try them as
gold is tried: they shall call on my
name, and I will hear them: I will say,
It *is* my people: and they shall say,
The LORD *is* my God.

CHAPTER 14

BEHOLD, the day of the LORD
cometh, and thy spoil shall be
divided in the midst of thee.
2 For I will gather all nations
against Jerusalem to battle; and the
city shall be taken, and the houses
rifled, and the women ravished; and
half of the city shall go forth into
captivity, and the residue of the people
shall not be cut off from the city.
3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and
fight against those nations, as when
he fought in the day of battle.
4 And his feet shall stand in that
day upon the mount of Olives, which
is before Jerusalem on the east, and
the mount of Olives shall cleave in the
midst thereof toward the east and
toward the west, *and there shall be* a
very great valley; and half of the
mountain shall remove toward the
north, and half of it toward the south.
5 And ye shall flee *to* the valley of

the mountains; for the valley of the
mountains shall reach unto A'-zal: yea,
ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before
the earthquake in the days of Uz-
zi'-ah king of Judah: and the LORD my
God shall come, *and* all the saints with
thee.
6 And it shall come to pass in that
day, *that* the light shall not be clear,
nor dark:
7 But it shall be one day which
shall be known to the LORD, not day,
nor night: but it shall come to pass,
that at evening time it shall be light.
8 And it shall be in that day, *that*
living waters shall go out from Jeru-
salem; half of them toward the former
sea, and half of them toward the
hinder sea: in summer and in winter
shall it be.
9 And the LORD shall be king over
all the earth: in that day shall there
be one LORD, and his name one.
10 All the land shall be turned as a
plain from Ge'-ba to Rimmon south of
Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up,
and inhabited in her place, from Ben-
jamin's gate unto the place of the first
gate, unto the corner gate, and *from*
the tower of Ha-nan'-e-el unto the
king's winepresses.
11 And *men* shall dwell in it, and
there shall be no more utter destruc-
tion; but Jerusalem shall be safely
inhabited.
12 And this shall be the plague
wherewith the LORD will smite all the
people that have fought against Jeru-
salem; Their flesh shall consume away
while they stand upon their feet, and
their eyes shall consume away in their
holes, and their tongue shall consume
away in their mouth.
13 And it shall come to pass in that
day, *that* a great tumult from the
LORD shall be among them; and they
shall lay hold every one on th
of his neighbour, and his hand
rise up against the hand of his
bour.
14 And Judah also shall fig
Jerusalem; and the wealth of a
heathen round about shall be gath
together, gold, and silver, and app
in great abundance.
15 And so shall be the plague of
horse, of the mule, of the camel,
of the ass, and of all the beasts t
shall be in these tents, as this plag
16 And it shall come to pass, t
every one that is left of all the natio
which came against Jerusalem sha
even go up from year to year to wo
ship the King, the LORD of hosts
and to keep the feast of tabernacles
17 And it shall be, *that* whoso wil
not come up of *all* the families of the
earth unto Jerusalem to worship the
King, the LORD of hosts, even upon
them shall be no rain.
18 And if the family of Egypt go
not up, and come not, that *have* no
rain; there shall be the plague, where-
with the LORD will smite the heathen
that come not up to keep the feast of
tabernacles.
19 This shall be the punishment of
Egypt, and the punishment of all na-
tions that come not up to keep the
feast of tabernacles.
20 In that day shall there be upon
the bells of the horses, HOLINESS
UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in
the LORD'S house shall be like the
bowls before the altar.
21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and
in Judah shall be holiness unto the
LORD of hosts: and all they that sacri-
fice shall come and take of them, and
seethe therein: and in that day there
shall be no more the Canaanite in the
house of the LORD of hosts.

Malachi

CHAPTER 1

THE burden of the word of the
LORD to Israel by Mal'-a-chi.
2 I have loved you, saith the
ORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou
ed us? *Was* not Esau Jacob's
ther? saith the LORD: yet I loved
ob,
And I hated Esau, and laid his
mountains and his heritage waste for
the dragons of the wilderness.
4 Whereas Edom saith, We are
impoverished, but we will return and
build the desolate places; thus saith
the LORD of hosts, They shall build,
but I will throw down; and they shall
call them, The border of wickedness,
and, The people against
LORD hath ind

5 And your eyes shall see, and ye
shall say, The LORD will be magnified
from the border of Israel.
6 A son honoureth *his* father, and a
servant his master: if then I *be* a
father, where *is* mine honour? and if I
be a master, where *is* my fear? saith
the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests,
that despise my name. And ye say,
Wherein have we despised thy name?
7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine
altar; and ye say, Wherein have we
polluted thee? In that ye say, The
table of the LORD *is* contemptible.
8 And if ye offer the blind for
sacrifice, *is it* not evil? and if ye offer
the lame and sick, *is it* not evil? offer
it now unto thy governor; will he be
pleased with thee, or accept thy per-
son? saith the LORD of hosts.
9 And now, I pray you, beseech
God that he will be gracious unto us:
this hath been by your means: will he
regard your persons? saith the LORD
of hosts.
10 Who *is there* even among you
that would shut the doors *for nought?*
neither do ye kindle *fire* on mine altar
for nought. I have no pleasure in you,
saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I
accept an offering at your hand.
11 For from the rising of the sun
even unto the going down of the same
my name *shall be* great among the
Gentiles; and in every place incense
shall be offered unto my name, and a
pure offering: for my name *shall be*
great among the heathen, saith the
LORD of hosts.
12 But ye have profaned it, in that
ye say, The table of the LORD *is* pol-
luted; and the fruit thereof, *even* his
meat, *is* contemptible.
13 Ye said also, Behold, what a
weariness *is it!* and ye have snuffed at
it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye
brought *that which was* torn, and the
lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an
offering: should I accept this of your
hand? saith the LORD.
14 But cursed *be* the deceiver, which
hath in his flock a male, and voweth,
and sacrificeth unto the Lord a cor-
rupt thing: for I *am* a great King,
saith the LORD of hosts, and my name
is dreadful among the heathen.

CHAPTER 2

AND now, O ye priests, this com-
mandment *is* for you.
2 If ye will not hear, and if ye will
not lay *it* to heart, to give glory unto
my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I
will even send a curse upon you, and I
will curse your blessings: yea, I have
cursed them already, because ye do
not lay *it* to heart.
3 Behold, I will corrupt your seed,
and spread dung upon your faces,
even the dung of your solemn feasts;
and *one* shall take you away with it.
4 And ye shall know that I have
sent this commandment unto you,
that my covenant might be with Levi,
saith the LORD of hosts.
5 My covenant was with him of life
and peace; and I gave them to him
for the fear wherewith he feared me,
and was afraid before my name.
6 The law of truth was in his mouth,
and iniquity was not found in his lips:
he walked with me in peace and equity,
and did turn many away from iniquity.
7 For the priest's lips should keep
knowledge, and they should seek the
law at his mouth: for he *is* the mes-
senger of the LORD of hosts.
8 But ye are departed out of the
way; ye have caused many to stumble
at the law; ye have corrupted the
covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of
hosts.
9 Therefore have I also made you
contemptible and base before all the
people, according as ye have not kept
my ways, but have been partial in the
law.
10 Have we not all one father? hath
not one God created us? why do we
deal treacherously every man against
his brother, by profaning the covenant
of our fathers?
11 Judah hath dealt treacherously,
and an abomination is committed in
Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah
hath profaned the holiness of the LORD
which he loved, and hath married the
daughter of a strange god.
12 The LORD will cut off the man
that doeth this, the master and the
scholar, out of the tabernacles of
Jacob, and him that offereth an offer-
ing unto the LORD of hosts.
13 And this have ye done again,
covering the altar of the LORD with
tears, with weeping, and with crying
out, insomuch that he regardeth not
the offering any more, or receiveth *it*
with good will at your hand.
14 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because
the LORD hath been witness between
thee and the wife of thy youth, against

whom thou hast dealt treacherously:
yet *is* she thy companion, and the wife
of thy covenant.
15 And did not he make one? Yet
had he the residue of the spirit. And
wherefore one? That he might seek a
godly seed. Therefore take heed to
your spirit, and let none deal treach-
erously against the wife of his youth.
16 For the LORD, the God of Israel,
saith that he hateth putting away: for
one covereth violence with his gar-
ment, saith the LORD of hosts: there-
fore take heed to your spirit, that ye
deal not treacherously.
17 Ye have wearied the LORD with
your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have
we wearied *him?* When ye say, Every
one that doeth evil *is* good in the sight
of the LORD, and he delighteth in
them; or, Where *is* the God of judg-
ment?

CHAPTER 3

BEHOLD, I will send my messen-
ger, and he shall prepare the way
before me: and the Lord, whom ye
seek, shall suddenly come to his tem-
ple, even the messenger of the cove-
nant, whom ye delight in: behold, he
shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.
2 But who may abide the day of his
coming? and who shall stand when he
appeareth? for he *is* like a refiner's
fire, and like fullers' soap:
3 And he shall sit *as* a refiner and
purifier of silver: and he shall purify
the sons of Levi, and purge them as
gold and silver, that they may offer
unto the LORD an offering in righteous-
ness.
4 Then shall the offering of Judah
and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the
LORD, as in the days of old, and as in
former years.
5 And I will come near to you to
judgment; and I will be a swift witness
against the sorcerers, and against the
adulterers, and against false swearers,
and against those that oppress the
hireling in *his* wages, the widow, and
the fatherless, and that turn aside the
stranger *from his right*, and fear not
me, saith the LORD of hosts.
6 For I *am* the LORD, I change not;
therefore ye sons of Jacob are not
consumed.
7 Even from the days of your
fathers ye are gone away from mine
ordinances, and have not kept *them*.
Return unto me, and I will return unto
you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye
said, Wherein shall we return?
8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have
robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have
we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.
9 Ye *are* cursed with a curse: for ye
have robbed me, *even* this whole na-
tion.
10 Bring ye all the tithes into the
storehouse, that there may be meat in
mine house, and prove me now here-
with, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will
not open you the windows of heaven,
and pour you out a blessing, that *there*
shall not *be room* enough *to receive it*.
11 And I will rebuke the devourer
for your sakes, and he shall not destroy
the fruits of your ground; neither shall
your vine cast her fruit before the
time in the field, saith the LORD of
hosts.
12 And all nations shall call you
blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome
land, saith the LORD of hosts.
13 Your words have been stout
against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye
say, What have we spoken *so much*
against thee?
14 Ye have said, It *is* vain to serve
God: and what profit *is it* that we have
kept his ordinance, and that we have
walked mournfully before the LORD of
hosts?
15 And now we call the proud hap-
py; yea, they that work wickedness
are set up; yea, *they that* tempt God are
even delivered.
16 Then they that feared the LORD
spake often one to another: and the
LORD hearkened, and heard *it*, and a
book of remembrance was written
before him for them that feared the
LORD, and that thought upon his
name.
17 And they shall be mine, saith
the LORD of hosts, in that day when I
make up my jewels; and I will spare
them, as a man spareth his own son
that serveth him.
18 Then shall ye return, and discern
between the righteous and the wicked,
between him that serveth God and
him that serveth him not.

CHAPTER 4

FOR, behold, the day cometh, that
shall burn as an oven; and all the
proud, yea, and all that do wickedly,
shall be stubble: and the day that
cometh shall burn them up, saith the

LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them
neither root nor branch.
2 But unto you that fear my name
shall the Sun of righteousness arise
with healing in his wings; and ye shall
go forth, and grow up as calves of the
stall.
3 And ye shall tread down the
wicked; for they shall be ashes under
the soles of your feet in the day that
I shall do *this*, saith the LORD of
hosts.
4 Remember ye the law of Moses
my servant, which I commanded unto
him in Ho'-reb for all Israel, *with* the
statutes and judgments.
5 Behold, I will send you E-li'-jah
the prophet before the coming of the
great and dreadful day of the LORD:
6 And he shall turn the heart of the
fathers to the children, and the heart
of the children to their fathers, lest
I come and smite the earth with a
curse.

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CHAPTER 1

THE book of the generation of
Jesus Christ, the son of David,
the son of Abraham.
2 Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac
begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas
and his brethren;
3 And Judas begat Pha′-res and
Za′-ra of Tha′-mar; and Pha′-res begat
Es′-rom; and Es′-rom begat A′-ram;
4 And A′-ram begat A-min′-a-dab;
and A-min′-a-dab begat Na-as′-son;
and Na-as′-son begat Sal′-mon;
5 And Sal′-mon begat Bo′-oz of
Ra′-chab; and Bo′-oz begat Obed of
Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;
6 And Jesse begat David the king;
and David the king begat Solomon of
her *that had been the wife* of U-ri′-as;
7 And Solomon begat Ro-bo′-am;
and Ro-bo′-am begat A-bi′-a; and
A-bi′-a begat Asa;
8 And Asa begat Jos′-a-phat; and
Jos′-a-phat begat Joram; and Joram
begat O-zi′-as;
9 And O-zi′-as begat Jo′-a-tham; and
Jo′-a-tham begat A′-chaz; and A′-chaz
begat Ez-e-ki′-as;
10 And Ez-e-ki′-as begat Ma-nas′-
ses; and Ma-nas′-ses begat Amon; and
Amon begat Jo-si′-as;
11 And Jo-si′-as begat Jech-o-ni′-as
and his brethren, about the time they
were carried away to Babylon:
12 And after they were brought to
Babylon, Jech-o-ni′-as begat Sa-la′-
thi-el; and Sa-la′-thi-el begat Zo-rob′-a-
bel;
13 And Zo-rob′-a-bel begat A-bi′-ud;
and A-bi′-ud begat E-li′-a-kim; and
E-li′-a-kim begat Azor;
14 And Azor begat Sa′-doc; and
Sa′-doc begat A′-chim; and A′-chim
begat E-li′-ud;
15 And E-li′-ud begat E-le-a′-zar;
and E-le-a′-zar begat Mat′-than; and
Mat′-than begat Jacob;
16 And Jacob begat Joseph the
husband of Mary, of whom was born
Jesus, who is called Christ.
17 So all the generations from
Abraham to David *are* fourteen gen-
erations; and from David until the
carrying away into Babylon *are* four-
teen generations; and from the carrying
away into Babylon unto Christ *are*
fourteen generations.
18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ
was on this wise: When as his mother
Mary was espoused to Joseph, before
they came together, she was found
with child of the Holy Ghost.
19 Then Joseph her husband, being
a just *man*, and not willing to make
her a publick example, was minded to
put her away privily.
20 But while he thought on these
things, behold, the angel of the Lord
appeared unto him in a dream, saying,
Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to
take unto thee Mary thy wife: for
that which is conceived in her is of the
Holy Ghost.
21 And she shall bring forth a
son, and thou shalt call his name
JESUS: for he shall save his people
from their sins.
22 Now all this was done, that it
might be fulfilled which was spoken of
the Lord by the prophet, saying,
23 Behold, a virgin shall be with
child, and shall bring forth a son, and
they shall call his name Em-man′-u-el,
which being interpreted is, God with
us.
24 Then Joseph being raised from
sleep did as the angel of the Lord had
bidden him, and took unto him his
wife:
25 And knew her not till she had
brought forth her firstborn son: and he
called his name JESUS.

CHAPTER 2

NOW when Jesus was born in
Beth-lehem of Judæa in the
days of Herod the king, behold, there
came wise men from the east to Jeru-
salem,
2 Saying, Where is he that is born
King of the Jews? for we have seen
his star in the east, and are come to
worship him.
3 When Herod the king had heard
these things, he was troubled, and all
Jerusalem with him.
4 And when he had gathered all the

chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

5 And they said unto him, In Beth-lehem of Judæa: for thus it is written by the prophet,

6 And thou Beth-lehem, *in* the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Beth-lehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found *him*, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

14 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:

15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Beth-lehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.

17 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying,

18 In Ra'-ma was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping *for* her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

19 But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

20 Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.

21 And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.

22 But when he heard that Ar-che-la'-us did reign in Judæa in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee:

23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

CHAPTER 3

IN those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judæa,

2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet E-sa'-ias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judæa, and all the region round about Jordan,

6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sad'-du-cees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham *to our* father: for I say unto you, that God is

able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire:

12 Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer *it to be so* now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

CHAPTER 4

THEN was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

12 Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;

13 And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Ca-per′-na-um, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zab′-u-lon and Neph′-tha-lim:

14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by E-sa′-ias the prophet, saying,

15 The land of Zab′-u-lon, and the land of Neph′-tha-lim, *by* the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20 And they straightway left *their* nets, and followed him.

21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James *the son* of Zeb′-e-dee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zeb′-e-dee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogue[illegible]d preaching the gospel of the ki[illegible]

and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

25 And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and *from* De-cap'-o-lis, and *from* Jerusalem, and *from* Judæa, and *from* beyond Jordan.

CHAPTER 5

AND seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

3 Blessed *are* the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed *are* they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

5 Blessed *are* the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

6 Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

7 Blessed *are* the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

8 Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

10 Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust

after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell.

30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell.

31 It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

33 Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have *thy* cloak also.

41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more *than others?* do not even the publicans so?

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

CHAPTER 6

TAKE heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

2 Therefore when thou doest *thine* alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are:* for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen *do:* for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors.
13 And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil: For thine is
the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, for ever. Amen.
14 For if ye forgive *men* their
trespasses, your heavenly Father will
also forgive you:
15 But if ye forgive not men their
trespasses, neither will your Father
forgive your trespasses.
16 Moreover when ye fast, be not,
as the hypocrites, of a sad counte-
nance: for they disfigure their faces,
that they may appear unto men to
fast. Verily I say unto you, They have
their reward.
17 But thou, when thou fastest,
anoint thine head, and wash thy face;
18 That thou appear not unto men
to fast, but unto thy Father which is
in secret: and thy Father, which seeth
in secret, shall reward thee openly.
19 Lay not up for yourselves treas-
ures upon earth, where moth and rust
doth corrupt, and where thieves break
through and steal:
20 But lay up for yourselves treas-
ures in heaven, where neither moth
nor rust doth corrupt, and where
thieves do not break through nor
steal:
21 For where your treasure is, there
will your heart be also.
22 The light of the body is the eye:
if therefore thine eye be single, thy
whole body shall be full of light.
23 But if thine eye be evil, thy
whole body shall be full of darkness.
If therefore the light that is in thee be
darkness, how great *is* that darkness!
24 No man can serve two masters:
for either he will hate the one, and love
the other; or else he will hold to the
one, and despise the other. Ye cannot
serve God and mammon.
25 Therefore I say unto you, Take
no thought for your life, what ye shall
eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for
your body, what ye shall put on. Is not
the life more than meat, and the body
than raiment?
26 Behold the fowls of the air: for
they sow not, neither do they reap,
nor gather into barns; yet your heav-
enly Father feedeth them. Are ye not
much better than they?
27 Which of you by taking thought
can add one cubit unto his stature?
28 And why take ye thought for
raiment? Consider the lilies of the
field, how they grow; they toil not,
neither do they spin:
29 And yet I say unto you, That
even Solomon in all his glory was not
arrayed like one of these.
30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the
grass of the field, which to day is, and
to morrow is cast into the oven, *shall
he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of
little faith?
31 Therefore take no thought, say-
ing, What shall we eat? or, What shall
we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be
clothed?
32 (For after all these things do the
Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly
Father knoweth that ye have need of
all these things.
33 But seek ye first the kingdom of
God, and his righteousness; and all
these things shall be added unto you.
34 Take therefore no thought for
the morrow: for the morrow shall take
thought for the things of itself. Suffi-
cient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

CHAPTER 7

JUDGE not, that ye be not judged.
2 For with what judgment ye
judge, ye shall be judged: and with
what measure ye mete, it shall be
measured to you again.
3 And why beholdest thou the mote
that is in thy brother's eye, but con-
siderest not the beam *that is in thine*
own eye?
4 Or how wilt thou say to thy
brother, Let me pull out the mote out
of thine eye; and, behold, a beam *is* in
thine own eye?
5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the
beam out of thine own eye; and *then*
shalt thou see clearly to cast out the
mote out of thy brother's eye.
6 Give not that which is holy unto
the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls
before swine, lest they trample them
under their feet, and turn again and
rend you.
7 Ask, and it shall be given you;
seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it
shall be opened unto you:
8 For every one that asketh re-
ceiveth; and he that seeketh findeth;
and to him that knocketh it shall be
opened.
9 Or what man is there of you,
whom if his son ask bread, will he give
him a stone?

14 And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.

15 And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them.

16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with *his* word, and healed all that were sick:

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by E-sa'-ias the prophet, saying, Himself took *our* infirmities, and bare *our* sicknesses.

18 Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side.

19 And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

20 And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air *have* nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay *his* head.

21 And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

22 But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.

23 And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.

24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.

25 And his disciples came to *him*, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.

26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Ger'-ge-senes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way.

29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

30 And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding.

31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

32 And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.

33 And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and *told every thing, and what was befallen* to the possessed of the devils.

34 And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought *him* that he would depart out of their coasts.

CHAPTER 9

AND he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city.

2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

3 And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This *man* blasphemeth.

4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?

5 For whether is easier, to say, *Thy* sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?

6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

7 And he arose, and departed to his house.

8 But when the multitudes saw *it*, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

9 And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

10 And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.

11 And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?

12 But when Jesus heard *that*, he said unto them, They that be whole

need not a physician, but they that are sick.

13 But go ye and learn what *that* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

14 Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not?

15 And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.

16 No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse.

17 Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.

18 While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

19 And Jesus arose, and followed him, and *so did* his disciples.

20 And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind *him*, and touched the hem of his garment:

21 For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.

22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise,

24 He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn.

25 But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.

26 And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, *Thou* son of David, have mercy on us.

28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See *that* no man know *it*.

31 But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.

32 As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil.

33 And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

34 But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.

35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly *is* plenteous, but the labourers *are* few;

38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

CHAPTER 10

AND when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, he gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James *the son* of Zeb'e-dee, and John his brother;

3 Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James *the son* of Al-phæ'-us, and Leb-bæ'-us whose surname was Thad-dæ'-us;

4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into *any* city of the Sa-mar′-i-tans enter ye not:

6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses,

10 Nor scrip for *your* journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.

11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence.

12 And when ye come into an house, salute it.

13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.

14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.

15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Go-mor′-rha in the day of judgment, than for that city.

16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

17 But beware of men: for they will [illegible] you up to the councils, and [illegible] will scourge you in their synagogues;

18 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

21 And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against *their* parents, and cause them to be put to death.

22 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.

24 The disciple is not above *his* master, nor the servant above his lord.

25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Be-el′-ze-bub, how much more *shall they call* them of his household?

26 Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

27 What I tell you in darkness, *that* speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, *that* preach ye upon the housetops.

28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

36 And a man's foes *shall be* they of his own household.

37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

40 He that receiveth you receiveth
me, and he that receiveth me receiveth
him that sent me.
41 He that receiveth a prophet in
the name of a prophet shall receive a
prophet's reward; and he that re-
ceiveth a righteous man in the name of
a righteous man shall receive a right-
eous man's reward.
42 And whosoever shall give to
drink unto one of these little ones a
cup of cold *water* only in the name of a
disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall
in no wise lose his reward.

CHAPTER 11

AND it came to pass, when Jesus
had made an end of commanding
his twelve disciples, he departed thence
to teach and to preach in their cities.
2 Now when John had heard in the
prison the works of Christ, he sent
two of his disciples,
3 And said unto him, Art thou he
that should come, or do we look for
another?
4 Jesus answered and said unto
them, Go and shew John again those
things which ye do hear and see:
5 The blind receive their sight, and
the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed,
and the deaf hear, the dead are raised
up, and the poor have the gospel
preached to them.
6 And blessed is *he*, whosoever shall
not be offended in me.
7 And as they departed, Jesus
began to say unto the multitudes con-
cerning John, What went ye out into
the wilderness to see? A reed shaken
with the wind?
8 But what went ye out for to see?
A man clothed in soft raiment? behold,
they that wear soft *clothing* are in
kings' houses.
9 But what went ye out for to see?
A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and
more than a prophet.
10 For this is *he*, of whom it is
written, Behold, I send my messenger
before thy face, which shall prepare
thy way before thee.
11 Verily I say unto you, Among
them that are born of women there
hath not risen a greater than John
the Baptist: notwithstanding he that
is least in the kingdom of heaven is
greater than he.
12 And from the days of John the
Baptist until now the kingdom of
heaven suffereth violence, and the
violent take it by force.
13 For all the prophets and the law
prophesied until John.
14 And if ye will receive *it*, this is
E-li'-as, which was for to come.
15 He that hath ears to hear, let
him hear.
16 But whereunto shall I liken this
generation? It is like unto children
sitting in the markets, and calling unto
their fellows,
17 And saying, We have piped unto
you, and ye have not danced; we have
mourned unto you, and ye have not
lamented.
18 For John came neither eating
nor drinking, and they say, He hath a
devil.
19 The Son of man came eating and
drinking, and they say, Behold a man
gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend
of publicans and sinners. But wisdom
is justified of her children.
20 Then began he to upbraid the
cities wherein most of his mighty
works were done, because they re-
pented not:
21 Woe unto thee, Cho-ra'-zin! woe
unto thee, Beth-sa'-i-da! for if the
mighty works, which were done in you,
had been done in Tyre and Si'-don,
they would have repented long ago in
sackcloth and ashes.
22 But I say unto you, It shall be
more tolerable for Tyre and Si'-don at
the day of judgment, than for you.
23 And thou, Ca-per'-na-um, which
art exalted unto heaven, shalt be
brought down to hell: for if the mighty
works, which have been done in thee,
had been done in Sodom, it would have
remained until this day.
24 But I say unto you, That it shall
be more tolerable for the land of
Sodom, in the day of judgment, than
for thee.
25 At that time Jesus answered
and said, I thank thee, O Father,
Lord of heaven and earth, because
thou hast hid these things from the
wise and prudent, and hast revealed
them unto babes.
26 Even so, Father: for so it seemed
good in thy sight.
27 All things are delivered unto me
of my Father: and no man knoweth
the Son, but the Father; neither know-
eth any man the Father, save the Son,
and *he* to whomsoever the Son will
reveal *him*.

28 Come unto me, all *ye* that labour
and are heavy laden, and I will give
you rest.
29 Take my yoke upon you, and
learn of me; for I am meek and lowly
in heart: and ye shall find rest unto
your souls.
30 For my yoke *is* easy, and my
burden is light.

CHAPTER 12

AT that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and
his disciples were an hungred, and
began to pluck the ears of corn, and to
eat.
2 But when the Pharisees saw *it*,
they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do
upon the sabbath day.
3 But he said unto them, Have ye
not read what David did, when he was
an hungred, and they that were with
him;
4 How he entered into the house of
God, and did eat the shewbread, which
was not lawful for him to eat, neither
for them which were with him, but
only for the priests?
5 Or have ye not read in the law,
how that on the sabbath days the
priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?
6 But I say unto you, That in this
place is *one* greater than the temple.
7 But if ye had known what *this*
meaneth, I will have mercy, and not
sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.
8 For the Son of man is Lord even
of the sabbath day.
9 And when he was departed thence,
he went into their synagogue:
10 And, behold, there was a man
which had *his* hand withered. And they
asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal
on the sabbath days? that they might
accuse him.
11 And he said unto them, What
man shall there be among you, that
shall have one sheep, and if it fall into
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17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous *men* have desired to see *those things* which ye see, and have not seen *them;* and to hear *those things* which ye hear, and have not heard *them.*
18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.
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54 And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this *man* this wisdom, and *these* mighty works?
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4 For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her.
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6 But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of He-ro'-di-as danced before them, and pleased Herod.
7 Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask.
8 And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger.
9 And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded *it* to be given *her*.
10 And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.
11 And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought *it* to her mother.
12 And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus.
13 When Jesus heard *of it*, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard *thereof*, they followed him on foot out of the cities.
14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.
15 And when it was evening, his

disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.

16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.

17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.

18 He said, Bring them hither to me.

19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to *his* disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.

21 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

22 And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

34 And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gen-nes'-a-ret.

35 And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased;

36 And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

CHAPTER 15

THEN came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying,

2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to *his* father or *his* mother, *It is* a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;

6 And honour not his father or his mother, *he shall be free*. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

7 Ye hypocrites, well did E-sa'-ias prophesy of you, saying,

8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me.

9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.

10 And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:

11 Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

12 Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the

Pharisees were offended, after they
heard this saying?
13 But he answered and said,
Every plant, which my heavenly
Father hath not planted, shall be
rooted up.
14 Let them alone: they be blind
leaders of the blind. And if the blind
lead the blind, both shall fall into the
ditch.
15 Then answered Peter and said
unto him, Declare unto us this parable.
16 And Jesus said, Are ye also yet
without understanding?
17 Do not ye yet understand, that
whatsoever entereth in at the mouth
goeth into the belly, and is cast out
into the draught?
18 But those things which proceed
out of the mouth come forth from the
heart; and they defile the man.
19 For out of the heart proceed
evil thoughts, murders, adulteries,
fornications, thefts, false witness,
blasphemies:
20 These are *the things* which defile
a man: but to eat with unwashen
hands defileth not a man.
21 Then Jesus went thence, and
departed into the coasts of Tyre and
Si'-don.
22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan
came out of the same coasts, and cried
unto him, saying, Have mercy on me,
O Lord, *thou* son of David; my daugh-
ter is grievously vexed with a devil.
23 But he answered her not a word.
And his disciples came and besought
him, saying, Send her away; for she
crieth after us.
24 But he answered and said, I am
not sent but unto the lost sheep of the
house of Israel.
25 Then came she and worshipped
him, saying, Lord, help me.
26 But he answered and said, It is
not meet to take the children's bread,
and to cast *it* to dogs.
27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet
the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall
from their masters' table.
28 Then Jesus answered and said
unto her, O woman, great *is* thy faith:
be it unto thee even as thou wilt.
And her daughter was made whole
from that very hour.
29 And Jesus departed from thence,
and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee;
and went up into a mountain, and sat
down there.
30 And great multitudes came unto
him, having with them *those that were*
lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many
others, and cast them down at Jesus'
feet; and he healed them:
31 Insomuch that the multitude
wondered, when they saw the dumb to
speak, the maimed to be whole, the
lame to walk, and the blind to see:
and they glorified the God of Israel.
32 Then Jesus called his disciples
unto him, and said, I have compassion
on the multitude, because they con-
tinue with me now three days, and
have nothing to eat: and I will not
send them away fasting, lest they
faint in the way.
33 And his disciples say unto him,
Whence should we have so much bread
in the wilderness, as to fill so great a
multitude?
34 And Jesus saith unto them,
How many loaves have ye? And they
said, Seven, and a few little fishes.
35 And he commanded the multi-
tude to sit down on the ground.
36 And he took the seven loaves and
the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake
them, and gave to his disciples, and the
disciples to the multitude.
37 And they did all eat, and were
filled: and they took up of the broken
meat that was left seven baskets
full.
38 And they that did eat were four
thousand men, beside women and
children.
39 And he sent away the multitude,
and took ship, and came into the
coasts of Mag'-da-la.

CHAPTER 16

THE Pharisees also with the Sad'-
du-cees came, and tempting de-
sired him that he would shew them a
sign from heaven.
2 He answered and said unto them,
When it is evening, ye say, *It will be*
fair weather: for the sky is red.
3 And in the morning, *It will be*
foul weather to day: for the sky is red
and lowring. O *ye* hypocrites, ye can
discern the face of the sky; but can ye
not *discern* the signs of the times?
4 A wicked and adulterous genera-
tion seeketh after a sign; and there
shall no sign be given unto it, but the
sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left
them, and departed.
5 And when his disciples were
come to the other side, they had for-
gotten to take bread.

6 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sad'-du-cees.

7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, *It is* because we have taken no bread.

8 *Which* when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?

9 Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

10 Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

11 How is *it that* ye do not understand that I spake *it* not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sad'-du-cees?

12 Then understood they how that he bade *them* not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sad'-du-cees.

13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Cæs-a-re'-a Phi-lip'-pi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

14 And they said, Some *say that thou art* John the Baptist: some, E-li'-as; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jo'-na: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

20 Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was *Jesus the Christ*.

21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

26 For what *is* a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

CHAPTER 17

AND after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and E-li'-as talking with him.

4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for E-li'-as.

5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

6 And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw *no man*, save Jesus only.

9 And as they came down from the

mountain, Jesus charged them, saying,
Tell the vision to no man, until the
Son of man be risen again from the
dead.
10 And his disciples asked him,
saying, Why then say the scribes that
E-li´-as must first come?
11 And Jesus answered and said
unto them, E-li´-as truly shall first
come, and restore all things.
12 But I say unto you, That E-li´-as
is come already, and they knew him
not, but have done unto him whatso-
ever they listed. Likewise shall also
the Son of man suffer of them.
13 Then the disciples understood
that he spake unto them of John the
Baptist.
14 And when they were come to the
multitude, there came to him a *certain*
man, kneeling down to him, and say-
ing,
15 Lord, have mercy on my son:
for he is lunatick, and sore vexed:
for ofttimes he falleth into the fire, and
oft into the water.
16 And I brought him to thy dis-
ciples, and they could not cure him.
17 Then Jesus answered and said,
O faithless and perverse generation,
how long shall I be with you? how long
shall I suffer you? bring him hither
to me.
18 And Jesus rebuked the devil;
and he departed out of him: and the
child was cured from that very hour.
19 Then came the disciples to Jesus
apart, and said, Why could not we
cast him out?
20 And Jesus said unto them, Be-
cause of your unbelief: for verily I say
unto you, If ye have faith as a grain
of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this
mountain, Remove hence to yonder
place; and it shall remove; and nothing
shall be impossible unto you.
21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out
but by prayer and fasting.
22 And while they abode in Galilee,
Jesus said unto them, The Son of man
shall be betrayed into the hands of
men:
23 And they shall kill him, and the
third day he shall be raised again. And
they were exceeding sorry.
24 And when they were come to
Ca-per´-na-um, they that received
tribute *money* came to Peter, and
said, Doth not your master pay trib-
ute?
25 He saith, Yes. And when he was
come into the house, Jesus prevented
him, saying, What thinkest thou,
Simon? of whom do the kings of the
earth take custom or tribute? of their
own children, or of strangers?
26 Peter saith unto him, Of stran-
gers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are
the children free.
27 Notwithstanding, lest we should
offend them, go thou to the sea, and
cast an hook, and take up the fish that
first cometh up; and when thou hast
opened his mouth, thou shalt find a
piece of money: that take, and give
unto them for me and thee.

CHAPTER 18

AT the same time came the disciples
unto Jesus, saying, Who is the
greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
2 And Jesus called a little child unto
him, and set him in the midst of them,
3 And said, Verily I say unto you,
Except ye be converted, and become
as little children, ye shall not enter into
the kingdom of heaven.
4 Whosoever therefore shall hum-
ble himself as this little child, the
same is greatest in the kingdom of
heaven.
5 And whoso shall receive one such
little child in my name receiveth me.
6 But whoso shall offend one of
these little ones which believe in me,
it were better for him that a millstone
were hanged about his neck, and *that*
he were drowned in the depth of the
sea.
7 Woe unto the world because of
offences! for it must needs be that
offences come; but woe to that man
by whom the offence cometh!
8 Wherefore if thy hand or thy
foot offend thee, cut them off, and
cast *them* from thee: it is better for
thee to enter into life halt or maimed,
rather than having two hands or two
feet to be cast into everlasting fire.
9 And if thine eye offend thee,
pluck it out, and cast *it* from thee:
it is better for thee to enter into life
with one eye, rather than having two
eyes to be cast into hell fire.
10 Take heed that ye despise not
one of these little ones; for I say unto
you, That in heaven their angels do
always behold the face of my Father
which is in heaven.
11 For the Son of man is come to
save that which was lost.

12 How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?

13 And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that *sheep*, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.

14 Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

16 But if he will not hear *thee*, *then* take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took *him* by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

CHAPTER 19

AND it came to pass, *that* when Jesus had finished these sayings, he departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judæa beyond Jordan;

2 And great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there.

3 The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made *them* at the beginning made them male and female,

5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore

God hath joined together, let not man
put asunder.
7 They say unto him, Why did
Moses then command to give a writing
of divorcement, and to put her away?
8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts
suffered you to put away your wives:
but from the beginning it was not so.
9 And I say unto you, Whosoever
shall put away his wife, except *it be*
for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso
marrieth her which is put away doth
commit adultery.
10 His disciples say unto him, If
the case of the man be so with *his*
wife, it is not good to marry.
11 But he said unto them, All *men*
cannot receive this saying, save *they*
to whom it is given.
12 For there are some eunuchs,
which were so born from *their* mother's
womb: and there are some eunuchs,
which were made eunuchs of men: and
there be eunuchs, which have made
themselves eunuchs for the kingdom
of heaven's sake. He that is able to
receive *it*, let him receive *it*.
13 Then were there brought unto
him little children, that he should put
his hands on them, and pray: and the
disciples rebuked them.
14 But Jesus said, Suffer little
children, and forbid them not, to
come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.
15 And he laid *his* hands on them,
and departed thence.
16 And, behold, one came and said
unto him, Good Master, what good
thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?
17 And he said unto him, Why
callest thou me good? *there is* none
good but one, *that is*, God: but if thou
wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.
18 He saith unto him, Which? Jesus
said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou
shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt
not steal, Thou shalt not bear false
witness,
19 Honour thy father and *thy*
mother: and, Thou shalt love thy
neighbour as thyself.
20 The young man saith unto him,
All these things have I kept from my
youth up: what lack I yet?
21 Jesus said unto him, If thou
wilt be perfect, go *and* sell that thou
hast, and give to the poor, and thou
shalt have treasure in heaven: and
come *and* follow me.
22 But when the young man heard
that saying, he went away sorrowful:
for he had great possessions.
23 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a
rich man shall hardly enter into the
kingdom of heaven.
24 And again I say unto you, It is
easier for a camel to go through the
eye of a needle, than for a rich man to
enter into the kingdom of God.
25 When his disciples heard *it*, they
were exceedingly amazed, saying,
Who then can be saved?
26 But Jesus beheld *them*, and said
unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are
possible.
27 Then answered Peter and said
unto him, Behold, we have forsaken
all, and followed thee; what shall we
have therefore?
28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily
I say unto you, That ye which have
followed me, in the regeneration when
the Son of man shall sit in the throne
of his glory, ye also shall sit upon
twelve thrones, judging the twelve
tribes of Israel.
29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters,
or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake,
shall receive an hundredfold, and shall
inherit everlasting life.
30 But many *that are* first shall be
last; and the last *shall be* first.

CHAPTER 20

FOR the kingdom of heaven is like
unto a man *that is* an householder,
which went out early in the morning
to hire labourers into his vineyard.
2 And when he had agreed with the
labourers for a penny a day, he sent
them into his vineyard.
3 And he went out about the third
hour, and saw others standing idle in
the marketplace,
4 And said unto them; Go ye also
into the vineyard, and whatsoever is
right I will give you. And they went
their way.
5 Again he went out about the
sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.
6 And about the eleventh hour he
went out, and found others standing

idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?
7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, *that* shall ye receive.
8 So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them *their* hire, beginning from the last unto the first.
9 And when they came that *were hired* about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.
10 But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.
11 And when they had received *it*, they murmured against the goodman of the house,
12 Saying, These last have wrought *but* one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.
13 But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?
14 Take *that* thine *is*, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.
15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?
16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.
17 And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them,
18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem: and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death,
19 And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify *him*: and the third day he shall rise again.
20 Then came to him the mother of Zeb'-e-dee's children with her sons, worshipping *him*, and desiring a certain thing of him.
21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.
22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.
23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but *it shall be given to them* for whom it is prepared of my Father.
24 And when the ten heard *it*, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren.
25 But Jesus called them *unto him*, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.
26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;
27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:
28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.
29 And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him.
30 And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, *thou* son of David.
31 And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, *thou* son of David.
32 And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you?
33 They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened.
34 So Jesus had compassion *on them*, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

CHAPTER 21

AND when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Beth'-pha-ge, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,
2 Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose *them*, and bring *them* unto me.

3 And if any *man* say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.
4 All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,
5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.
6 And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,
7 And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set *him* thereon.
8 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed *them* in the way.
9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.
10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?
11 And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.
12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,
13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.
14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.
15 And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased,
16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?
17 And he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and he lodged there.
18 Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered.
19 And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.
20 And when the disciples saw *it*, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!
21 Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this *which is done* to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.
22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.
23 And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?
24 And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things.
25 The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him?
26 But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet.
27 And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.
28 But what think ye? A *certain* man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard.
29 He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.
30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I *go*, sir: and went not.
31 Whether of them twain did the will of *his* father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.
32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not; but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye

had seen *it*, repented not afterward,
that ye might believe him.

33 Hear another parable: There was
a certain householder, which planted a
vineyard, and hedged it round about,
and digged a winepress in it, and built
a tower, and let it out to husbandmen,
and went into a far country:

34 And when the time of the fruit
drew near, he sent his servants to the
husbandmen, that they might receive
the fruits of it.

35 And the husbandmen took his
servants, and beat one, and killed an-
other, and stoned another.

36 Again, he sent other servants
more than the first: and they did unto
them likewise.

37 But last of all he sent unto them
his son, saying, They will reverence
my son.

38 But when the husbandmen saw
the son, they said among themselves,
This is the heir; come, let us kill him,
and let us seize on his inheritance.

39 And they caught him, and cast
him out of the vineyard, and slew *him*.

40 When the lord therefore of the
vineyard cometh, what will he do unto
those husbandmen?

41 They say unto him, He will
miserably destroy those wicked men,
and will let out *his* vineyard unto other
husbandmen, which shall render him
the fruits in their seasons.

42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye
never read in the scriptures, The stone
which the builders rejected, the same
is become the head of the corner: this
is the Lord's doing, and it is marvel-
lous in our eyes?

43 Therefore say I unto you, The
kingdom of God shall be taken from
you, and given to a nation bringing
forth the fruits thereof.

44 And whosoever shall fall on this
stone shall be broken: but on whom-
soever it shall fall, it will grind him to
powder.

45 And when the chief priests and
Pharisees had heard his parables, they
perceived that he spake of them.

46 But when they sought to lay
hands on him, they feared the multi-
tude, because they took him for a
prophet.

CHAPTER 22

AND Jesus answered and spake unto
them again by parables, and said,

2 The kingdom of heaven is like
unto a certain king, which made a
marriage for his son,

3 And sent forth his servants to call
them that were bidden to the wedding:
and they would not come.

4 Again, he sent forth other ser-
vants, saying, Tell them which are bid-
den, Behold, I have prepared my din-
ner: my oxen and *my* fatlings *are*
killed, and all things *are* ready: come
unto the marriage.

5 But they made light of *it*, and
went their ways, one to his farm, an-
other to his merchandise:

6 And the remnant took his ser-
vants, and entreated *them* spitefully,
and slew *them*.

7 But when the king heard *thereof*,
he was wroth: and he sent forth his
armies, and destroyed those murder-
ers, and burned up their city.

8 Then saith he to his servants,
The wedding is ready, but they which
were bidden were not worthy.

9 Go ye therefore into the high-
ways, and as many as ye shall find, bid
to the marriage.

10 So those servants went out into
the highways, and gathered together
all as many as they found, both bad
and good: and the wedding was fur-
nished with guests.

11 And when the king came in to
see the guests, he saw there a man
which had not on a wedding gar-
ment:

12 And he saith unto him, Friend,
how camest thou in hither not having
a wedding garment? And he was
speechless.

13 Then said the king to the ser-
vants, Bind him hand and foot, and
take him away, and cast *him* into
outer darkness; there shall be weeping
and gnashing of teeth.

14 For many are called, but few *are*
chosen.

15 Then went the Pharisees, and
took counsel how they might entangle
him in *his* talk.

16 And they sent out unto him
their disciples with the He-ro'-di-ans,
saying, Master, we know that thou
art true, and teachest the way of God
in truth, neither carest thou for any
man: for thou regardest not the person
of men.

17 Tell us therefore, What thinkest
thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto
Cæsar, or not?

18 But Jesus perceived their wick-

edness, and said, Why tempt ye me,
ye hypocrites?
19 Shew me the tribute money.
And they brought unto him a penny.
20 And he saith unto them, Whose
is this image and superscription?
21 They say unto him, Cæsar's.
Then saith he unto them, Render
therefore unto Cæsar the things which
are Cæsar's; and unto God the things
that are God's.
22 When they had heard *these*
words, they marvelled, and left him,
and went their way.
23 The same day came to him the
Sad'-du-cees, which say that there is
no resurrection, and asked him,
24 Saying, Master, Moses said, If a
man die, having no children, his
brother shall marry his wife, and raise
up seed unto his brother.
25 Now there were with us seven
brethren: and the first, when he had
married a wife, deceased, and, having
no issue, left his wife unto his brother:
26 Likewise the second also, and
the third, unto the seventh.
27 And last of all the woman died
also.
28 Therefore in the resurrection
whose wife shall she be of the seven?
for they all had her.
29 Jesus answered and said unto
them, Ye do err, not knowing the
scriptures, nor the power of God.
30 For in the resurrection they
neither marry, nor are given in mar-
riage, but are as the angels of God in
heaven.
31 But as touching the resurrection
of the dead, have ye not read that
which was spoken unto you by God,
saying,
32 I am the God of Abraham, and
the God of Isaac, and the God of
Jacob? God is not the God of the dead,
but of the living.
33 And when the multitude heard
this, they were astonished at his doc-
trine.
34 But when the Pharisees had
heard that he had put the Sad'-du-cees
to silence, they were gathered to-
gether.
35 Then one of them, *which was* a
lawyer, asked *him a question*, tempting
him, and saying,
36 Master, which *is* the great com-
mandment in the law?
37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt
love the Lord thy God with all thy
heart, and with all thy soul, and with
all thy mind.
38 This is the first and great com-
mandment.
39 And the second *is* like unto it,
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as
thyself.
40 On these two commandments
hang all the law and the prophets.
41 While the Pharisees were gather-
ed together, Jesus asked them,
42 Saying, What think ye of Christ?
whose son is he? They say unto him,
The son of David.
43 He saith unto them, How then
doth David in spirit call him Lord,
saying,
44 The LORD said unto my Lord,
Sit thou on my right hand, till I make
thine enemies thy footstool?
45 If David then call him, Lord,
how is he his son?
46 And no man was able to answer
him a word, neither durst any *man*
from that day forth ask him any more
questions.

CHAPTER 23

THEN spake Jesus to the multi-
tude, and to his disciples,
2 Saying, The scribes and the Phari-
sees sit in Moses' seat:
3 All therefore whatsoever they bid
you observe, *that* observe and do; but
do not ye after their works: for they
say, and do not.
4 For they bind heavy burdens and
grievous to be borne, and lay *them* on
men's shoulders; but they *themselves*
will not move them with one of their
fingers.
5 But all their works they do for to
be seen of men: they make broad their
phylacteries, and enlarge the borders
of their garments,
6 And love the uppermost rooms at
feasts, and the chief seats in the syna-
gogues,
7 And greetings in the markets, and
to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.
8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for
one is your Master, *even* Christ; and all
ye are brethren.
9 And call no *man* your father upon
the earth: for one is your Father,
which is in heaven.
10 Neither be ye called masters: for
one is your Master, *even* Christ.
11 But he that is greatest among
you shall be your servant.
12 And whosoever shall exalt him-

self shall be abased; and he that shall
humble himself shall be exalted.
13 But woe unto you, scribes and
Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up
the kingdom of heaven against men:
for ye *neither go in yourselves,* neither
suffer ye them that are entering to go
in.
14 Woe unto you, scribes and Phari-
sees, hypocrites! for ye devour wid-
ows' houses, and for a pretence make
long prayer: therefore ye shall receive
the greater damnation.
15 Woe unto you, scribes and Phari-
sees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea
and land to make one proselyte, and
when he *is* made, ye make him twofold
more the child of hell than yourselves.
16 Woe unto you, *ye* blind guides,
which say, Whosoever shall swear by
the temple, it is nothing; but whoso-
ever shall swear by the gold of the tem-
ple, he is a debtor!
17 Ye fools and blind: for whether
is greater, the gold, or the temple *that*
sanctifieth the gold?
18 And, Whosoever shall swear by
the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever
sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he
is guilty.
19 Ye fools and blind: for whether
is greater, the gift, or the altar that
sanctifieth the gift?
20 Whoso therefore shall swear by
the altar, sweareth by it, and by all
things thereon.
21 And whoso shall swear by the
temple, sweareth by it, and by him
that dwelleth therein.
22 And he that shall swear by heav-
en, sweareth by the throne of God,
and by him that sitteth thereon.
23 Woe unto you, scribes and Phari-
sees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of
mint and anise and cummin, and have
omitted the weightier *matters* of the
law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these
ought ye to have done, and not to
leave the other undone.
24 Ye blind guides, which strain at
a gnat, and swallow a camel.
25 Woe unto you, scribes and Phari-
sees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the
outside of the cup and of the platter,
but within they are full of extortion
and excess.
26 *Thou* blind Pharisee, cleanse
first that *which is* within the cup and
platter, that the outside of them may
be clean also.
27 Woe unto you, scribes and Phari-
sees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto
whited sepulchres, which indeed ap-
pear beautiful outward, but are with-
in full of dead *men's* bones, and of all
uncleanness.
28 Even so ye also outwardly ap-
pear righteous unto men, but within ye
are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.
29 Woe unto you, scribes and Phari-
sees, hypocrites! because ye build the
tombs of the prophets, and garnish
the sepulchres of the righteous,
30 And say, If we had been in the
days of our fathers, we would not have
been partakers with them in the blood
of the prophets.
31 Wherefore ye be witnesses unto
yourselves, that ye are the children of
them which killed the prophets.
32 Fill ye up then the measure of
your fathers.
33 Ye serpents, *ye* generation of vi-
pers, how can ye escape the damnation
of hell?
34 Wherefore, behold, I send unto
you prophets, and wise men, and
scribes: and *some* of them ye shall kill
and crucify; and *some* of them shall ye
scourge in your synagogues, and per-
secute *them* from city to city:
35 That upon you may come all the
righteous blood shed upon the earth,
from the blood of righteous Abel unto
the blood of Zach-a-ri'-as son of Bar-a-
chi'-as, whom ye slew between the
temple and the altar.
36 Verily I say unto you, All these
things shall come upon this genera-
tion.
37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou*
that killest the prophets, and stonest
them which are sent unto thee, how
often would I have gathered thy chil-
dren together, even as a hen gathereth
her chickens under *her* wings, and ye
would not!
38 Behold, your house is left unto
you desolate.
39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not
see me henceforth, till ye shall say,
Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name
of the Lord.

CHAPTER 24

AND Jesus went out, and departed
from the temple: and his disciples
came to *him* for to shew him the build-
ings of the temple.
2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye
not all these things? verily I say unto
you, There shall not be left here one

stone upon another, that shall not be
thrown down.
3 And as he sat upon the mount of
Olives, the disciples came unto him
privately, saying, Tell us, when shall
these things be? and what *shall be* the
sign of thy coming, and of the end of
the world?
4 And Jesus answered and said unto
them, Take heed that no man deceive
you.
5 For many shall come in my name,
saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive
many.
6 And ye shall hear of wars and ru-
mours of wars: see that ye be not trou-
bled: for all *these things* must come to
pass, but the end is not yet.
7 For nation shall rise against na-
tion, and kingdom against kingdom:
and there shall be famines, and pesti-
lences, and earthquakes, in divers
places.
8 All these *are* the beginning of sor-
rows.
9 Then shall they deliver you up to
be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye
shall be hated of all nations for my
name's sake.
10 And then shall many be offend-
ed, and shall betray one another, and
shall hate one another.
11 And many false prophets shall
rise, and shall deceive many.
12 And because iniquity shall
abound, the love of many shall wax
cold.
13 But he that shall endure unto
the end, the same shall be saved.
14 And this gospel of the kingdom
shall be preached in all the world for a
witness unto all nations; and then shall
the end come.
15 When ye therefore shall see the
abomination of desolation, spoken of
by Daniel the prophet, stand in the
holy place, (whoso readeth, let him
understand:)
16 Then let them which be in Judæa
flee into the mountains:
17 Let him which is on the housetop
not come down to take any thing out
of his house:
18 Neither let him which is in the
field return back to take his clothes.
19 And woe unto them that are
with child, and to them that give suck
in those days!
20 But pray ye that your flight be
not in the winter, neither on the sab-
bath day:
21 For then shall be great tribula-
tion, such as was not since the begin-
ning of the world to this time, no, nor
ever shall be.
22 And except those days should be
shortened, there should no flesh be
saved: but for the elect's sake those
days shall be shortened.
23 Then if any man shall say unto
you, Lo, here *is* Christ, or there; be-
lieve *it* not.
24 For there shall arise false Christs,
and false prophets, and shall shew
great signs and wonders; insomuch
that, if *it were* possible, they shall de-
ceive the very elect.
25 Behold, I have told you before.
26 Wherefore if they shall say unto
you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not
forth: behold, *he is* in the secret cham-
bers; believe *it* not.
27 For as the lightning cometh out
of the east, and shineth even unto the
west; so shall also the coming of the
Son of man be.
28 For wheresoever the carcase is,
there will the eagles be gathered to-
gether.
29 Immediately after the tribula-
tion of those days shall the sun be
darkened, and the moon shall not give
her light, and the stars shall fall from
heaven, and the powers of the heavens
shall be shaken:
30 And then shall appear the sign of
the Son of man in heaven: and then
shall all the tribes of the earth mourn,
and they shall see the Son of man com-
ing in the clouds of heaven with power
and great glory.
31 And he shall send his angels with
a great sound of a trumpet, and they
shall gather together his elect from the
four winds, from one end of heaven to
the other.
32 Now learn a parable of the fig
tree; When his branch is yet tender,
and putteth forth leaves, ye know that
summer *is* nigh:
33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see
all these things, know that it is near,
even at the doors.
34 Verily I say unto you, This gener-
ation shall not pass, till all these
things be fulfilled.
35 Heaven and earth shall pass
away, but my words shall not pass
away.
36 But of that day and hour know-
eth no *man*, no, not the angels of heav-
en, but my Father only.

37 But as the days of No'e *were*, so
shall also the coming of the Son of man
be.
38 For as in the days that were be-
fore the flood they were eating and
drinking, marrying and giving in mar-
riage, until the day that No'e entered
into the ark,
39 And knew not until the flood
came, and took them all away; so shall
also the coming of the Son of man be.
40 Then shall two be in the field;
the one shall be taken, and the other
left.
41 Two *women shall be* grinding at
the mill; the one shall be taken, and
the other left.
42 Watch therefore: for ye know
not what hour your Lord doth come.
43 But know this, that if the good-
man of the house had known in what
watch the thief would come, he would
have watched, and would not have suf-
fered his house to be broken up.
44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in
such an hour as ye think not the Son
of man cometh.
45 Who then is a faithful and wise
servant, whom his lord hath made rul-
er over his household, to give them
meat in due season?
46 Blessed *is* that servant, whom
his lord when he cometh shall find so
doing.
47 Verily I say unto you, That he
shall make him ruler over all his
goods.
48 But and if that evil servant shall
say in his heart, My lord delayeth his
coming;
49 And shall begin to smite *his* fel-
lowservants, and to eat and drink with
the drunken;
50 The lord of that servant shall
come in a day when he looketh not for
him, and in an hour that he is not
aware of,
51 And shall cut him asunder, and
appoint *him* his portion with the hypo-
crites: there shall be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.

CHAPTER 25

THEN shall the kingdom of heaven
be likened unto ten virgins, which
took their lamps, and went forth to
meet the bridegroom.
2 And five of them were wise, and
five *were* foolish.
3 They that *were* foolish took their
lamps, and took no oil with them:
4 But the wise took oil in their ves-
sels with their lamps.
5 While the bridegroom tarried,
they all slumbered and slept.
6 And at midnight there was a cry
made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh;
go ye out to meet him.
7 Then all those virgins arose, and
trimmed their lamps.
8 And the foolish said unto the
wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps
are gone out.
9 But the wise answered, saying,
Not so; lest there be not enough for us
and you: but go ye rather to them that
sell, and buy for yourselves.
10 And while they went to buy, the
bridegroom came; and they that were
ready went in with him to the mar-
riage: and the door was shut.
11 Afterward came also the other
virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.
12 But he answered and said, Verily
I say unto you, I know you not.
13 Watch therefore, for ye know
neither the day nor the hour wherein
the Son of man cometh.
14 For *the kingdom of heaven is* as a
man travelling into a far country, *who*
called his own servants, and delivered
unto them his goods.
15 And unto one he gave five tal-
ents, to another two, and to another
one; to every man according to his
several ability; and straightway took
his journey.
16 Then he that had received the
five talents went and traded with the
same, and made *them* other five tal-
ents.
17 And likewise he that *had received*
two, he also gained other two.
18 But he that had received one
went and digged in the earth, and hid
his lord's money.
19 After a long time the lord of
those servants cometh, and reckoneth
with them.
20 And so he that had received five
talents came and brought other five
talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst
unto me five talents: behold, I have
gained beside them five talents more.
21 His lord said unto him, Well
done, *thou* good and faithful servant:
thou hast been faithful over a few
things, I will make thee ruler over
many things: enter thou into the joy
of thy lord.
22 He also that had received two
talents came and said, Lord, thou de-

liveredst unto me two talents: behold,
I have gained two other talents beside
them.
23 His lord said unto him, Well
done, good and faithful servant; thou
hast been faithful over a few things, I
will make thee ruler over many things:
enter thou into the joy of thy lord.
24 Then he which had received the
one talent came and said, Lord, I
knew thee that thou art an hard man,
reaping where thou hast not sown,
and gathering where thou hast not
strawed:
25 And I was afraid, and went and
hid thy talent in the earth: lo, *there*
thou hast *that is* thine.
26 His lord answered and said unto
him, *Thou* wicked and slothful ser-
vant, thou knewest that I reap where
I sowed not, and gather where I have
not strawed:
27 Thou oughtest therefore to have
put my money to the exchangers, and
then at my coming I should have re-
ceived mine own with usury.
28 Take therefore the talent from
him, and give *it* unto him which hath
ten talents.
29 For unto every one that hath
shall be given, and he shall have abun-
dance: but from him that hath not
shall be taken away even that which
he hath.
30 And cast ye the unprofitable ser-
vant into outer darkness: there shall be
weeping and gnashing of teeth.
31 When the Son of man shall come
in his glory, and all the holy angels
with him, then shall he sit upon the
throne of his glory:
32 And before him shall be gathered
all nations: and he shall separate them
one from another, as a shepherd divid-
eth *his* sheep from the goats:
33 And he shall set the sheep on his
right hand, but the goats on the left.
34 Then shall the King say unto
them on his right hand, Come, ye
blessed of my Father, inherit the king-
dom prepared for you from the founda-
tion of the world:
35 For I was an hungred, and ye
gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye
gave me drink: I was a stranger, and
ye took me in:
36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was
sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison,
and ye came unto me.
37 Then shall the righteous answer
him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee
an hungred, and fed *thee?* or thirsty,
and gave *thee* drink?
38 When saw we thee a stranger,
and took *thee* in? or naked, and clothed
thee?
39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in
prison, and came unto thee?
40 And the King shall answer and
say unto them, Verily I say unto you,
Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one
of the least of these my brethren, ye
have done *it* unto me.
41 Then shall he say also unto them
on the left hand, Depart from me, ye
cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared
for the devil and his angels:
42 For I was an hungred, and ye
gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye
gave me no drink:
43 I was a stranger, and ye took me
not in: naked, and ye clothed me not:
sick, and in prison, and ye visited me
not.
44 Then shall they also answer him,
saying, Lord, when saw we thee an
hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or
naked, or sick, or in prison, and did
not minister unto thee?
45 Then shall he answer them, say-
ing, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch
as ye did *it* not to one of the least of
these, ye did *it* not to me.
46 And these shall go away into
everlasting punishment: but the right-
eous into life eternal.

CHAPTER 26

AND it came to pass, when Jesus had
finished all these sayings, he said
unto his disciples,
2 Ye know that after two days is *the*
feast of the passover, and the Son of
man is betrayed to be crucified.
3 Then assembled together the
chief priests, and the scribes, and the
elders of the people, unto the palace of
the high priest, who was called Ca'ia-
phas,
4 And consulted that they might
take Jesus by subtilty, and kill *him*.
5 But they said, Not on the feast
day, lest there be an uproar among the
people.
6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany,
in the house of Simon the leper,
7 There came unto him a woman
having an alabaster box of very pre-
cious ointment, and poured it on his
head, as he sat *at meat*.
8 But when his disciples saw i

had indignation, saying, To what purpose *is* this waste?
9 For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.
10 When Jesus understood *it*, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me.
11 For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.
12 For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did *it* for my burial.
13 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, *there* shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.
14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,
15 And said *unto them*, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.
16 And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.
17 Now the first *day* of the *feast of* unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover?
18 And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.
19 And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.
20 Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.
21 And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.
22 And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?
23 And he answered and said, He that dippeth *his* hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.
24 The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.
25 Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.
26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.
27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;
28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.
29 But I say unto you, I will not *drink henceforth* of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.
30 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.
31 Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.
32 But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.
33 Peter answered and said unto him, Though all *men* shall be offended because of thee, *yet* will I never be offended.
34 Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.
35 Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.
36 Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Geth-sem'-a-ne, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.
37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zeb'-e-dee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.
38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.
39 And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou *wilt*.
40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?
41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.
42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away

from me, except I drink it, thy will be
done.
43 And he came and found them
asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.
44 And he left them, and went away
again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.
45 Then cometh he to his disciples,
and saith unto them, Sleep on now,
and take *your* rest: behold, the hour is
at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.
46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he
is at hand that doth betray me.
47 And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with
him a great multitude with swords and
staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.
48 Now he that betrayed him gave
them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I
shall kiss, that same is he: hold him
fast.
49 And forthwith he came to Jesus,
and said, Hail, master; and kissed
him.
50 And Jesus said unto him, Friend,
wherefore art thou come? Then came
they, and laid hands on Jesus, and
took him.
51 And, behold, one of them which
were with Jesus stretched out *his* hand,
and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off
his ear.
52 Then said Jesus unto him, Put
up again thy sword into his place: for
all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.
53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now
pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions
of angels?
54 But how then shall the scriptures
be fulfilled, that thus it must be?
55 In that same hour said Jesus to
the multitudes, Are ye come out as
against a thief with swords and staves
for to take me? I sat daily with you
teaching in the temple, and ye laid no
hold on me.
56 But all this was done, that the
scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook
him, and fled.
57 And they that had laid hold on
Jesus led *him* away to Ca'-ia-phas the
high priest, where the scribes and the
elders were assembled.
58 But Peter followed him afar off
unto the high priest's palace, and went
in, and sat with the servants, to see the
end.
59 Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false
witness against Jesus, to put him to
death;
60 But found none: yea, though
many false witnesses came, *yet* found
they none. At the last came two false
witnesses,
61 And said, this *fellow* said, I am
able to destroy the temple of God, and
to build it in three days.
62 And the high priest arose, and
said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what *is it which* these witness
against thee?
63 But Jesus held his peace. And
the high priest answered and said unto
him, I adjure thee by the living God,
that thou tell us whether thou be the
Christ, the Son of God.
64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast
said: nevertheless I say unto you,
Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man
sitting on the right hand of power, and
coming in the clouds of heaven.
65 Then the high priest rent his
clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of
witnesses? behold, now ye have heard
his blasphemy.
66 What think ye? They answered
and said, He is guilty of death.
67 Then did they spit in his face,
and buffeted him; and others smote
him with the palms of their hands,
68 Saying, Prophesy unto us, thou
Christ, Who is he that smote thee?
69 Now Peter sat without in the
palace: and a damsel came unto him,
saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of
Galilee.
70 But he denied before *them* all,
saying, I know not what thou sayest.
71 And when he was gone out into
the porch, another *maid* saw him, and
said unto them that were there, This
fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth.
72 And again he denied with an
oath, I do not know the man.
73 And after a while came unto *him*
they that stood by, and said to Peter,
Surely thou also art *one* of them; for
thy speech bewrayeth thee.
74 Then began he to curse and to
swear, *saying*, I know not the man.
And immediately the cock crew.
75 And Peter remembered the word
of Jesus, which said unto him, Before
the cock crow, thou shalt deny me

thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

CHAPTER 27

WHEN the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death:

2 And when they had bound him, they led *him* away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

3 Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What *is that* to us? see thou *to that*.

5 And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

7 And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.

8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;

10 And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

11 And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.

12 And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

13 Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?

14 And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.

15 Now at *that* feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.

16 And they had then a notable prisoner, called Ba-rab'-bas.

17 Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Ba-rab'-bas, or Jesus which is called Christ?

18 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.

19 When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Ba-rab'-bas, and destroy Jesus.

21 The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Ba-rab'-bas.

22 Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? *They* all say unto him, Let him be crucified.

23 And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but *that* rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye *to it*.

25 Then answered all the people, and said, His blood *be* on us, and on our children.

26 Then released he Ba-rab'-bas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered *him* to be crucified.

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band *of soldiers*.

28 And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.

29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put *it* upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

30 And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

31 And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify *him*.

32 And as they came out, they found a man of Cy-re'-ne, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross.

33 And when they were come unto a place called Gol′-go-tha, that is to say, a place of a skull,

34 They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted *therof*, he would not drink.

35 And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

36 And sitting down they watched him there;

37 And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

38 Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

39 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,

40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest *it* in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking *him*, with the scribes and elders, said,

42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

44 The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, E′-li, E′-li, la′-ma sa-bach′-tha-ni? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

47 Some of them that stood there, when they heard *that*, said, This *man* calleth for E-li′-as.

48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a spunge, and filled *it* with vinegar, and put *it* on a reed, and gave him to drink.

49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether E-li′-as will come to save him.

50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

51 And, behold, the vail of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

55 And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him:

56 Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zeb′-e-dee's children.

57 When the even was come, there came a rich man of Ar-i-ma-thæ′-a, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:

58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

61 And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

62 Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,

63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.

64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.

65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make *it* as sure as ye can.

66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

CHAPTER 28

IN the end of the sabbath, as it began
to dawn toward the first *day* of the
week, came Mary Magdalene and the
other Mary to see the sepulchre.
2 And, behold, there was a great
earthquake: for the angel of the Lord
descended from heaven, and came and
rolled back the stone from the door,
and sat upon it.
3 His countenance was like light-
ning, and his raiment white as snow:
4 And for fear of him the keepers
did shake, and became as dead *men*.
5 And the angel answered and said
unto the women, Fear not ye: for I
know that ye seek Jesus, which was
crucified.
6 He is not here: for he is risen, as
he said. Come, see the place where the
Lord lay.
7 And go quickly, and tell his dis-
ciples that he is risen from the dead;
and, behold, he goeth before you into
Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I
have told you.
8 And they departed quickly from
the sepulchre with fear and great joy;
and did run to bring his disciples word.
9 And as they went to tell his dis-
ciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying,
All hail. And they came and held him
by the feet, and worshipped him.
10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be
not afraid: go tell my brethren that
they go into Galilee, and there shall
they see me.
11 Now when they were going, be-
hold, some of the watch came into the
city, and shewed unto the chief priests
all the things that were done.
12 And when they were assembled
with the elders, and had taken coun-
sel, they gave large money unto the
soldiers,
13 Saying, Say ye, His disciples
came by night, and stole him *away*
while we slept.
14 And if this come to the gover-
nor's ears, we will persuade him, and
secure you.
15 So they took the money, and did
as they were taught: and this saying is
commonly reported among the Jews
until this day.
16 Then the eleven disciples went
away into Galilee, into a mountain
where Jesus had appointed them.
17 And when they saw him, they
worshipped him: but some doubted.
18 And Jesus came and spake unto
them, saying, All power is given unto
me in heaven and in earth.
19 Go ye therefore, and teach all
nations, baptizing them in the name of
the Father, and of the Son, and of the
Holy Ghost:
20 Teaching them to observe all
things whatsoever I have commanded
you: and, lo, I am with you alway,
even unto the end of the world. Amen.

The Gospel According to Saint Mark

CHAPTER 1

THE beginning of the gospel of
Jesus Christ, the Son of God;
2 As it is written in the pro-
phets, Behold, I send my messenger
before thy face, which shall prepare
thy way before thee.
3 The voice of one crying in the wil-
derness, Prepare ye the way of the
Lord, make his paths straight.
4 John did baptize in the wilder-
ness, and preach the baptism of re-
pentance for the remission of sins.
5 And there went out unto him all
the land of Judæa, and they of Jeru-
salem, and were all baptized of him in
the river of Jordan, confessing their
sins.
6 And John was clothed with cam-
el's hair, and with a girdle of a skin
about his loins; and he did eat locusts
and wild honey;
7 And preached, saying, There com-
eth one mightier than I after me, the
latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy
to stoop down and unloose.
8 I indeed have baptized you with
water: but he shall baptize you with
the Holy Ghost.
9 And it came to pass in those days,
that Jesus came from Nazareth of

Galilee, and was baptized of John in
Jordan.
10 And straightway coming up out
of the water, he saw the heavens
opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:
11 And there came a voice from
heaven, *saying*, Thou art my beloved
Son, in whom I am well pleased.
12 And immediately the spirit driveth him into the wilderness.
13 And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and
was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.
14 Now after that John was put in
prison, Jesus came into Galilee,
preaching the gospel of the kingdom
of God,
15 And saying, The time is fulfilled,
and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.
16 Now as he walked by the sea of
Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his
brother casting a net into the sea: for
they were fishers.
17 And Jesus said unto them, Come
ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.
18 And straightway they forsook
their nets, and followed him.
19 And when he had gone a little
farther thence, he saw James the *son*
of Zeb'-e-dee, and John his brother,
who also were in the ship mending
their nets.
20 And straightway he called them:
and they left their father Zeb'-e-dee in
the ship with the hired servants, and
went after him.
21 And they went into Ca-per'-naum; and straightway on the sabbath
day he entered into the synagogue,
and taught.
22 And they were astonished at his
doctrine: for he taught them as one
that had authority, and not as the
scribes.
23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit;
and he cried out,
24 Saying, Let *us* alone; what have
we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I
know thee who thou art, the Holy One
of God.
25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying,
Hold thy peace, and come out of him.
26 And when the unclean spirit had
torn him, and cried with a loud voice,
he came out of him.
27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among
themselves, saying, What thing is this?
what new doctrine *is* this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.
28 And immediately his fame
spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.
29 And forthwith, when they were
come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.
30 But Simon's wife's mother lay
sick of a fever, and anon they tell him
of her.
31 And he came and took her by
the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she
ministered unto them.
32 And at even, when the sun did
set, they brought unto him all that
were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.
33 And all the city was gathered together at the door.
34 And he healed many that were
sick of divers diseases, and cast out
many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.
35 And in the morning, rising up a
great while before day, he went out,
and departed into a solitary place, and
there prayed.
36 And Simon and they that were
with him followed after him.
37 And when they had found him,
they said unto him, All *men* seek for
thee.
38 And he said unto them, Let us
go into the next towns, that I may
preach there also: for therefore came I
forth.
39 And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast
out devils.
40 And there came a leper to him,
beseeching him, and kneeling down to
him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt,
thou canst make me clean.
41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth *his* hand, and touched
him, and saith unto him, I will; be
thou clean.
42 And, as soon as he had spoken,
immediately the leprosy departed
from him, and he was cleansed.
43 And he straitly charged him, and
forthwith sent him away;
44 And saith unto him, See thou say
nothing to any man: but go thy way,

shew thyself to the priest, *and* offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

45 But he went out, and began to publish *it* much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

CHAPTER 2

AND again he entered into Ca-per'-na-um after *some* days; and it was noised that he was in the house.

2 And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive *them*, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them.

3 And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

4 And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken *it* up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

6 But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,

7 Why doth this *man* thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?

8 And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?

9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, *Thy* sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?

10 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)

11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

12 And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

13 And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them.

14 And as he passed by, he saw Levi the *son* of Al-phæ'-us sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

15 And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him.

16 And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners?

17 When Jesus heard *it*, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

18 And the disciples of John and of the Pharisees used to fast: and they come and say unto him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not?

19 And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.

20 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.

21 No man also seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment: else the new piece that filled it up taketh away from the old, and the rent is made worse.

22 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred: but new wine must be put into new bottles.

23 And it came to pass, that he went through the corn fields on the sabbath day; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn.

24 And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful?

25 And he said unto them, Have ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was an hungred, he, and they that were with him?

26 How he went into the house of God in the days of A-bi'-a-thar the high priest, and did eat the shewbread,

which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him?

27 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:

28 Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

CHAPTER 3

AND he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand.

2 And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him.

3 And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth.

4 And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace.

5 And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched *it* out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

6 And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the He-ro'-di-ans against him, how they might destroy him.

7 But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judæa,

8 And from Jerusalem, and from I-du-mæ'-a, and *from* beyond Jordan; and they about Tyre and Si'-don, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him.

9 And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him.

10 For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues.

11 And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.

12 And he straitly charged them that they should not make him known.

13 And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth *unto him* whom he would: and they came unto him.

14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,

15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:

16 And Simon he surnamed Peter;

17 And James the *son* of Zeb'-e-dee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Bo-a-ner'-ges, which is, The sons of thunder:

18 And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the *son* of Al-phæ'-us, and Thad-dæ'-us, and Simon the Canaanite,

19 And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house.

20 And the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread.

21 And when his friends heard *of it*, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself.

22 And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Be-el'-ze-bub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.

23 And he called them *unto him*, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan?

24 And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

25 And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

26 And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.

27 No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.

28 Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme:

29 But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:

30 Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

31 There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him.

32 And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee.

33 And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren?

34 And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said,

Behold my mother and my brethren!

35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

CHAPTER 4

AND he began again to teach by the sea side: and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land.

2 And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine,

3 Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow:

4 And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.

5 And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:

6 But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.

7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

8 And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.

9 And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable.

11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all *these* things are done in parables:

12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and *their* sins should be forgiven them.

13 And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?

14 The sower soweth the word.

15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;

17 And have no root in themselves; and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word,

19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive *it*, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

21 And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick?

22 For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.

23 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

24 And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.

25 For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.

26 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

29 But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

30 And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?

31 *It is* like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:

32 But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great

branches; so that the fowls of the air
may lodge under the shadow of it.
33 And with many such parables
spake he the word unto them, as they
were able to hear *it*.
34 But without a parable spake he
not unto them: and when they were
alone, he expounded all things to his
disciples.
35 And the same day, when the
even was come, he saith unto them,
Let us pass over unto the other side.
36 And when they had sent away
the multitude, they took him even as
he was in the ship. And there were also
with him other little ships.
37 And there arose a great storm of
wind, and the waves beat into the ship,
so that it was now full.
38 And he was in the hinder part of
the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they
awake him, and say unto him, Master,
carest thou not that we perish?
39 And he arose, and rebuked the
wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be
still. And the wind ceased, and there
was a great calm.
40 And he said unto them, Why are
ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no
faith?
41 And they feared exceedingly,
and said one to another, What manner
of man is this, that even the wind and
the sea obey him?

CHAPTER 5

AND they came over unto the other
side of the sea, into the country
of the Gad'-a-renes.
2 And when he was come out of the
ship, immediately there met him out
of the tombs a man with an unclean
spirit,
3 Who had *his* dwelling among the
tombs; and no man could bind him, no,
not with chains:
4 Because that he had been often
bound with fetters and chains, and the
chains had been plucked asunder by
him, and the fetters broken in pieces:
neither could any *man* tame him.
5 And always, night and day, he
was in the mountains, and in the
tombs, crying, and cutting himself
with stones.
6 But when he saw Jesus afar off,
he ran and worshipped him,
7 And cried with a loud voice, and
said, What have I to do with thee,
Jesus, *thou* Son of the most high God?
I adjure thee by God, that thou torment
me not.
8 For he said unto him, Come out
of the man, *thou* unclean spirit.
9 And he asked him, What *is* thy
name? And he answered, saying, My
name *is* Legion: for we are many.
10 And he besought him much that
he would not send them away out of
the country.
11 Now there was there nigh unto
the mountains a great herd of swine
feeding.
12 And all the devils besought him,
saying, Send us into the swine, that
we may enter into them.
13 And forthwith Jesus gave them
leave. And the unclean spirits went
out, and entered into the swine: and
the herd ran violently down a steep
place into the sea, (they were about
two thousand;) and were choked in the
sea.
14 And they that fed the swine fled,
and told *it* in the city, and in the country.
And they went out to see what it
was that was done.
15 And they come to Jesus, and see
him that was possessed with the devil,
and had the legion, sitting, and clothed,
and in his right mind: and they
were afraid.
16 And they that saw *it* told them
how it befell to him that was possessed
with the devil, and *also* concerning the
swine.
17 And they began to pray him to
depart out of their coasts.
18 And when he was come into the
ship, he that had been possessed with
the devil prayed him that he might be
with him.
19 Howbeit Jesus suffered him not,
but saith unto him, Go home to thy
friends, and tell them how great things
the Lord hath done for thee, and hath
had compassion on thee.
20 And he departed, and began to
publish in De-cap'-o-lis how great
things Jesus had done for him: and all
men did marvel.
21 And when Jesus was passed over
again by ship unto the other side,
much people gathered unto him: and
he was nigh unto the sea.
22 And, behold, there cometh one
of the rulers of the synagogue, Ja-i'-rus
by name; and when he saw him, he fell
at his feet,
23 And besought him greatly, saying,
My little daughter lieth at the

point of death: *I pray thee,* come and
lay thy hands on her, that she may be
healed; and she shall live.
24 And *Jesus* went with him; and
much people followed him, and
thronged him.
25 And a certain woman, which had
an issue of blood twelve years,
26 And had suffered many things of
many physicians, and had spent all
that she had, and was nothing bet-
tered, but rather grew worse,
27 When she had heard of Jesus,
came in the press behind, and touched
his garment.
28 For she said, If I may touch but
his clothes, I shall be whole.
29 And straightway the fountain of
her blood was dried up; and she felt in
her body that she was healed of that
plague.
30 And Jesus, immediately know-
ing in himself that virtue had gone out
of him, turned him about in the press,
and said, Who touched my clothes?
31 And his disciples said unto him,
Thou seest the multitude thronging
thee, and sayest thou, Who touched
me?
32 And he looked round about to
see her that had done this thing.
33 But the woman fearing and
trembling, knowing what was done in
her, came and fell down before him,
and told him all the truth.
34 And he said unto her, Daughter,
thy faith hath made thee whole; go in
peace, and be whole of thy plague.
35 While he yet spake, there came
from the ruler of the synagogue's *house*
certain which said, Thy daughter is
dead: why troublest thou the Master
any further?
36 As soon as Jesus heard the word
that was spoken, he saith unto the
ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid,
only believe.
37 And he suffered no man to follow
him, save Peter, and James, and John
the brother of James.
38 And he cometh to the house of
the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth
the tumult, and them that wept and
wailed greatly.
39 And when he was come in, he
saith unto them, Why make ye this
ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead,
but sleepeth.
40 And they laughed him to scorn.
But when he had put them all out, he
taketh the father and the mother of
the damsel, and them that were with
him, and entereth in where the damsel
was lying.
41 And he took the damsel by the
hand, and said unto her, Tal'i-tha cu'-
mi; which is, being interpreted, Dam-
sel, I say unto thee, arise.
42 And straightway the damsel
arose, and walked; for she was *of the*
age of twelve years. And they were as-
tonished with a great astonishment.
43 And he charged them straitly
that no man should know it; and com-
manded that something should be
given her to eat.

CHAPTER 6

AND he went out from thence, and
came into his own country; and
his disciples follow him.
2 And when the sabbath day was
come, he began to teach in the syna-
gogue: and many hearing *him* were as-
tonished, saying, From whence hath
this *man* these things? and what wis-
dom *is* this which is given unto him,
that even such mighty works are
wrought by his hands?
3 Is not this the carpenter, the son
of Mary, the brother of James, and
Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and
are not his sisters here with us? And
they were offended at him.
4 But Jesus said unto them, A pro-
phet is not without honour, but in his
own country, and among his own kin,
and in his own house.
5 And he could there do no mighty
work, save that he laid his hands upon
a few sick folk, and healed *them.*
6 And he marvelled because of their
unbelief. And he went round about the
villages, teaching.
7 And he called *unto him* the twelve,
and began to send them forth by two
and two; and gave them power over
unclean spirits;
8 And commanded them that they
should take nothing for *their* journey,
save a staff only; no scrip, no bread,
no money in *their* purse:
9 But *be* shod with sandals; and not
put on two coats.
10 And he said unto them, In what
place soever ye enter into an house,
there abide till ye depart from that
place.
11 And whosoever shall not receive
you, nor hear you, when ye depart
thence, shake off the dust under your
feet for a testimony against them.

Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Go-mor'-rha in the day of judgment, than for that city.

12 And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

13 And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed *them*.

14 And king Herod heard *of him*; (for his name was spread abroad:) and he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.

15 Others said, That it is E-li'-as. And others said, That it is a prophet, or as one of the prophets.

16 But when Herod heard *thereof*, he said, It is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead.

17 For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for He-ro'-di-as' sake, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her.

18 For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife.

19 Therefore He-ro'-di-as had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she could not:

20 For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

21 And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief *estates* of Galilee;

22 And when the daughter of the said He-ro'-di-as came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them *that* sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give *it* thee.

23 And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give *it* thee, unto the half of my kingdom.

24 And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist.

25 And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist.

26 And the king was exceeding sorry; *yet* for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her.

27 And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison,

28 And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother.

29 And when his disciples heard *of it*, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

30 And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught.

31 And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

32 And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.

33 And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him.

34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

35 And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the *time is* far passed:

36 Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat.

37 He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?

38 He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.

39 And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.

40 And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.

41 And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave *them* to his disciples

to set before them; and the two fishes
divided he among them all.
42 And they did all eat, and were
filled.
43 And they took up twelve baskets
full of the fragments, and of the fishes.
44 And they that did eat of the
loaves were about five thousand men.
45 And straightway he constrained
his disciples *to* get into the ship, and
to go to the other side before unto
Beth-sa'-i-da, while he sent away the
people.
46 And when he had sent them
away, he departed into a mountain to
pray.
47 And when even was come, the
ship was in the midst of the sea, and he
alone on the land.
48 And he saw them toiling in rowing;
for the wind was contrary unto
them: and about the fourth watch of
the night he cometh unto them, walking
upon the sea, and would have
passed by them.
49 But when they saw him walking
upon the sea, they supposed it had
been a spirit, and cried out:
50 For they all saw him, and were
troubled. And immediately he talked
with them, and saith unto them, Be of
good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.
51 And he went up unto them into
the ship; and the wind ceased: and
they were sore amazed in themselves
beyond measure, and wondered.
52 For they considered not *the miracle*
of the loaves: for their heart was
hardened.
53 And when they had passed over,
they came into the land of Gen-nes'-a-ret,
and drew to the shore.
54 And when they were come out of
the ship, straightway they knew him,
55 And ran through that whole region
round about, and began to carry
about in beds those that were sick,
where they heard he was.
56 And whithersoever he entered,
into villages, or cities, or country, they
laid the sick in the streets, and besought
him that they might touch if it
were but the border of his garment:
and as many as touched him were
made whole.

CHAPTER 7

THEN came together unto him the
Pharisees, and certain of the
scribes, which came from Jerusalem.
2 And when they saw some of his
disciples eat bread with defiled, that is
to say, with unwashen, hands, they
found fault.
3 For the Pharisees, and all the
Jews, except they wash *their* hands
oft, eat not, holding the tradition of
the elders.
4 And *when they come* from the
market, except they wash, they eat
not. And many other things there be,
which they have received to hold, *as*
the washing of cups, and pots, brasen
vessels, and of tables.
5 Then the Pharisees and scribes
asked him, Why walk not thy disciples
according to the tradition of the elders,
but eat bread with unwashen hands?
6 He answered and said unto them,
Well *hath* E-sa'-ias *prophesied* of you
hypocrites, as it is written, This people
honoureth me with *their* lips, but their
heart is far from me.
7 Howbeit in vain do they worship
me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments
of men.
8 For laying aside the commandment
of God, ye hold the tradition of
men, *as* the washing of pots and cups:
and many other such like things ye do.
9 And he said unto them, Full well
ye reject the commandment of God,
that ye may keep your own tradition.
10 For Moses said, Honour thy father
and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth
father or mother, let him die the
death:
11 But ye say, If a man shall say to
his father or mother, *It is* Corban, that
is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou
mightest be profited by me; *he shall be
free*.
12 And ye suffer him no more to do
ought for his father or his mother;
13 Making the word of God of none
effect through your tradition, which ye
have delivered: and many such like
things do ye.
14 And when he had called all the
people *unto him*, he said unto them,
Hearken unto me every one *of you*, and
understand:
15 There is nothing from without a
man, that entering into him can defile
him: but the things which come out of
him, those are they that defile the
man.
16 If any man have ears to hear, let
him hear.
17 And when he was entered into
the house from the people, his disciples
asked him concerning the parable.

18 And he saith unto them, Are ye
so without understanding also? Do ye
not perceive, that whatsoever thing
from without entereth into the man,
it cannot defile him;
19 Because it entereth not into his
heart, but into the belly, and goeth
out into the draught, purging all
meats?
20 And he said, That which cometh
out of the man, that defileth the man.
21 For from within, out of the heart
of men, proceed evil thoughts, adul-
teries, fornications, murders,
22 Thefts, covetousness, wicked-
ness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye,
blasphemy, pride, foolishness:
23 All these evil things come from
within, and defile the man.
24 And from thence he arose, and
went into the borders of Tyre and Si'-
don, and entered into an house, and
would have no man know *it*, but he
could not be hid.
25 For a *certain* woman, whose
young daughter had an unclean spirit,
heard of him, and came and fell at his
feet:
26 The woman was a Greek, a Sy-
ro-phe-ni'-cian by nation; and she be-
sought him that he would cast forth
the devil out of her daughter.
27 But Jesus said unto her, Let the
children first be filled: for it is not
meet to take the children's bread, and
to cast *it* unto the dogs.
28 And she answered and said unto
him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the
table eat of the children's crumbs.
29 And he said unto her, For this
saying go thy way; the devil is gone
out of thy daughter.
30 And when she was come to her
house, she found the devil gone out,
and her daughter laid upon the bed.
31 And again, departing from the
coasts of Tyre and Si'-don, he came
unto the sea of Galilee, through the
midst of the coasts of De-cap'-o-lis.
32 And they bring unto him one
that was deaf, and had an impediment
in his speech; and they beseech him to
put his hand upon him.
33 And he took him aside from the
multitude, and put his fingers into his
ears, and he spit, and touched his
tongue;
34 And looking up to heaven, he
sighed, and saith unto him, Eph'-pha-
tha, that is, Be opened.
35 And straightway his ears were
opened, and the string of his tongue
was loosed, and he spake plain.
36 And he charged them that they
should tell no man: but the more he
charged them, so much the more a
great deal they published *it*;
37 And were beyond measure aston-
ished, saying, He hath done all things
well: he maketh both the deaf to hear,
and the dumb to speak.

CHAPTER 8

IN those days the multitude being
very great, and having nothing to
eat, Jesus called his disciples *unto him*,
and saith unto them,
2 I have compassion on the multi-
tude, because they have now been
with me three days, and have nothing
to eat:
3 And if I send them away fasting
to their own houses, they will faint by
the way: for divers of them came from
far.
4 And his disciples answered him,
From whence can a man satisfy these
men with bread here in the wilderness?
5 And he asked them, How many
loaves have ye? And they said, Seven.
6 And he commanded the people to
sit down on the ground: and he took
the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and
brake, and gave to his disciples to set
before *them*; and they did set *them* be-
fore the people.
7 And they had a few small fishes:
and he blessed, and commanded to set
them also before *them*.
8 So they did eat, and were filled:
and they took up of the broken *meat*
that was left seven baskets.
9 And they that had eaten were
about four thousand: and he sent them
away.
10 And straightway he entered into
a ship with his disciples, and came into
the parts of Dal-ma-nu'-tha.
11 And the Pharisees came forth,
and began to question with him, seek-
ing of him a sign from heaven, tempt-
ing him.
12 And he sighed deeply in his
spirit, and saith, Why doth this gener-
ation seek after a sign? verily I say
unto you, There shall no sign be given
unto this generation.
13 And he left them, and entering
into the ship again departed to the
other side.
14 Now *the disciples* had forgotten

to take bread, neither had they in the ship with them more than one loaf.

15 And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and *of* the leaven of Herod.

16 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, *It is* because we have no bread.

17 And when Jesus knew *it*, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened?

18 Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember?

19 When I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve.

20 And when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven.

21 And he said unto them, How is it that ye do not understand?

22 And he cometh to Beth-sa'-i-da: and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.

23 And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.

24 And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.

25 After that he put *his* hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

26 And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell *it* to any in the town.

27 And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Cæs-a-re'-a Phi-lip'-pi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am?

28 And they answered, John the Baptist: but some *say*, E-li'-as; and others, One of the prophets.

29 And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ.

30 And he charged them that they should tell no man of him.

31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and *of* the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

32 And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him.

33 But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

34 And when he had called the people *unto him* with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

CHAPTER 9

AND he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

2 And after six days Jesus taketh *with him* Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.

3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

4 And there appeared unto them E-li'-as with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.

5 And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for E-li'-as.

6 For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid.

7 And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

8 And suddenly, when they had

looked round about, they saw no man
any more, save Jesus only with them-
selves.
9 And as they came down from the
mountain, he charged them that they
should tell no man what things they
had seen, till the Son of man were risen
from the dead.
10 And they kept that saying with
themselves, questioning one with an-
other what the rising from the dead
should mean.
11 And they asked him, saying,
Why say the scribes that E-li′-as must
first come?
12 And he answered and told them,
E-li′-as verily cometh first, and restor-
eth all things; and how it is written of
the Son of man, that he must suffer
many things, and be set at nought.
13 But I say unto you, That E-li′-as
is indeed come, and they have done
unto him whatsoever they listed, as it
is written of him.
14 And when he came to *his* disci-
ples, he saw a great multitude about
them, and the scribes questioning with
them.
15 And straightway all the people,
when they beheld him, were greatly
amazed, and running to *him* saluted
him.
16 And he asked the scribes, What
question ye with them?
17 And one of the multitude an-
swered and said, Master, I have
brought unto thee my son, which hath
a dumb spirit;
18 And wheresoever he taketh him,
he teareth him: and he foameth, and
gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth
away: and I spake to thy disciples that
they should cast him out; and they
could not.
19 He answereth him, and saith, O
faithless generation, how long shall I
be with you? how long shall I suffer
you? bring him unto me.
20 And they brought him unto him:
and when he saw him, straightway the
spirit tare him; and he fell on the
ground, and wallowed foaming.
21 And he asked his father, How
long is it ago since this came unto
him? And he said, Of a child.
22 And ofttimes it hath cast him
into the fire, and into the waters, to
destroy him: but if thou canst do any
thing, have compassion on us, and
help us.
23 Jesus said unto him, If thou
canst believe, all things *are* possible to
him that believeth.
24 And straightway the father of
the child cried out, and said with
tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine
unbelief.
25 When Jesus saw that the people
came running together, he rebuked the
foul spirit, saying unto him, *Thou*
dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee,
come out of him, and enter no more
into him.
26 And *the spirit* cried, and rent him
sore, and came out of him: and he was
as one dead; insomuch that many said,
He is dead.
27 But Jesus took him by the hand,
and lifted him up; and he arose.
28 And when he was come into the
house, his disciples asked him private-
ly, Why could not we cast him out?
29 And he said unto them, This
kind can come forth by nothing, but
by prayer and fasting.
30 And they departed thence, and
passed through Galilee; and he would
not that any man should know *it*.
31 For he taught his disciples, and
said unto them, The Son of man is de-
livered into the hands of men, and
they shall kill him; and after that he
is killed, he shall rise the third day.
32 But they understood not that
saying, and were afraid to ask him.
33 And he came to Ca-per′-na-um:
and being in the house he asked them,
What was it that ye disputed among
yourselves by the way?
34 But they held their peace: for by
the way they had disputed among
themselves, who *should be* the greatest.
35 And he sat down, and called the
twelve, and saith unto them, If any
man desire to be first, *the same* shall be
last of all, and servant of all.
36 And he took a child, and set him
in the midst of them: and when he had
taken him in his arms, he said unto
them,
37 Whosoever shall receive one of
such children in my name, receiveth
me: and whosoever shall receive me,
receiveth not me, but him that sent
me.
38 And John answered him, saying,
Master, we saw one casting out devils
in thy name, and he followeth not us:
and we forbad him, because he follow-
eth not us.
39 But Jesus said, Forbid him not:
for there is no man which shall do a

miracle in my name, that can lightly
speak evil of me.
40 For he that is not against us is
on our part.
41 For whosoever shall give you a
cup of water to drink in my name, be-
cause ye belong to Christ, verily I say
unto you, he shall not lose his reward.
42 And whosoever shall offend one
of *these* little ones that believe in me,
it is better for him that a millstone
were hanged about his neck, and he
were cast into the sea.
43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut
it off: it is better for thee to enter into
life maimed, than having two hands to
go into hell, into the fire that never
shall be quenched:
44 Where their worm dieth not, and
the fire is not quenched.
45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut
it off: it is better for thee to enter halt
into life, than having two feet to be
cast into hell, into the fire that never
shall be quenched:
46 Where their worm dieth not, and
the fire is not quenched.
47 And if thine eye offend thee,
pluck it out: it is better for thee to en-
ter into the kingdom of God with one
eye, than having two eyes to be cast
into hell fire:
48 Where their worm dieth not, and
the fire is not quenched.
49 For every one shall be salted
with fire, and every sacrifice shall be
salted with salt.
50 Salt *is* good: but if the salt have
lost his saltness, wherewith will ye
season it? Have salt in yourselves, and
have peace one with another.

CHAPTER 10

AND he arose from thence, and com-
eth into the coasts of Judæa by
the farther side of Jordan: and the peo-
ple resort unto him again; and, as he
was wont, he taught them again.
2 And the Pharisees came to him,
and asked him, Is it lawful for a man
to put away *his* wife? tempting him.
3 And he answered and said unto
them, What did Moses command you?
4 And they said, Moses suffered to
write a bill of divorcement, and to put
her away.
5 And Jesus answered and said unto
them, For the hardness of your heart
he wrote you this precept.
6 But from the beginning of the
creation God made them male and fe-
male.
7 For this cause shall a man leave
his father and mother, and cleave to
his wife;
8 And they twain shall be one flesh:
so then they are no more twain, but
one flesh.
9 What therefore God hath joined
together, let not man put asunder.
10 And in the house his disciples
asked him again of the same *matter*.
11 And he saith unto them, Who-
soever shall put away his wife, and
marry another, committeth adultery
against her.
12 And if a woman shall put away
her husband, and be married to an-
other, she committeth adultery.
13 And they brought young chil-
dren to him, that he should touch
them: and *his* disciples rebuked those
that brought *them*.
14 But when Jesus saw *it*, he was
much displeased, and said unto them,
Suffer the little children to come unto
me, and forbid them not: for of such is
the kingdom of God.
15 Verily I say unto you, Whoso-
ever shall not receive the kingdom of
God as a little child, he shall not enter
therein.
16 And he took them up in his
arms, put *his* hands upon them, and
blessed them.
17 And when he was gone forth into
the way, there came one running, and
kneeled to him, and asked him, Good
Master, what shall I do that I may in-
herit eternal life?
18 And Jesus said unto him, Why
callest thou me good? *there is* none
good but one, *that is*, God.
19 Thou knowest the command-
ments, Do not commit adultery, Do
not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false
witness, Defraud not, Honour thy fa-
ther and mother.
20 And he answered and said unto
him, Master, all these have I observed
from my youth.
21 Then Jesus beholding him loved
him, and said unto him, One thing
thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatso-
ever thou hast, and give to the poor,
and thou shalt have treasure in heav-
en: and come, take up the cross, and
follow me.
22 And he was sad at that saying,
and went away grieved: for he had
great possessions.

23 And Jesus looked round about,
and saith unto his disciples, How hard-
ly shall they that have riches enter
into the kingdom of God!
24 And the disciples were aston-
ished at his words. But Jesus answer-
eth again, and saith unto them, Chil-
dren, how hard is it for them that trust
in riches to enter into the kingdom of
God!
25 It is easier for a camel to go
through the eye of a needle, than for a
rich man to enter into the kingdom of
God.
26 And they were astonished out of
measure, saying among themselves,
Who then can be saved?
27 And Jesus looking upon them
saith, With men *it is* impossible, but
not with God: for with God all things
are possible.
28 Then Peter began to say unto
him, Lo, we have left all, and have fol-
lowed thee.
29 And Jesus answered and said,
Verily I say unto you, There is no man
that hath left house, or brethren, or
sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or
children, or lands, for my sake, and the
gospel's,
30 But he shall receive an hundred-
fold now in this time, houses, and
brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and
children, and lands, with persecutions;
and in the world to come eternal life.
31 But many *that are* first shall be
last; and the last first.
32 And they were in the way going
up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went be-
fore them: and they were amazed; and
as they followed, they were afraid.
And he took again the twelve, and be-
gan to tell them what things should
happen unto him,
33 *Saying*, Behold, we go up to Jer-
usalem; and the Son of man shall be
delivered unto the chief priests, and
unto the scribes; and they shall con-
demn him to death, and shall deliver
him to the Gentiles:
34 And they shall mock him, and
shall scourge him, and shall spit upon
him, and shall kill him: and the third
day he shall rise again.
35 And James and John, the sons
of Zeb'-e-dee, come unto him, saying,
Master, we would that thou shouldest
do for us whatsoever we shall desire.
36 And he said unto them, What
would ye that I should do for you?
37 They said unto him, Grant unto
us that we may sit, one on thy right
hand, and the other on thy left hand,
in thy glory.
38 But Jesus said unto them, Ye
know not what ye ask: can ye drink of
the cup that I drink of? and be bap-
tized with the baptism that I am bap-
tized with?
39 And they said unto him, We can.
And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall in-
deed drink of the cup that I drink of;
and with the baptism that I am bap-
tized withal shall ye be baptized:
40 But to sit on my right hand and
on my left hand is not mine to give;
but *it shall be given to them* for whom it
is prepared.
41 And when the ten heard *it*, they
began to be much displeased with
James and John.
42 But Jesus called them *to him*, and
saith unto them, Ye know that they
which are accounted to rule over
the Gentiles exercise lordship over
them; and their great ones exercise au-
thority upon them.
43 But so shall it not be among you:
but whosoever will be great among
you, shall be your minister:
44 And whosoever of you will be the
chiefest, shall be servant of all.
45 For even the Son of man came
not to be ministered unto, but to min-
ister, and to give his life a ransom for
many.
46 And they came to Jericho: and
as he went out of Jericho with his dis-
ciples and a great number of people,
blind Bar-ti-mæ'-us, the son of Ti-mæ'-
us, sat by the highway side begging.
47 And when he heard that it was
Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry
out, and say, Jesus, *thou* son of David,
have mercy on me.
48 And many charged him that he
should hold his peace: but he cried the
more a great deal, *Thou* son of David,
have mercy on me.
49 And Jesus stood still, and com-
manded him to be called. And they
call the blind man, saying unto him,
Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth
thee.
50 And he, casting away his gar-
ment, rose, and came to Jesus.
51 And Jesus answered and said
unto him, What wilt thou that I
should do unto thee? The blind man
said unto him, Lord, that I might re-
ceive my sight.
52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy

way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

CHAPTER 11

AND when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Beth'-pha-ge and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples,

2 And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring *him*.

3 And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither.

4 And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; and they loose him.

5 And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt?

6 And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go.

7 And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him.

8 And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed *them* in the way.

9 And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord:

10 Blessed *be* the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

11 And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

12 And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:

13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find anything thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not *yet*.

14 And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard *it*.

15 And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;

16 And would not suffer that any man should carry *any* vessel through the temple.

17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

18 And the scribes and chief priests heard *it*, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.

19 And when even was come, he went out of the city.

20 And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.

25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

27 And they come again to Jerusalem: and as he was walking in the temple, there come to him the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders,

28 And say unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things?

29 And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.

30 The baptism of John, was *it*
from heaven, or of men? answer me.
31 And they reasoned with them-
selves, saying, If we shall say, From
heaven; he will say, Why then did ye
not believe him?
32 But if we shall say, Of men; they
feared the people: for all *men* counted
John, that he was a prophet indeed.
33 And they answered and said un-
to Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus
answering saith unto them, Neither do
I tell you by what authority I do these
things.

CHAPTER 12

AND he began to speak unto them
by parables. A *certain* man plant-
ed a vineyard, and set an hedge about
it, and digged *a place for* the winefat,
and built a tower, and let it out to
husbandmen, and went into a far
country.
2 And at the season he sent to the
husbandmen a servant, that he might
receive from the husbandmen of the
fruit of the vineyard.
3 And they caught *him*, and beat
him, and sent *him* away empty.
4 And again he sent unto them an-
other servant; and at him they cast
stones, and wounded *him* in the head,
and sent *him* away shamefully han-
dled.
5 And again he sent another; and
him they killed, and many others;
beating some, and killing some.
6 Having yet therefore one son, his
wellbeloved, he sent him also last unto
them, saying, They will reverence my
son.
7 But those husbandmen said
among themselves, This is the heir;
come, let us kill him, and the inherit-
ance shall be ours.
8 And they took him, and killed
him, and cast *him* out of the vine-
yard.
9 What shall therefore the lord of
the vineyard do? he will come and de-
stroy the husbandmen, and will give
the vineyard unto others.
10 And have ye not read this scrip-
ture; The stone which the builders re-
jected is become the head of the cor-
ner:
11 This was the Lord's doing, and
it is marvellous in our eyes?
12 And they sought to lay hold on
him, but feared the people: for they
knew that he had spoken the parable
against them: and they left him, and
went their way.
13 And they send unto him certain
of the Pharisees and of the He-ro'-di-
ans, to catch him in *his* words.
14 And when they were come, they
say unto him, Master, we know that
thou art true, and carest for no man:
for thou regardest not the person of
men, but teachest the way of God in
truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to
Cæsar, or not?
15 Shall we give, or shall we not
give? But he, knowing their hypoc-
risy, said unto them, Why tempt ye
me? bring me a penny, that I may see
it.
16 And they brought *it*. And he
saith unto them, Whose *is* this image
and superscription? And they said un-
to him, Cæsar's.
17 And Jesus answering said unto
them, Render to Cæsar the things that
are Cæsar's, and to God the things
that are God's. And they marvelled at
him.
18 Then come unto him the Sad'-du-
cees, which say there is no resurrec-
tion; and they asked him, saying,
19 Master, Moses wrote unto us, If
a man's brother die, and leave *his* wife
behind him, and leave no children, that
his brother should take his wife, and
raise up seed unto his brother.
20 Now there were seven brethren:
and the first took a wife, and dying
left no seed.
21 And the second took her, and
died, neither left he any seed: and the
third likewise.
22 And the seven had her, and left
no seed: last of all the woman died
also.
23 In the resurrection therefore,
when they shall rise, whose wife shall
she be of them? for the seven had her
to wife.
24 And Jesus answering said unto
them, Do ye not therefore err, because
ye know not the scriptures, neither the
power of God?
25 For when they shall rise from the
dead, they neither marry, nor are
given in marriage; but are as the an-
gels which are in heaven.
26 And as touching the dead, that
they rise: have ye not read in the book
of Moses, how in the bush God spake
unto him, saying, I *am* the God of
Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and
the God of Jacob?

27 He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err.

28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning *together*, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked *him*, Which is the first commandment of all?

29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments *is*, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment.

31 And the second *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:

33 And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love *his* neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him *any question*.

35 And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the son of David?

36 For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, the LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.

37 David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he *then* his son? And the common people heard him gladly.

38 And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and *love* salutations in the marketplaces,

39 And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts:

40 Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.

41 And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.

42 And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, *which* make a farthing.

43 And he called *unto him* his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:

44 For all *they* did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, *even* all her living.

CHAPTER 13

AND as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings *are here!*

2 And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,

4 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?

5 And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any *man* deceive you:

6 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am *Christ;* and shall deceive many.

7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for *such things* must needs be; but the end *shall not be* yet.

8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these *are* the beginnings of sorrows.

9 But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.

10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

11 But when they shall lead *you*, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour,

that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

12 Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the *father* the son; and children shall rise up against *their* parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.

13 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

14 But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judæa flee to the mountains:

15 And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter *therein*, to take any thing out of his house:

16 And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment.

17 But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

18 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.

19 For *in* those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.

20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.

21 And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here *is* Christ; or, lo, *he is* there; believe *him* not:

22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if *it were* possible, even the elect.

23 But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.

24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

28 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near:

29 So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, *even* at the doors.

30 Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.

31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

32 But of that day and *that* hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

34 *For the Son of man is* as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

CHAPTER 14

AFTER two days was *the feast of* the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put *him* to death.

2 But they said, Not on the feast *day*, lest there be an uproar of the people.

3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured *it* on his head.

4 And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made?

5 For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her.

6 And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me.

7 For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye

may do them good: but me ye have not
always.
8 She hath done what she could:
she is come aforehand to anoint my
body to the burying.
9 Verily I say unto you, Whereso-
ever this gospel shall be preached
throughout the whole world, this also
that she hath done shall be spoken of
for a memorial of her.
10 And Judas Iscariot, one of the
twelve, went unto the chief priests, to
betray him unto them.
11 And when they heard *it*, they
were glad, and promised to give him
money. And he sought how he might
conveniently betray him.
12 And the first day of unleavened
bread, when they killed the passover,
his disciples *said unto him*, Where wilt
thou that we go and prepare that thou
mayest eat the passover?
13 And he sendeth forth two of his
disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye
into the city, and there shall meet you
a man bearing a pitcher of water: fol-
low him.
14 And wheresoever he shall go in,
say ye to the goodman of the house,
The Master saith, Where is the guest-
chamber, where I shall eat the pass-
over with my disciples?
15 And he will shew you a large
upper room furnished *and* prepared:
there make ready for us.
16 And his disciples went forth, and
came into the city, and found as he
had said unto them: and they made
ready the passover.
17 And in the evening he cometh
with the twelve.
18 And as they sat and did eat, Je-
sus said, Verily I say unto you, One of
you which eateth with me shall betray
me.
19 And they began to be sorrowful,
and to say unto him one by one, Is it
I? and another *said*, *Is* it I?
20 And he answered and said unto
them, *It is* one of the twelve, that dip-
peth with me in the dish.
21 The Son of man indeed goeth, as
it is written of him: but woe to that
man by whom the Son of man is be-
trayed! good were it for that man if he
had never been born.
22 And as they did eat, Jesus took
bread, and blessed, and brake *it*, and
gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this
is my body.
23 And he took the cup, and when
he had given thanks, he gave *it* to
them: and they all drank of it.
24 And he said unto them, This is
my blood of the new testament, which
is shed for many.
25 Verily I say unto you, I will
drink no more of the fruit of the vine,
until that day that I drink it new in
the kingdom of God.
26 And when they had sung an
hymn, they went out into the mount
of Olives.
27 And Jesus saith unto them, All
ye shall be offended because of me this
night: for it is written, I will smite the
shepherd, and the sheep shall be scat-
tered.
28 But after that I am risen, I will
go before you into Galilee.
29 But Peter said unto him, Al-
though all shall be offended, yet *will*
not I.
30 And Jesus saith unto him, Verily
I say unto thee, That this day, *even* in
this night, before the cock crow twice,
thou shalt deny me thrice.
31 But he spake the more vehe-
mently, If I should die with thee, I will
not deny thee in any wise. Likewise
also said they all.
32 And they came to a place which
was named Geth-sem'-a-ne: and he
saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while
I shall pray.
33 And he taketh with him Peter
and James and John, and began to be
sore amazed, and to be very heavy;
34 And saith unto them, My soul is
exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry
ye here, and watch.
35 And he went forward a little, and
fell on the ground, and prayed that, if
it were possible, the hour might pass
from him.
36 And he said, Abba, Father, all
things *are* possible unto thee; take
away this cup from me: nevertheless
not what I will, but what thou wilt.
37 And he cometh, and findeth
them sleeping, and saith unto Peter,
Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not
thou watch one hour?
38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter
into temptation. The spirit truly *is*
ready, but the flesh *is* weak.
39 And again he went away, and
prayed, and spake the same words.
40 And when he returned, he found
them asleep again, (for their eyes were
heavy,) neither wist they what to an-
swer him.

41 And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take *your* rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

42 Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.

43 And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

44 And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead *him* away safely.

45 And as soon as he was come, he goeth straightway to him, and saith, Master, master; and kissed him.

46 And they laid their hands on him, and took him.

47 And one of them that stood by drew a sword, and smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

48 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and *with* staves to take me?

49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled.

50 And they all forsook him, and fled.

51 And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about *his* naked *body*; and the young men laid hold on him:

52 And he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.

53 And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes.

54 And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire.

55 And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none.

56 For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together.

57 And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying,

58 We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.

59 But neither so did their witness agree together.

60 And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what *is it which* these witness against thee?

61 But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?

62 And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

63 Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses?

64 Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death.

65 And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophesy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands.

66 And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest:

67 And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth.

68 But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew.

69 And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is *one* of them.

70 And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art *one* of them: for thou art a Galilæan, and thy speech agreeth *thereto*.

71 But he began to curse and to swear, *saying*, I know not this man of whom ye speak.

72 And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

CHAPTER 15

AND straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and

carried *him* away, and delivered *him* to
Pilate.
2 And Pilate asked him, Art thou
the King of the Jews? And he answering
said unto him, Thou sayest *it*.
3 And the chief priests accused him
of many things: but he answered nothing.
4 And Pilate asked him again, saying,
Answerest thou nothing? behold
how many things they witness against
thee.
5 But Jesus yet answered nothing;
so that Pilate marvelled.
6 Now at *that* feast he released unto
them one prisoner, whomsoever they
desired.
7 And there was *one* named Ba-rab'-bas,
which lay bound with them that
had made insurrection with him, who
had committed murder in the insurrection.
8 And the multitude crying aloud
began to desire *him to do* as he had
ever done unto them.
9 But Pilate answered them, saying,
Will ye that I release unto you the
King of the Jews?
10 For he knew that the chief
priests had delivered him for envy.
11 But the chief priests moved the
people, that he should rather release
Ba-rab'-bas unto them.
12 And Pilate answered and said
again unto them, What will ye then
that I shall do *unto him* whom ye call
the King of the Jews?
13 And they cried out again, Crucify
him.
14 Then Pilate said unto them,
Why, what evil hath he done? And
they cried out the more exceedingly,
Crucify him.
15 And *so* Pilate, willing to content
the people, released Ba-rab'-bas unto
them, and delivered Jesus, when he
had scourged *him*, to be crucified.
16 And the soldiers led him away
into the hall, called Præ-to'-ri-um; and
they call together the whole band.
17 And they clothed him with purple,
and platted a crown of thorns, and
put it about his *head*,
18 And began to salute him, Hail,
King of the Jews!
19 And they smote him on the head
with a reed, and did spit upon him,
and bowing *their* knees worshipped
him.
20 And when they had mocked him,
they took off the purple from him, and
put his own clothes on him, and led
him out to crucify him.
21 And they compel one Simon a
Cy-re'-ni-an, who passed by, coming
out of the country, the father of Alexander
and Rufus, to bear his cross.
22 And they bring him unto the
place Gol'-go-tha, which is, being interpreted,
The place of a skull.
23 And they gave him to drink
wine mingled with myrrh: but he received
it not.
24 And when they had crucified
him, they parted his garments, casting
lots upon them, what every man
should take.
25 And it was the third hour, and
they crucified him.
26 And the superscription of his accusation
was written over, THE
KING OF THE JEWS.
27 And with him they crucify two
thieves; the one on his right hand, and
the other on his left.
28 And the scripture was fulfilled,
which saith, And he was numbered
with the transgressors.
29 And they that passed by railed
on him, wagging their heads, and
saying, Ah, thou that destroyest
the temple, and buildest *it* in three
days,
30 Save thyself, and come down
from the cross.
31 Likewise also the chief priests
mocking said among themselves with
the scribes, He saved others; himself
he cannot save.
32 Let Christ the King of Israel descend
now from the cross, that we may
see and believe. And they that were
crucified with him reviled him.
33 And when the sixth hour was
come, there was darkness over the
whole land until the ninth hour.
34 And at the ninth hour Jesus
cried with a loud voice, saying, E-lo'-i,
E-lo'-i, la'-ma sa-bach'-tha-ni? which is,
being interpreted, My God, my God,
why hast thou forsaken me?
35 And some of them that stood by,
when they heard *it*, said, Behold, he
calleth E-li'-as.
36 And one ran and filled a spunge
full of vinegar, and put *it* on a reed,
and gave him to drink, saying, Let
alone; let us see whether E-li'-as will
come to take him down.
37 And Jesus cried with a loud
voice, and gave up the ghost.
38 And the vail of the temple was

rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

39 And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

40 There were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses, and Sa-lo'-me;

41 (Who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered unto him;) and many other women which came up with him unto Jerusalem.

42 And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath,

43 Joseph of Ar-i-ma-thæ'-a, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.

44 And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling *unto him* the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead.

45 And when he knew *it* of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.

46 And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre.

47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary *the mother* of Joses beheld where he was laid.

CHAPTER 16

AND when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Sa-lo'-me, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

2 And very early in the morning the first *day* of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

3 And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

4 And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

5 And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.

6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

7 But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said *unto you*.

8 And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any *man*; for they were afraid.

9 Now when *Jesus* was risen early the first *day* of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

10 *And* she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.

11 And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.

12 After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.

13 And they went and told *it* unto the residue: neither believed they them.

14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

The Gospel According to
Saint Luke

CHAPTER 1

FORASMUCH as many have tak-
en in hand to set forth in order a
declaration of those *things* which
are most surely believed among us,
2 Even as they delivered them unto
us, which from *the beginning* were eye-
witnesses, and ministers of the word;
3 It seemed good to me also, having
had perfect understanding of all things
from the very first, to write unto thee
in order, most excellent The-oph'-i-lus,
4 That thou mightest know the cer-
tainty of those things, wherein thou
hast been instructed.
5 THERE was in the days of
Herod, the king of Judæa, a
certain priest named Zach-a-ri'-as, of
the course of A-bi'-a: and his wife *was*
of the daughters of Aaron, and her
name *was* Elisabeth.
6 And they were both righteous be-
fore God, walking in all the command-
ments and ordinances of the Lord
blameless.
7 And they had no child, because
that Elisabeth was barren, and they
both were *now* well stricken in years.
8 And it came to pass, that while he
executed the priest's office before God
in the order of his course,
9 According to the custom of the
priest's office, his lot was to burn in-
cense when he went into the temple of
the Lord.
10 And the whole multitude of the
people were praying without at the
time of incense.
11 And there appeared unto him an
angel of the Lord standing on the
right side of the altar of incense.
12 And when Zach-a-ri'-as saw *him*,
he was troubled, and fear fell upon
him.
13 But the angel said unto him,
Fear not, Zach-a-ri'-as: for thy prayer
is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall
bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his
name John.
14 And thou shalt have joy and
gladness; and many shall rejoice at his
birth.
15 For he shall be great in the sight
of the Lord, and shall drink neither
wine nor strong drink; and he shall be
filled with the Holy Ghost, even from
his mother's womb.
16 And many of the children of Is-
rael shall he turn to the Lord their
God.
17 And he shall go before him in the
spirit and power of E-li'-as, to turn the
hearts of the fathers to the children,
and the disobedient to the wisdom of
the just; to make ready a people pre-
pared for the Lord.
18 And Zach-a-ri'-as said unto the
angel, Whereby shall I know this? for
I am an old man and my wife well
stricken in years.
19 And the angel answering said
unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in
the presence of God; and am sent to
speak unto thee, and to shew thee
these glad tidings.
20 And, behold, thou shalt be
dumb, and not able to *speak*, *until* the
day that these things shall be per-
formed, because thou believest not
my words, which shall be fulfilled in
their season.
21 And the people waited for Zach-a-
ri'-as, and marvelled that he tarried
so long in the temple.
22 And when he came out, he could
not speak unto them: and they per-
ceived that he had seen a vision in the
temple: for he beckoned unto them,
and remained speechless.
23 And it came to pass, that, as
soon as the days of his ministration
were accomplished, he departed to his
own house.
24 And after those days his wife
Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself
five months, saying,
25 Thus hath the Lord dealt with
me in the days wherein he looked on
me, to take away my reproach among
men.
26 And in the sixth month the angel
Gabriel was sent from God unto a city
of Galilee, named Nazareth,
27 To a virgin espoused to a man
whose name was Joseph, of the house
of David; and the virgin's name *was*
Mary.

28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, *thou that art* highly favoured, the Lord *is* with thee: blessed *art* thou among women.

29 And when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

39 And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda;

40 And entered into the house of Zach-a-ri'-as, and saluted Elisabeth.

41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

42 And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed *art* thou among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of thy womb.

43 And whence *is* this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

45 And blessed *is* she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,

47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy *is* his name.

50 And his mercy *is* on them that fear him from generation to generation.

51 He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

52 He hath put down the mighty from *their* seats, and exalted them of low degree.

53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

54 He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of *his* mercy;

55 As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

56 And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house.

57 Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son.

58 And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her.

59 And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zach-a-ri'-as, after the name of his father.

60 And his mother answered and said, Not *so;* but he shall be called John.

61 And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name.

62 And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called.

63 And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all.

64 And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue *loosed*, and he spake, and praised God.

65 And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings

were noised abroad throughout all the
hill country of Judæa.
66 And all they that heard *them*
laid *them* up in their hearts, saying,
What manner of child shall this be!
And the hand of the Lord was with
him.
67 And his father Zach-a-ri'-as was
filled with the Holy Ghost, and pro-
phesied, saying,
68 Blessed *be* the Lord God of Is-
rael; for he hath visited and redeemed
his people,
69 And hath raised up an horn of
salvation for us in the house of his ser-
vant David;
70 As he spake by the mouth of his
holy prophets, which have been since
the world began:
71 That we should be saved from
our enemies, and from the hand of all
that hate us;
72 To perform the mercy *promised*
to our fathers, and to remember his
holy covenant;
73 The oath which he sware to our
father Abraham,
74 That he would grant unto us,
that we being delivered out of the
hand of our enemies might serve him
without fear,
75 In holiness and righteousness be-
fore him, all the days of our life.
76 And thou, child, shalt be called
the prophet of the Highest: for thou
shalt go before the face of the Lord to
prepare his ways;
77 To give knowledge of salvation
unto his people by the remission of
their sins,
78 Through the tender mercy of our
God; whereby the dayspring from on
high hath visited us,
79 To give light to them that sit in
darkness and *in* the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.
80 And the child grew, and waxed
strong in spirit, and was in the deserts
till the day of his shewing unto Israel.

CHAPTER 2

AND it came to pass in those days,
that there went out a decree from
Cæsar Augustus, that all the world
should be taxed.
2 (*And* this taxing was first made
when Cy-re'-ni-us was governor of
Syria.)
3 And all went to be taxed, every
one into his own city.
4 And Joseph also went up from
Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth,
into Judæa, unto the city of David,
which is called Bethlehem; (because he
was of the house and lineage of Da-
vid:)
5 To be taxed with Mary *his* es-
poused wife, being great with child.
6 And so it was, that, while they
were there, the days were accomplish-
ed that she should be delivered.
7 And she brought forth her first-
born son, and wrapped him in swad-
dling clothes, and laid him in a man-
ger; because there was no room for
them in the inn.
8 And there were in the same coun-
try shepherds abiding in the field,
keeping watch over their flock by
night.
9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord
came upon them, and the glory of the
Lord shone round about them: and
they were sore afraid.
10 And the angel said unto them,
Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good
tidings of great joy, which shall be to
all people.
11 For unto you is born this day in
the city of David a Saviour, which is
Christ the Lord.
12 And this *shall be* a sign unto you;
Ye shall find the babe wrapped in
swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
13 And suddenly there was with the
angel a multitude of the heavenly host
praising God, and saying,
14 Glory to God in the highest, and
on earth peace, good will toward men.
15 And it came to pass, as the an-
gels were gone away from them into
heaven, the shepherds said one to an-
other, Let us now go even unto Beth-
lehem, and see this thing which is
come to pass, which the Lord hath
made known unto us.
16 And they came with haste, and
found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe
lying in a manger.
17 And when they had seen *it*, they
made known abroad the saying which
was told them concerning this child.
18 And all they that heard *it* won-
dered at those things which were told
them by the shepherds.
19 But Mary kept all these things,
and pondered *them* in her heart.
20 And the shepherds returned,
glorifying and praising God for all the
things that they had heard and seen,
as it was told unto them.
21 And when eight days were ac-

complished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

22 And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present *him* to the Lord;

23 (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)

24 And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name *was* Simeon; and the same man *was* just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

33 And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

34 And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this *child* is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;

35 (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Pha-nu'-el, of the tribe of A'-ser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;

37 And she *was* a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day.

38 And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

39 And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

42 And when he was twelve years old, *they went up* to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not *of it*.

44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among *their* kinsfolk and acquaintance.

45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

CHAPTER 3

NOW in the fifteenth year of the reign of Ti-be'-ri-us Cæsar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judæa,

and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of I-tu-ræ'-a and of the region of Trach-o-ni'-tis, and Ly-sa'-ni-as the tetrarch of Ab-i-le'-ne,
2 An'-nas and Ca'-ia-phas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zach-a-ri'-as in the wilderness.
3 And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;
4 As it is written in the book of the words of E-sa'-ias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways *shall be* made smooth;
6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
7 Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.
9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
10 And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?
11 He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.
12 Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do?
13 And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you.
14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse *any* falsely; and be content with your wages.
15 And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not;
16 John answered, saying unto *them* all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:
17 Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.
18 And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people.
19 But Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him for He-ro'-di-as his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done,
20 Added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison.
21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,
22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.
23 And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was *the son* of He'-li,
24 Which was *the son* of Mat'-that, which was *the son* of Levi, which was *the son* of Mel'-chi, which was *the son* of Jan'-na, which was *the son* of Joseph,
25 Which was *the son* of Mat-ta-thi'-as, which was *the son* of Amos, which was *the son* of Na'-um, which was *the son* of Es'-li, which was *the son* of Nag'-ge,
26 Which was *the son* of Ma'-ath, which was *the son* of Mat-ta-thi'-as, which was *the son* of Sem'-e-i, which was *the son* of Joseph, which was *the son* of Juda,
27 Which was *the son* of Jo-an'-na, which was *the son* of Rhe'-sa, which was *the son* of Zo-rob'-a-bel, which was *the son* of Sa-la'-thi-el, which was *the son* of Ne'-ri,
28 Which was *the son* of Mel'-chi, which was *the son* of Ad'-di, which was *the son* of Co'-sam, which was *the son* of El-mo'-dam, which was *the son* of Er,
29 Which was *the son* of Jo'-se, which was *the son* of E-li-e'-zer, which was *the son* of Jo'-rim, which was *the*

son of Mat´-that, which was *the son* of
Levi,
30 Which was *the son* of Simeon,
which was *the son* of Juda, which was
the son of Joseph, which was *the son* of
Jo´-nan, which was *the son* of E-li´-a-
kim,
31 Which was *the son* of Me´-le-a,
which was *the son* of Me´-nan, which
was *the son* of Mat´-ta-tha, which was
the son of Nathan, which was *the son*
of David,
32 Which was *the son* of Jesse,
which was *the son* of O´-bed, which was
the son of Bo´-oz, which was *the son* of
Sal´-mon, which was *the son* of Na-as´-
son,
33 Which was *the son* of A-min´-a-
dab, which was *the son* of A´-ram, which
was *the son* of Es-rom, which was *the*
son of Pha´-res, which was *the son* of
Juda,
34 Which was *the son* of Jacob,
which was *the son* of Isaac, which was
the son of Abraham, which was *the son*
of Tha´-ra, which was *the son* of Na´-
chor,
35 Which was *the son* of Sa´-ruch,
which was *the son* of Ra´-gau, which
was *the son* of Pha´-lec, which was *the*
son of He´-ber, which was *the son* of
Sa´-la,
36 Which was *the son* of Ca-i´-nan,
which was *the son* of Ar-phax´-ad,
which was *the son* of Sem, which was
the son of No´-e, which was *the son* of
La´-mech,
37 Which was *the son* of Ma-thu´-sa-
la, which was *the son* of E´-noch, which
was *the son* of Ja´-red, which was *the*
son of Ma-le´-le-el, which was *the son* of
Ca-i´-nan,
38 Which was *the son* of Enos,
which was *the son* of Seth, which was
the son of Adam, which was *the son* of
God.

CHAPTER 4

AND Jesus being full of the Holy
Ghost returned from Jordan, and
was led by the Spirit into the wilder-
ness,
2 Being forty days tempted of the
devil. And in those days he did eat
nothing: and when they were ended,
he afterward hungered.
3 And the devil said unto him, If
thou be the Son of God, command this
stone that it be made bread.
4 And Jesus answered him, saying,
It is written, That man shall not live
by bread alone, but by every word of
God.
5 And the devil, taking him up into
an high mountain, shewed unto him
all the kingdoms of the world in a mo-
ment of time.
6 And the devil said unto him, All
this power will I give thee, and the
glory of them: for that is delivered un-
to me; and to whomsoever I will I
give it.
7 If thou therefore wilt worship me,
all shall be thine.
8 And Jesus answered and said unto
him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it
is written, Thou shalt worship the
Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou
serve.
9 And he brought him to Jerusalem,
and set him on a pinnacle of the tem-
ple, and said unto him, If thou be the
Son of God, cast thyself down from
hence:
10 For it is written, He shall give
his angels charge over thee, to keep
thee:
11 And in *their* hands they shall
bear thee up, lest at any time thou
dash thy foot against a stone.
12 And Jesus answering said unto
him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt
the Lord thy God.
13 And when the devil had ended
all the temptation, he departed from
him for a season.
14 And Jesus returned in the power
of the Spirit into Galilee: and there
went out a fame of him through all the
region round about.
15 And he taught in their syna-
gogues, being glorified of all.
16 And he came to Nazareth, where
he had been brought up: and, as his
custom was, he went into the syna-
gogue on the sabbath day, and stood
up for to read.
17 And there was delivered unto
him the book of the prophet E-sa´-ias.
And when he had opened the book, he
found the place where it was written,
18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon
me, because he hath anointed me to
preach the gospel to the poor; he hath
sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to
preach deliverance to the captives, and
recovering of sight to the blind, to set
at liberty them that are bruised,
19 To preach the acceptable year of
the Lord.
20 And he closed the book, and he
gave *it* again to the minister, and sat

down. And the eyes of all them that
were in the synagogue were fastened
on him.
21 And he began to say unto them,
This day is this scripture fulfilled in
your ears.
22 And all bare him witness, and
wondered at the gracious words which
proceeded out of his mouth. And they
said, Is not this Joseph's son?
23 And he said unto them, Ye will
surely say unto me this proverb, Phy-
sician, heal thyself: whatsoever we
have heard done in Ca-per'-na-um, do
also here in thy country.
24 And he said, Verily I say unto
you, No prophet is accepted in his own
country.
25 But I tell you of a truth, many
widows were in Israel in the days of
E-li'-as, when the heaven was shut up
three years and six months, when
great famine was throughout all the
land;
26 But unto none of them was E-li'-
as sent, save unto Sar-ep'-ta, *a city* of
Si'-don, unto a woman *that was* a
widow.
27 And many lepers were in Israel
in the time of El-i-se'-us the prophet;
and none of them was cleansed, saving
Na'-a-man the Syrian.
28 And all they in the synagogue,
when they heard these things, were
filled with wrath,
29 And rose up, and thrust him out
of the city, and led him unto the brow
of the hill whereon their city was built,
that they might cast him down head-
long.
30 But he passing through the
midst of them went his way,
31 And came down to Ca-per'-na-
um, a city of Galilee, and taught them
on the sabbath days.
32 And they were astonished at his
doctrine: for his word was with power.
33 And in the synagogue there was
a man, which had a spirit of an unclean
devil, and cried out with a loud voice,
34 Saying, Let *us* alone; what have
we to do with thee, *thou* Jesus of Naz-
areth? art thou come to destroy us? I
know thee who thou art; the Holy One
of God.
35 And Jesus rebuked him, saying,
Hold thy peace, and come out of him.
And when the devil had thrown him in
the midst, he came out of him, and
hurt him not.
36 And they were all amazed, and
spake among themselves, saying,
What a word *is* this! for with authority
and power he commandeth the un-
clean spirits, and they come out.
37 And the fame of him went out
into every place of the country round
about.
38 And he arose out of the syna-
gogue, and entered into Simon's house.
And Simon's wife's mother was taken
with a great fever; and they besought
him for her.
39 And he stood over her, and re-
buked the fever; and it left her: and
immediately she arose and ministered
unto them.
40 Now when the sun was setting,
all they that had any sick with divers
diseases brought them unto him; and
he laid his hands on every one of them,
and healed them.
41 And devils also came out of
many, crying out, and saying, Thou
art Christ the Son of God. And he re-
buking *them* suffered them not to
speak: for they knew that he was
Christ.
42 And when it was day, he depart-
ed and went into a desert place: and
the people sought him, and came unto
him, and stayed him, that he should
not depart from them.
43 And he said unto them, I must
preach the kingdom of God to other
cities also: for therefore am I sent.
44 And he preached in the syna-
gogues of Galilee.

CHAPTER 5

AND it came to pass, that, as the
people pressed upon him to hear
the word of God, he stood by the lake
of Gen-nes'-a-ret,
2 And saw two ships standing by
the lake: but the fishermen were gone
out of them, and were washing *their*
nets.
3 And he entered into one of the
ships, which was Simon's, and prayed
him that he would thrust out a little
from the land. And he sat down, and
taught the people out of the ship.
4 Now when he had left speaking,
he said unto Simon, Launch out into
the deep, and let down your nets for a
draught.
5 And Simon answering said unto
him, Master, we have toiled all the
night, and have taken nothing: never-
theless at thy word I will let down the
net.

6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.
7 And they beckoned unto *their* partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.
8 When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.
9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:
10 And so *was* also James, and John, the sons of Zeb'-e-dee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.
11 And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.
12 And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on *his* face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.
13 And he put forth *his* hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him.
14 And he charged him to tell no man: but go, and shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.
15 But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities.
16 And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.
17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judæa, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was *present* to heal them.
18 And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought *means* to bring him in, and to lay *him* before him.
19 And when they could not find by what *way* they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with *his* couch into the midst before Jesus.
20 And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.
21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?
22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?
23 Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?
24 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.
25 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.
26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day.
27 And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me.
28 And he left all, rose up, and followed him.
29 And Levi made him a great feast in his own house: and there was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down with them.
30 But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners?
31 And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician: but they that are sick.
32 I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.
33 And they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and likewise *the disciples* of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink?
34 And he said unto them, Can ye make the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them?
35 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.
36 And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise,

then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was *taken* out of the new agreeth not with the old.
37 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.
38 But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved.
39 No man also having drunk old *wine* straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better.

CHAPTER 6

AND it came to pass on the second sabbath after the first, that he went through the corn fields; and his disciples plucked the ears of corn, and did eat, rubbing *them* in *their* hands.
2 And certain of the Pharisees said unto them, Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the sabbath days?
3 And Jesus answering them said, Have ye not read so much as this, what David did, when himself was an hungred, and they which were with him;
4 How he went into the house of God, and did take and eat the shewbread, and gave also to them that were with him; which it is not lawful to eat but for the priests alone?
5 And he said unto them, That the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.
6 And it came to pass also on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered.
7 And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him.
8 But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth.
9 Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy *it?*
10 And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other.
11 And they were filled with madness; and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus.
12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.
13 And when it was day, he called *unto him* his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;
14 Simon, (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew,
15 Matthew and Thomas, James the *son* of Al-phæ'-us, and Simon called Ze-lo'-tes,
16 And Judas *the brother* of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.
17 And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judæa and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Si'-don, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;
18 And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.
19 And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed *them* all.
20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed *be* ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.
21 Blessed *are ye* that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed *are* ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.
22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you *from their company,* and shall reproach *you,* and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.
23 Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward *is* great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.
24 But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation.
25 Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep.
26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.
27 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,
28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.
29 And unto him that smiteth thee on the *one* cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not *to take thy* coat also.

30 Give to every man that asketh
of thee; and of him that taketh away
thy goods ask *them* not again.
31 And as ye would that men
should do to you, do ye also to them
likewise.
32 For if ye love them which love
you, what thank have ye? for sinners
also love those that love them.
33 And if ye do good to them which
do good to you, what thank have ye?
for sinners also do even the same.
34 And if ye lend *to them* of whom
ye hope to receive, what thank have
ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to
receive as much again.
35 But love ye your enemies, and do
good, and lend, hoping for nothing
again; and your reward shall be great,
and ye shall be the children of the
Highest: for he is kind unto the un-
thankful and *to* the evil.
36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your
Father also is merciful.
37 Judge not, and ye shall not be
judged: condemn not, and ye shall not
be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be
forgiven:
38 Give, and it shall be given unto
you; good measure, pressed down, and
shaken together, and running over,
shall men give into your bosom. For
with the same measure that ye mete
withal it shall be measured to you
again.
39 And he spake a parable unto
them, Can the blind lead the blind?
shall they not both fall into the ditch?
40 The disciple is not above his
master: but every one that is perfect
shall be as his master.
41 And why beholdest thou the
mote that is in thy brother's eye, but
perceivest not the beam that is in
thine own eye?
42 Either how canst thou say to thy
brother, Brother, let me pull out the
mote that is in thine eye, when thou
thyself beholdest not the beam that is
in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast
out first the beam out of thine own
eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to
pull out the mote that is in thy broth-
er's eye.
43 For a good tree bringeth not
forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a cor-
rupt tree bring forth good fruit.
44 For every tree is known by his
own fruit. For of thorns men do not
gather figs, nor of a bramble bush
gather they grapes.
45 A good man out of the good
treasure of his heart bringeth forth
that which is good; and an evil man
out of the evil treasure of his heart
bringeth forth that which is evil: for of
the abundance of the heart his mouth
speaketh.
46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord,
and do not the things which I say?
47 Whosoever cometh to me, and
heareth my sayings, and doeth them,
I will shew you to whom he is like:
48 He is like a man which built an
house, and digged deep, and laid the
foundation on a rock: and when the
flood arose, the stream beat vehement-
ly upon that house, and could not
shake it: for it was founded upon a
rock.
49 But he that heareth, and doeth
not, is like a man that without a foun-
dation built an house upon the earth;
against which the stream did beat ve-
hemently, and immediately it fell; and
the ruin of that house was great.

CHAPTER 7

NOW when he had ended all his
sayings in the audience of the
people, he entered into Ca-per'-na-um.
2 And a certain centurion's servant,
who was dear unto him, was sick, and
ready to die.
3 And when he heard of Jesus, he
sent unto him the elders of the Jews,
beseeching him that he would come
and heal his servant.
4 And when they came to Jesus,
they besought him instantly, saying,
That he was worthy for whom he
should do this:
5 For he loveth our nation, and he
hath built us a synagogue.
6 Then Jesus went with them. And
when he was now not far from the
house, the centurion sent friends to
him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble
not thyself: for I am not worthy that
thou shouldest enter under my roof:
7 Wherefore neither thought I my-
self worthy to come unto thee: but say
in a word, and my servant shall be
healed.
8 For I also am a man set under au-
thority, having under me soldiers, and
I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and
to another, Come, and he cometh; and
to my servant, Do this, and he doeth
it.
9 When Jesus heard these things, he

marvelled at him, and turned him
about, and said unto the people that
followed him, I say unto you, I have
not found so great faith, no, not in
Israel.
10 And they that were sent, return-
ing to the house, found the servant
whole that had been sick.
11 And it came to pass the day
after, that he went into a city called
Nain; and many of his disciples went
with him, and much people.
12 Now when he came nigh to the
gate of the city, behold, there was a
dead man carried out, the only son of
his mother, and she was a widow: and
much people of the city was with her.
13 And when the Lord saw her, he
had compassion on her, and said unto
her, Weep not.
14 And he came and touched the
bier: and they that bare *him* stood still.
And he said, Young man, I say unto
thee, Arise.
15 And he that was dead sat up,
and began to speak. And he delivered
him to his mother.
16 And there came a fear on all: and
they glorified God, saying, That a
great prophet is risen up among us;
and, That God hath visited his people.
17 And this rumour of him went
forth throughout all Judæa, and
throughout all the region round about.
18 And the disciples of John shewed
him of all these things.
19 And John calling *unto him* two
of his disciples sent *them* to Jesus, say-
ing, Art thou he that should come? or
look we for another?
20 When the men were come unto
him, they said, John Baptist hath sent
us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that
should come? or look we for another?
21 And in that same hour he cured
many of *their* infirmities and plagues,
and of evil spirits; and unto many *that*
were blind he gave sight.
22 Then Jesus answering said unto
them, Go your way, and tell John
what things ye have seen and heard;
how that the blind see, the lame walk,
the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,
the dead are raised, to the poor the
gospel is preached.
23 And blessed is *he*, whosoever
shall not be offended in me.
24 And when the messengers of
John were departed, he began to speak
unto the people concerning John,
What went ye out into the wilderness
for to see? A reed shaken with the
wind?
25 But what went ye out for to see?
A man clothed in soft raiment? Be-
hold, they which are gorgeously ap-
parelled, and live delicately, are in
kings' courts.
26 But what went ye out for to see?
A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and
much more than a prophet.
27 This is *he*, of whom it is written,
Behold, I send my messenger before
thy face, which shall prepare thy way
before thee.
28 For I say unto you, Among those
that are born of women there is not a
greater prophet than John the Baptist:
but he that is least in the kingdom of
God is greater than he.
29 And all the people that heard
him, and the publicans, justified God,
being baptized with the baptism of
John.
30 But the Pharisees and lawyers
rejected the counsel of God against
themselves, being not baptized of him.
31 And the Lord said, Whereunto
then shall I liken the men of this gen-
eration? and to what are they like?
32 They are like unto children sit-
ting in the marketplace, and calling
one to another, and saying, We have
piped unto you, and ye have not
danced; we have mourned to you, and
ye have not wept.
33 For John the Baptist came nei-
ther eating bread nor drinking wine;
and ye say, He hath a devil.
34 The Son of man is come eating
and drinking; and ye say, Behold a
gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a
friend of publicans and sinners!
35 But wisdom is justified of all her
children.
36 And one of the Pharisees desired
him that he would eat with him. And
he went into the Pharisee's house, and
sat down to meat.
37 And, behold, a woman in the
city, which was a sinner, when she
knew that *Jesus* sat at meat in the
Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster
box of ointment,
38 And stood at his feet behind *him*
weeping, and began to wash his feet
with tears, and did wipe *them* with the
hairs of her head, and kissed his feet,
and anointed *them* with the ointment.
39 Now when the Pharisee which
had bidden him saw *it*, he spake within
himself, saying, This man, if he were a

prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman *this is* that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.
40 And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on.
41 There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty.
42 And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most?
43 Simon answered and said, I suppose that *he*, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged.
44 And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my *feet:* but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped *them* with the hairs of her head.
45 Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet.
46 My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment.
47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loveth little.
48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.
49 And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also?
50 And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

CHAPTER 8

AND it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve *were* with him,
2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,
3 And Joanna the wife of Chu'za Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.
4 And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable:
5 A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.
6 And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.
7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it.
8 And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.
9 And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be?
10 And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.
11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.
12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.
13 They on the rock *are they*, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.
14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of *this* life, and bring no fruit to perfection.
15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep *it*, and bring forth fruit with patience.
16 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth *it* under a bed; but setteth *it* on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light.
17 For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither *any thing* hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.
18 Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.
19 Then came to him *his* mother and his brethren, and could not come at him for the press.

20 And it was told him *by certain* which said, Thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to see thee.

21 And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.

22 Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth.

23 But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled *with water*, and were in jeopardy.

24 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.

25 And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.

26 And they arrived at the country of the Gad'-a-renes, which is over against Galilee.

27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in *any* house, but in the tombs.

28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, *thou* Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.

29 (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.)

30 And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.

31 And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep.

32 And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them.

33 Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked.

34 When they that fed *them* saw what was done, they fled, and went and told *it* in the city and in the country.

35 Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

36 They also which saw *it* told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed.

37 Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gad'-a-renes round about besought him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again.

38 Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying,

39 Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him.

40 And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people *gladly* received him: for they were all waiting for him.

41 And, behold, there came a man named Ja-i'-rus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house:

42 For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him.

43 And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any,

44 Came behind *him*, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanched.

45 And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press *thee*, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

46 And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me.

47 And when the woman saw that

she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately.
48 And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.
49 While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's *house*, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master.
50 But when Jesus heard *it*, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.
51 And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden.
52 And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth.
53 And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead.
54 And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise.
55 And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat.
56 And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done.

CHAPTER 9

THEN he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.
2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.
3 And he said unto them, Take nothing for *your* journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.
4 And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart.
5 And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them.
6 And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where.
7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by him: and he was perplexed, because that it was said of some, that John was risen from the dead;
8 And of some, that E-li'-as had appeared; and of others, that one of the old prophets was risen again.
9 And Herod said, John have I beheaded: but who is this, of whom I hear such things? And he desired to see him.
10 And the apostles, when they were returned, told him all that they had done. And he took them, and went aside privately into a desert place belonging to the city called Beth-sa'-i-da.
11 And the people, when they knew *it*, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing.
12 And when the day began to wear away, then came the twelve, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the towns and country round about, and lodge, and get victuals: for we are here in a desert place.
13 But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more but five loaves and two fishes; except we should go and buy meat for all this people.
14 For they were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down by fifties in a company.
15 And they did so, and made them all sit down.
16 Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude.
17 And they did eat, and were all filled: and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets.
18 And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?
19 They answering said, John the Baptist; but some *say*, E-li'-as; and others *say*, that one of the old prophets is risen again.
20 He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answering said, The Christ of God.
21 And he straitly charged them, and commanded *them* to tell no man that thing;
22 Saying, The Son of man must

suffer many things, and be rejected of
the elders and chief priests and scribes,
and be slain, and be raised the third
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23 And he said to *them* all, If any
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for thee, and one for Moses, and one
for E-li'-as: not knowing what he said.
34 While he thus spake, there came
a cloud, and overshadowed them: and
they feared as they entered into the
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35 And there came a voice out of
the cloud, saying, This is my beloved
Son: hear him.
36 And when the voice was past,
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48 And said unto them, Whosoever
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49 And John answered and said,
Master, we saw one casting out devils
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cause he followeth not with us.
50 And Jesus said unto him, Forbid
him not: for he that is not against us is
for us.
51 And it came to pass, when the
time was come that he should be re-
ceived up, he stedfastly set his face to
go to Jerusalem,
52 And sent messengers before his
face: and they went, and entered into
a village of the Samaritans, to make
ready for him.
53 And they did not receive him,
because his face was as though he
would go to Jerusalem.

54 And when his disciples James
and John saw *this*, they said, Lord,
wilt thou that we command fire to
come down from heaven, and consume
them, even as E-li'-as did?
55 But he turned, and rebuked
them, and said, Ye know not what
manner of spirit ye are of.
56 For the Son of man is not come
to destroy men's lives, but to save
them. And they went to another vil-
lage.
57 And it came to pass, that, as
they went in the way, a certain *man*
said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee
whithersoever thou goest.
58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes
have holes, and birds of the air *have*
nests; but the Son of man hath not
where to lay *his* head.
59 And he said unto another, Fol-
low me. But he said, Lord, suffer me
first to go and bury my father.
60 Jesus said unto him, Let the
dead bury their dead: but go thou and
preach the kingdom of God.
61 And another also said, Lord, I
will follow thee; but let me first go bid
them farewell, which are at home at
my house.
62 And Jesus said unto him, No
man, having put his hand to the
plough, and looking back, is fit for the
kingdom of God.

CHAPTER 10

AFTER these things the Lord ap-
pointed other seventy also, and
sent them two and two before his face
into every city and place, whither he
himself would come.
2 Therefore said he unto them, The
harvest truly *is* great, but the labour-
ers *are* few: pray ye therefore the Lord
of the harvest, that he would send
forth labourers into his harvest.
3 Go your ways: behold, I send you
forth as lambs among wolves.
4 Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor
shoes: and salute no man by the
way.
5 And into whatsoever house ye en-
ter, first say, Peace *be* to this house.
6 And if the son of peace be there,
your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it
shall turn to you again.
7 And in the same house remain,
eating and drinking such things as
they give: for the labourer is worthy of
his hire. Go not from house to house.
8 And into whatsoever city ye en-
ter, and they receive you, eat such
things as are set before you:
9 And heal the sick that are therein,
and say unto them, The kingdom of
God is come nigh unto you.
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ter, and they receive you not, go your
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and say,
11 Even the very dust of your city,
which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off
against you: notwithstanding be ye
sure of this, that the kingdom of God
is come nigh unto you.
12 But I say unto you, that it shall
be more tolerable in that day for Sod-
om, than for that city.
13 Woe unto thee, Cho-ra'-zin! woe
unto thee, Beth-sa'-i-da! for if the
mighty works had been done in Tyre
and Si'-don, which have been done in
you, they had a great while ago re-
pented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.
14 But it shall be more tolerable for
Tyre and Si'-don at the judgment, than
for you.
15 And thou, Ca-per'-na-um, which
art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust
down to hell.
16 He that heareth you heareth me;
and he that despiseth you despiseth
me; and he that despiseth me despiseth
him that sent me.
17 And the seventy returned again
with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils
are subject unto us through thy name.
18 And he said unto them, I beheld
Satan as lightning fall from heaven.
19 Behold, I give unto you power
to tread on serpents and scorpions, and
over all the power of the enemy: and
nothing shall by any means hurt
you.
20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice
not, that the spirits are subject unto
you; but rather rejoice, because your
names are written in heaven.
21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in
spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Fa-
ther, Lord of heaven and earth, that
thou hast hid these things from the
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so it seemed good in thy sight.
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the eyes which see the things that ye
see:
24 For I tell you, that many pro-
phets and kings have desired to see
those things which ye see, and have
not seen *them;* and to hear those things
which ye hear, and have not heard
them.
25 And, behold, a certain lawyer
stood up, and tempted him, saying,
Master, what shall I do to inherit
eternal life?
26 He said unto him, What is writ-
ten in the law? how readest thou?
27 And he answering said, Thou
shalt love the Lord thy God with all
thy heart, and with all thy soul, and
with all thy strength, and with all thy
mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.
28 And he said unto him, Thou hast
answered right: this do, and thou shalt
live.
29 But he, willing to justify him-
self, said unto Jesus, And who is my
neighbour?
30 And Jesus answering said, A cer-
tain *man* went down from Jerusalem
to Jericho, and fell among thieves,
which stripped him of his raiment, and
wounded *him,* and departed, leaving
him half dead.
31 And by chance there came down
a certain priest that way: and when he
saw him, he passed by on the other
side.
32 And likewise a Levite, when he
was at the place, came and looked *on
him,* and passed by on the other side.
33 But a certain Samaritan, as he
journeyed, came where he was: and
when he saw him, he had compassion
on him,
34 And went to *him,* and bound up
his wounds, pouring in oil and wine,
and set him on his own beast, and
brought him to an inn, and took care
of him.
35 And on the morrow when he de-
parted, he took out two pence, and
gave *them* to the host, and said unto
him, Take care of him; and whatsoever
thou spendest more, when I come
again, I will repay thee.
36 Which now of these three, think-
est thou, was neighbour unto him that
fell among the thieves?
37 And he said, He that shewed
mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto
him, Go, and do thou likewise.
38 Now it came to pass, as they
went, that he entered into a certain
village: and a certain woman named
Martha received him into her house.
39 And she had a sister called Mary,
which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard
his word.
40 But Martha was cumbered about
much serving, and came to him, and
said, Lord, dost thou not care that my
sister hath left me to serve alone? bid
her therefore that she help me.
41 And Jesus answered and said
unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art
careful and troubled about many
things:
42 But one thing is needful: and
Mary hath chosen that good part,
which shall not be taken away from
her.

CHAPTER 11

AND it came to pass, that, as he was
praying in a certain place, when
he ceased, one of his disciples said unto
him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John
also taught his disciples.
2 And he said unto them, When ye
pray, say, Our Father which art in
heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in
heaven, so in earth.
3 Give us day by day our daily
bread.
4 And forgive us our sins; for we
also forgive every one that is indebted
to us. And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
5 And he said unto them, Which of
you shall have a friend, and shall go
unto him at midnight, and say unto
him, Friend, lend me three loaves;
6 For a friend of mine *in his journey*
is come to me, and I have nothing to
set before him?
7 And he from within shall answer
and say, Trouble me not: the door is
now shut, and my children are with
me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.
8 I say unto you, Though he will
not rise and give him, because he is his
friend, yet because of his importunity
he will rise and give him as many as he
needeth.
9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it
shall be given you; seek, and ye shall
find; knock, and it shall be opened
unto you.
10 For every one that asketh re-
ceiveth; and he that seeketh findeth;
and to him that knocketh it shall be
opened.
11 If a son shall ask bread of any of

you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if *he ask* a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

14 And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered.

15 But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Be-el′-ze-bub the chief of the devils.

16 And others, tempting *him*, sought of him a sign from heaven.

17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house *divided* against a house falleth.

18 If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Be-el′-ze-bub.

19 And if I by Be-el′-ze-bub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast *them* out? therefore shall they be your judges.

20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

21 When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace:

22 But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.

23 He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.

24 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

25 And when he cometh, he findeth *it* swept and garnished.

26 Then goeth he, and taketh *to him* seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first.

27 And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed *is* the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked.

28 But he said, Yea rather, blessed *are* they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

29 And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet.

30 For as Jonas was a sign unto the Nin′-e-vites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation.

31 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon *is* here.

32 The men of Nin′-e-ve shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas *is* here.

33 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth *it* in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light.

34 The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when *thine eye* is evil, thy body also *is* full of darkness.

35 Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.

36 If thy whole body therefore *be* full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

37 And as he spake, a certain Pharisee besought him to dine with him: and he went in, and sat down to meat.

38 And when the Pharisee saw *it*, he marvelled that he had not first washed before dinner.

39 And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness.

40 *Ye* fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also?

41 But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you.

42 But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all

ner of herbs, and pass over judgment
and the love of God: these ought ye to
have done, and not to leave the other
undone.
43 Woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye
love the uppermost seats in the syna-
gogues, and greetings in the markets.
44 Woe unto you, scribes and Phari-
sees, hypocrites! for ye are as graves
which appear not, and *the* men that
walk over *them* are not aware *of them*.
45 Then answered one of the law-
yers, and said unto him, Master, thus
saying thou reproachest us also.
46 And he said, Woe unto you also,
ye lawyers! for ye lade men with bur-
dens grievous to be borne, and ye
yourselves touch not the burdens with
one of your fingers.
47 Woe unto you! for ye build the
sepulchres of the prophets, and your
fathers killed them.
48 Truly ye bear witness that ye
allow the deeds of your fathers: for
they indeed killed them, and ye build
their sepulchres.
49 Therefore also said the wisdom
of God, I will send them prophets and
apostles, and *some* of them they shall
slay and persecute:
50 That the blood of all the pro-
phets, which was shed from the foun-
dation of the world, may be required
of this generation;
51 From the blood of Abel unto the
blood of Zach-a-ri'-as, which perished
between the altar and the temple: veri-
ly I say unto you, It shall be required
of this generation.
52 Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye
have taken away the key of knowl-
edge: ye entered not in yourselves, and
them that were entering in ye hin-
dered.
53 And as he said these things unto
them, the scribes and the Pharisees be-
gan to urge *him* vehemently, and to
provoke him to speak of many things:
54 Laying wait for him, and seeking
to catch something out of his mouth,
that they might accuse him.

CHAPTER 12

IN the mean time, when there were
gathered together an innumerable
multitude of people, insomuch that
they trode one upon another, he began
to say unto his disciples first of all, Be-
ware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees,
which is hypocrisy.
2 For there is nothing covered, that
shall not be revealed; neither hid, that
shall not be known.
3 Therefore whatsoever ye have
spoken in darkness shall be heard in
the light; and that which ye have spo-
ken in the ear in closets shall be pro-
claimed upon the housetops.
4 And I say unto you my friends,
Be not afraid of them that kill the
body, and after that have no more
that they can do.
5 But I will forwarn you whom ye
shall fear: Fear him, which after he
hath killed hath power to cast into
hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.
6 Are not five sparrows sold for two
farthings, and not one of them is for-
gotten before God?
7 But even the very hairs of your
head are all numbered. Fear not there-
fore: ye are of more value than many
sparrows.
8 Also I say unto you, Whosoever
shall confess me before men, him shall
the Son of man also confess before the
angels of God:
9 But he that denieth me before
men shall be denied before the angels
of God.
10 And whosoever shall speak a
word against the Son of man, it shall
be forgiven him: but unto him that
blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost
it shall not be forgiven.
11 And when they bring you unto
the synagogues, and *unto* magistrates,
and powers, take ye no thought how
or what thing ye shall answer, or what
ye shall say:
12 For the Holy Ghost shall teach
you in the same hour what ye ought
to say.
13 And one of the company said
unto him, Master, speak to my broth-
er, that he divide the inheritance with
me.
14 And he said unto him, Man, who
made me a judge or a divider over you?
15 And he said unto them, Take
heed, and beware of covetousness: for
a man's life consisteth not in the abun-
dance of the things which he possess-
eth.
16 And he spake a parable unto
them, saying, The ground of a certain
rich man brought forth plentifully:
17 And he thought within himself,
saying, What shall I do, because I
have no room where to bestow my
fruits?

18 And he said, This will I do: I
will pull down my barns, and build
greater; and there will I bestow all my
fruits and my goods.
19 And I will say to my soul, Soul,
thou hast much goods laid up for many
years; take thine ease, eat, drink, *and*
be merry.
20 But God said unto him, *Thou*
fool, this night thy soul shall be re-
quired of thee: then whose shall those
things be, which thou hast provided?
21 So *is* he that layeth up treasure
for himself, and *is* not rich toward
God.
22 And he said unto his disciples,
Therefore I say unto you, Take no
thought for your life, what ye shall
eat; neither for the body, what ye shall
put on.
23 The life is more than meat, and
the body *is more* than raiment.
24 Consider the ravens: for they
neither sow nor reap; which neither
have storehouse nor barn; and God
feedeth them: how much more are ye
better than the fowls?
25 And which of you with taking
thought can add to his stature one
cubit?
26 If ye then be not able to do that
thing which is least, why take ye
thought for the rest?
27 Consider the lilies how they
grow: they toil not, they spin not; and
yet I say unto you, that Solomon in
all his glory was not arrayed like one
of these.
28 If then God so clothe the grass,
which is to day in the field, and to mor-
row is cast into the oven; how much
more *will he clothe* you, O ye of little
faith?
29 And seek not ye what ye shall
eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be
ye of doubtful mind.
30 For all these things do the na-
tions of the world seek after: and your
Father knoweth that ye have need of
these things.
31 But rather seek ye the kingdom
of God; and all these things shall be
added unto you.
32 Fear not, little flock; for it is
your Father's good pleasure to give
you the kingdom.
33 Sell that ye have, and give alms;
provide yourselves bags which wax not
old, a treasure in the heavens that
faileth not, where no thief approach-
eth, neither moth corrupteth.
34 For where your treasure is, there
will your heart be also.
35 Let your loins be girded about,
and *your* lights burning;
36 And ye yourselves like unto men
that wait for their lord, when he will
return from the wedding; that when
he cometh and knocketh, they may
open unto him immediately.
37 Blessed *are* those servants, whom
the lord when he cometh shall find
watching: verily I say unto you, that
he shall gird himself, and make them
to sit down to meat, and will come
forth and serve them.
38 And if he shall come in the sec-
ond watch, or come in the third watch,
and find *them* so, blessed are those ser-
vants.
39 And this know, that if the good-
man of the house had known what
hour the thief would come, he would
have watched, and not have suffered
his house to be broken through.
40 Be ye therefore ready also: for
the Son of man cometh at an hour
when ye think not.
41 Then Peter said unto him, Lord,
speakest thou this parable unto us, or
even to all?
42 And the Lord said, Who then is
that faithful and wise steward, whom
his lord shall make ruler over his
household, to give *them their* portion of
meat in due season?
43 Blessed *is* that servant, whom
his lord when he cometh shall find so
doing.
44 Of a truth I say unto you, that
he will make him ruler over all that he
hath.
45 But and if that servant say in
his heart, My lord delayeth his com-
ing; and shall begin to beat the men-
servants and maidens, and to eat and
drink, and to be drunken;
46 The lord of that servant will
come in a day when he looketh not for
him, and at an hour when he is not
aware, and will cut him in sunder, and
will appoint him his portion with the
unbelievers.
47 And that servant, which knew
his lord's will, and prepared not *him-
self*, neither did according to his will,
shall be beaten with many *stripes*.
48 But he that knew not, and did
commit things worthy of stripes, shall
be beaten with few *stripes*. For unto
whomsoever much is given, of him
shall be much required: and to whom

men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

49 I am come to send fire on the earth; and *what will I, if it* be already kindled?

50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!

51 Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division:

52 For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two and two against three.

53 The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

54 And he said also to the people, When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it is.

55 And when *ye see* the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it cometh to pass.

56 Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time?

57 Yea, and why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right?

58 When thou goest with thine adversary to the magistrate, *as thou art* in the way, give diligence that thou mayest be delivered from him; lest he hale thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and the officer cast thee into prison.

59 I tell thee, thou shalt not depart thence, till thou hast paid the very last mite.

CHAPTER 13

THERE were present at that season some that told him of the Galilæans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

2 And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilæans were sinners above all the Galilæans, because they suffered such things?

3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

4 Or those eighteeen, upon whom the tower *in Si-lo'-am fell, and slew* them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

6 He spake also this parable; A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.

7 Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?

8 And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung *it:*

9 And if it bear fruit, *well:* and if not, *then* after that thou shalt cut it down.

10 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up *herself.*

12 And when Jesus saw her, he called *her to him,* and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

13 And he laid *his* hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.

15 The Lord then answered him, and said, *Thou* hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or *his* ass from the stall, and lead *him* away to watering?

16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

17 And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

18 Then said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I resemble it?

19 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it.

20 And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God?
21 It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.
22 And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.
23 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them,
24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.
25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:
26 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.
27 But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all *ye* workers of iniquity.
28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you *yourselves* thrust out.
29 And they shall come from the east, and *from* the west, and from the north, and *from* the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.
30 And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.
31 The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee.
32 And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third *day* I shall be perfected.
33 Nevertheless I must walk to day, and to morrow, and the *day* following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.
34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen *doth gather* her brood under *her* wings, and ye would not!
35 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until *the time* come when ye shall say, Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

CHAPTER 14

AND it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him.
2 And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy.
3 And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day?
4 And they held their peace. And he took *him*, and healed him, and let him go;
5 And answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day?
6 And they could not answer him again to these things.
7 And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them,
8 When thou art bidden of any *man* to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him;
9 And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.
10 But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.
11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.
12 Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor *thy* rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee.
13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:
14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.
15 And when one of them that sat

at meat with him heard these things,
he said unto him, Blessed *is* he that
shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.
16 Then said he unto him, A certain
man made a great supper, and bade
many:
17 And sent his servant at supper
time to say to them that were bidden,
Come; for all things are now ready.
18 And they all with one *consent* be-
gan to make excuse. The first said unto
him, I have bought a piece of ground,
and I must needs go and see it: I pray
thee have me excused.
19 And another said, I have bought
five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove
them: I pray thee have me excused.
20 And another said, I have mar-
ried a wife, and therefore I cannot
come.
21 So that servant came, and shew-
ed his lord these things. Then the mas-
ter of the house being angry said to his
servant, Go out quickly into the
streets and lanes of the city, and bring
in hither the poor, and the maimed,
and the halt, and the blind.
22 And the servant said, Lord, it is
done as thou hast commanded, and
yet there is room.
23 And the lord said unto the ser-
vant, Go out into the highways and
hedges, and compel *them* to come in,
that my house may be filled.
24 For I say unto you, That none
of those men which were bidden shall
taste of my supper.
25 And there went great multitudes
with him: and he turned, and said unto
them,
26 If any *man* come to me, and hate
not his father, and mother, and wife,
and children, and brethren, and sis-
ters, yea, and his own life also, he can-
not be my disciple.
27 And whosoever doth not bear
his cross, and come after me, cannot be
my disciple.
28 For which of you, intending to
build a tower, sitteth not down first,
and counteth the cost, whether he
have *sufficient* to finish *it*?
29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the
foundation, and is not able to finish *it*,
all that behold *it* begin to mock him,
30 Saying, This man began to
build, and was not able to finish.
31 Or what king, going to make war
against another king, sitteth not down
first, and consulteth whether he be
able with ten thousand to meet him
that cometh against him with twenty
thousand?
32 Or else, while the other is yet a
great way off, he sendeth an ambas-
sage, and desireth conditions of peace.
33 So likewise, whosoever he be of
you that forsaketh not all that he
hath, he cannot be my disciple.
34 Salt *is* good: but if the salt have
lost his savour, wherewith shall it be
seasoned?
35 It is neither fit for the land, nor
yet for the dunghill; *but* men cast it
out. He that hath ears to hear, let him
hear.

CHAPTER 15

THEN drew near unto him all the
publicans and sinners for to hear
him.
2 And the Pharisees and scribes
murmured, saying, This man receiveth
sinners, and eateth with them.
3 And he spake this parable unto
them, saying,
4 What man of you, having an hun-
dred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth
not leave the ninety and nine in the
wilderness, and go after that which is
lost, until he find it?
5 And when he hath found *it*, he
layeth *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing.
6 And when he cometh home, he
calleth together *his* friends and neigh-
bours, saying unto them, Rejoice with
me; for I have found my sheep which
was lost.
7 I say unto you, that likewise joy
shall be in heaven over one sinner that
repenteth, more than over ninety and
nine just persons, which need no re-
pentance.
8 Either what woman having ten
pieces of silver, if she lose one piece,
doth not light a candle, and sweep the
house, and seek diligently till she find
it?
9 And when she hath found *it*, she
calleth *her* friends and *her* neighbours
together, saying, Rejoice with me; for
I have found the piece which I had
lost.
10 Likewise, I say unto you there is
joy in the presence of the angels of
God over one sinner that repenteth.
11 And he said, A certain man had
two sons:
12 And the younger of them said to
his father, Father, give me the portion
of goods that falleth *to me*. And he di-
vided unto them *his* living.

13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put *it* on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on *his* feet:

23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill *it*; and let us eat, and be merry:

24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

25 Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing.

26 And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.

27 And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.

28 And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him.

29 And he answering said to *his* father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, *that* I might make merry with my friends:

30 But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.

31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.

32 It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

CHAPTER 16

AND he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.

2 And he called him, and said unto him, How *is it* that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.

3 Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed.

4 I am resolved what to do, *that*, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.

5 So he called every one of his lord's debtors *unto him*, and said unto the first, how much owest thou unto my lord?

6 And he said, An hundred *measures of oil*. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty.

7 Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore.

8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

9 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon,

who will *commit to your trust* the true *riches?*
12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?
13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.
14 And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him.
15 And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.
16 The law and the prophets *were* until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.
17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.
18 Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from *her* husband committeth adultery.
19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:
20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,
21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.
22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;
23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.
24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.
25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.
26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that *would come* from thence.
27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:
28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.
29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.
30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.
31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

CHAPTER 17

THEN said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe *unto him*, through whom they come!
2 It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.
3 Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.
4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.
5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.
6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.
7 But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat?
8 And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink?
9 Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not.
10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofit-

able servants: we have done that which
was our duty to do.
11 And it came to pass, as he went
to Jerusalem, that he passed through
the midst of Sa-ma'-ri-a and Galilee.
12 And as he entered into a certain
village, there met him ten men that
were lepers, which stood afar off:
13 And they lifted up *their* voices,
and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on
us.
14 And when he saw *them*, he said
unto them, Go shew yourselves unto
the priests. And it came to pass, that,
as they went, they were cleansed.
15 And one of them, when he saw
that he was healed, turned back, and
with a loud voice glorified God,
16 And fell down on *his* face at his
feet, giving him thanks: and he was a
Samaritan.
17 And Jesus answering said, Were
there not ten cleansed? but where *are*
the nine?
18 There are not found that re-
turned to give glory to God, save this
stranger.
19 And he said unto him, Arise, go
thy way: thy faith hath made thee
whole.
20 And when he was demanded of
the Pharisees, when the kingdom of
God should come, he answered them
and said, The kingdom of God cometh
not with observation:
21 Neither shall they say, Lo here!
or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom
of God is within you.
22 And he said unto the disciples,
The days will come, when ye shall de-
sire to see one of the days of the Son of
man, and ye shall not see *it*.
23 And they shall say to you, See
here; or, see there: go not after *them*,
nor follow *them*.
24 For as the lightning, that light-
eneth out of the one *part* under heav-
en, shineth unto the other *part* under
heaven; so shall also the Son of man
be in his day.
25 But first must he suffer many
things, and be rejected of this genera-
tion.
26 And as it was in the days of
No'-e, so shall it be also in the days of
the Son of man.
27 They did eat, they drank, they
married wives, they were given in mar-
riage, until the day that No'-e entered
into the ark, and the flood came, and
destroyed them all.
28 Likewise also as it was in the
days of Lot; they did eat, they drank,
they bought, they sold, they planted,
they builded;
29 But the same day that Lot went
out of Sodom it rained fire and brim-
stone from heaven, and destroyed
them all.
30 Even thus shall it be in the day
when the Son of man is revealed.
31 In that day, he which shall be
upon the housetop, and his stuff in the
house, let him not come down to take
it away: and he that is in the field, let
him likewise not return back.
32 Remember Lot's wife.
33 Whosoever shall seek to save his
life shall lose it; and whosoever shall
lose his life shall preserve it.
34 I tell you, in that night there
shall be two *men* in one bed; the one
shall be taken, and the other shall be
left.
35 Two *women* shall be grinding to-
gether; the one shall be taken, and the
other left.
36 Two *men* shall be in the field; the
one shall be taken, and the other left.
37 And they answered and said un-
to him, Where, Lord? And he said unto
them, Wheresoever the body *is*, thither
will the eagles be gathered together.

CHAPTER 18

AND he spake a parable unto them
to this end, that men ought always
to pray, and not to faint;
2 Saying, There was in a city a
judge, which feared not God, neither
regarded man:
3 And there was a widow in that
city; and she came unto him, saying,
Avenge me of mine adversary.
4 And he would not for a while: but
afterward he said within himself,
Though I fear not God, nor regard
man;
5 Yet because this widow troubleth
me, I will avenge her, lest by her con-
tinual coming she weary me.
6 And the Lord said, Hear what the
unjust judge saith.
7 And shall not God avenge his own
elect, which cry day and night unto
him, though he bear long with them?
8 I tell you that he will avenge
them speedily. Nevertheless when the
Son of man cometh, shall he find faith
on the earth?
9 And he spake this parable unto
certain which trusted in themselves

that they were righteous, and despised
others:
10 Two men went up into the tem-
ple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the
other a publican.
11 The Pharisee stood and prayed
thus with himself, God, I thank thee,
that I am not as other men *are*, extor-
tioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as
this publican.
12 I fast twice in the week, I give
tithes of all that I possess.
13 And the publican, standing afar
off, would not lift up so much as *his*
eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his
breast, saying, God be merciful to me
a sinner.
14 I tell you, this man went down
to his house justified *rather* than the
other: for every one that exalteth him-
self shall be abased; and he that hum-
bleth himself shall be exalted.
15 And they brought unto him also
infants, that he would touch them: but
when *his* disciples saw *it*, they rebuked
them.
16 But Jesus called them *unto him*,
and said, Suffer little children to come
unto me, and forbid them not: for of
such is the kingdom of God.
17 Verily I say unto you, Whoso-
ever shall not receive the kingdom of
God as a little child shall in no wise
enter therein.
18 And a certain ruler asked him,
saying, Good Master, what shall I do
to inherit eternal life?
19 And Jesus said unto him, Why
callest thou me good? none *is* good,
save one, *that is*, God.
20 Thou knowest the command-
ments, Do not commit adultery, Do
not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear
false witness, Honour thy father and
thy mother.
21 And he said, All these have I
kept from my youth up.
22 Now when Jesus heard these
things, he said unto him, Yet lackest
thou one thing: sell all that thou hast,
and distribute unto the poor, and thou
shalt have treasure in heaven: and
come, follow me.
23 And when he heard this, he was
very sorrowful: for he was very rich.
24 And when Jesus saw that he was
very sorrowful, he said, How hardly
shall they that have riches enter into
the kingdom of God!
25 For it is easier for a camel to go
through a needle's eye, than for a rich
man to enter into the kingdom of
God.
26 And they that heard *it* said, Who
then can be saved?
27 And he said, The things which
are impossible with men are possible
with God.
28 Then Peter said, Lo, we have
left all, and followed thee,
29 And he said unto them, Verily I
say unto you, There is no man that
hath left house, or parents, or breth-
ren, or wife, or children, for the king-
dom of God's sake,
30 Who shall not receive manifold
more in this present time, and in the
world to come life everlasting.
31 Then he took *unto him* the
twelve, and said unto them, Behold,
we go up to Jerusalem, and all things
that are written by the prophets con-
cerning the Son of man shall be accom-
plished.
32 For he shall be delivered unto
the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and
spitefully entreated, and spitted on:
33 And they shall scourge *him*, and
put him to death: and the third day he
shall rise again.
34 And they understood none of
these things: and this saying was hid
from them, neither knew they the
things which were spoken.
35 And it came to pass, that as he
was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain
blind man sat by the way side beg-
ging:
36 And hearing the multitude pass
by, he asked what it meant.
37 And they told him, that Jesus of
Nazareth passeth by.
38 And he cried, saying, Jesus, *thou*
son of David, have mercy on me.
39 And they which went before re-
buked him, that he should hold *his*
peace: but he cried so much the more,
Thou son of David, have mercy on
me.
40 And Jesus stood, and command-
ed him to be brought unto him: and
when he was come near, he asked him,
41 Saying, What wilt thou that I
shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord,
that I may receive my sight.
42 And Jesus said unto him, Re-
ceive thy sight: thy faith hath saved
thee.
43 And immediately he received his
sight, and followed him, glorifying
God: and all the people, when they
saw *it*, gave praise unto God.

CHAPTER 19

AND *Jesus* entered and passed through Jericho.

2 And, behold, *there was* a man named Zac-chæ'-us, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.

3 And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.

4 And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him: for he was to pass that *way*.

5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zac-chæ'-us, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.

6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

7 And when they saw *it*, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

8 And Zac-chæ'-us stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore *him* fourfold.

9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.

12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this *man* to reign over us.

15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.

17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds.

19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.

20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, *here is* thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin:

21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.

22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, *thou* wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:

23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?

24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give *it* to him that hath ten pounds.

25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.)

26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.

27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay *them* before me.

28 And when he had thus spoken, he went before, ascending up to Jerusalem.

29 And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Beth'-pha-ge and Bethany, at the mount called *the mount* of Olives, he sent two of his disciples,

30 Saying, Go ye into the village over against *you;* in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring *him hither*.

31 And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose *him?* thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him.

32 And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them.

33 And as they were loosing the

colt, the owners thereof said unto
them, Why loose ye the colt?
34 And they said, The Lord hath
need of him.
35 And they brought him to Jesus:
and they cast their garments upon the
colt, and they set Jesus thereon.
36 And as he went, they spread
their clothes in the way.
37 And when he was come nigh,
even now at the descent of the mount
of Olives, the whole multitude of the
disciples began to rejoice and praise
God with a loud voice for all the
mighty works that they had seen;
38 Saying, Blessed *be* the King that
cometh in the name of the Lord: peace
in heaven, and glory in the highest.
39 And some of the Pharisees from
among the multitude said unto him,
Master, rebuke thy disciples.
40 And he answered and said unto
them, I tell you that, if these should
hold their peace, the stones would im-
mediately cry out.
41 And when he was come near, he
beheld the city, and wept over it,
42 Saying, If thou hadst known,
even thou, at least in this thy day, the
things *which belong* unto thy peace! but
now they are hid from thine eyes.
43 For the days shall come upon
thee, that thine enemies shall cast a
trench about thee, and compass thee
round, and keep thee in on every side,
44 And shall lay thee even with the
ground, and thy children within thee;
and they shall not leave in thee one
stone upon another; because thou
knewest not the time of thy visitation.
45 And he went into the temple,
and began to cast out them that sold
therein, and them that bought;
46 Saying unto them, It is written,
My house is the house of prayer: but
ye have made it a den of thieves.
47 And he taught daily in the tem-
ple. But the chief priests and the
scribes and the chief of the people
sought to destroy him,
48 And could not find what they
might do: for all the people were very
attentive to hear him.

CHAPTER 20

AND it came to pass, *that* on one of
those days, as he taught the peo-
ple in the temple, and preached the
gospel, the chief priests and the scribes
came upon *him* with the elders,
2 And spake unto him, saying, Tell
us, by what authority doest thou these
things? or who is he that gave thee
this authority?
3 And he answered and said unto
them, I will also ask you one thing,
and answer me:
4 The baptism of John, was it from
heaven, or of men?
5 And they reasoned with them-
selves, saying, If we shall say, From
heaven; he will say, Why then believed
ye him not?
6 But and if we say, Of men; all the
people will stone us: for they be per-
suaded that John was a prophet.
7 And they answered, that they
could not tell whence *it was*.
8 And Jesus said unto them, Nei-
ther tell I you by what authority I do
these things.
9 Then began he to speak to the
people this parable; A certain man
planted a vineyard, and let it forth to
husbandmen, and went into a far
country for a long time.
10 And at the season he sent a ser-
vant to the husbandmen, that they
should give him of the fruit of the
vineyard: but the husbandmen beat
him, and sent *him* away empty.
11 And again he sent another ser-
vant: and they beat him also, and en-
treated *him* shamefully, and sent *him*
away empty.
12 And again he sent a third: and
they wounded him also, and cast *him*
out.
13 Then said the lord of the vine-
yard, What shall I do? I will send my
beloved son: it may be they will rever-
ence *him* when they see him.
14 But when the husbandmen saw
him, they reasoned among themselves,
saying, This is the heir: come, let us
kill him, that the inheritance may be
ours.
15 So they cast him out of the vine-
yard, and killed *him*. What therefore
shall the lord of the vineyard do unto
them?
16 He shall come and destroy these
husbandmen, and shall give the vine-
yard to others. And when they heard
it, they said, God forbid.
17 And he beheld them, and said,
What is this then that is written, The
stone which the builders rejected, the
same is become the head of the corner?
18 Whosoever shall fall upon that
stone shall be broken; but on whomso-

ever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

19 And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them.

20 And they watched *him*, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor.

21 And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person *of any*, but teachest the way of God truly:

22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Cæsar, or no?

23 But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me?

24 Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Cæsar's.

25 And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which be Cæsar's, and unto God the things which be God's.

26 And they could not take hold of his words before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace.

27 Then came to *him* certain of the Sad'-du-cees, which deny that there is any resurrection: and they asked him,

28 Saying, Master, Moses wrote unto us, If any man's brother die, having a wife, and he die without children, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.

29 There were therefore seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and died without children.

30 And the second took her to wife, and he died childless.

31 And the third took her; and in like manner the seven also: and they left no children, and died.

32 Last of all the woman died also.

33 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife of them is she? for seven had her to wife.

34 And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage:

35 But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:

36 Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

37 Now that the dead are raised, even Moses shewed at the bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

38 For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him.

39 Then certain of the scribes answering said, Master, thou hast well said.

40 And after that they durst not ask him any *question at all*.

41 And he said unto them, How say they that Christ is David's son?

42 And David himself saith in the book of Psalms, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

43 Till I make thine enemies thy footstool.

44 David therefore calleth him Lord, how is he then his son?

45 Then in the audience of all the people he said unto his disciples,

46 Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts;

47 Which devour widows' houses, and for a shew make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.

CHAPTER 21

AND he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury.

2 And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.

3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all:

4 For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.

5 And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said,

6 *As for* these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

7 And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be?

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things *which belong* unto thy peace! but
now they are hid from thine eyes.
43 For the days shall come upon
thee, that thine enemies shall cast a
trench about thee, and compass thee
round, and keep thee in on every side,
44 And shall lay thee even with the
ground, and thy children within thee;
and they shall not leave in thee one
stone upon another; because thou
knewest not the time of thy visitation.
45 And he went into the temple,
and began to cast out them that sold
therein, and them that bought;
46 Saying unto them, It is written,
My house is the house of prayer: but
ye have made it a den of thieves.
47 And he taught daily in the tem-
ple. But the chief priests and the
scribes and the chief of the people
sought to destroy him,
48 And could not find what they
might do: for all the people were very
attentive to hear him.

CHAPTER 20

AND it came to pass, *that* on one of
those days, as he taught the peo-
ple in the temple, and preached the
gospel, the chief priests and the scribes
came upon *him* with the elders,
2 And spake unto him, saying, Tell
us, by what authority doest thou these
things? or who is he that gave thee
this authority?
3 And he answered and said unto
them, I will also ask you one thing,
and answer me:
4 The baptism of John, was it from
heaven, or of men?
5 And they reasoned with them-
selves, saying, If we shall say, From
heaven; he will say, Why then believed
ye him not?
6 But and if we say, Of men; all the
people will stone us: for they be per-
suaded that John was a prophet.
7 And they answered, that they
could not tell whence *it was*.
8 And Jesus said unto them, Nei-
ther tell I you by what authority I do
these things.
9 Then began he to speak to the
people this parable; A certain man
planted a vineyard, and let it forth to
husbandmen, and went into a far
country for a long time.
10 And at the season he sent a ser-
vant to the husbandmen, that they
should give him of the fruit of the
vineyard: but the husbandmen beat
him, and sent *him* away empty.
11 And again he sent another ser-
vant: and they beat him also, and en-
treated *him* shamefully, and sent *him*
away empty.
12 And again he sent a third: and
they wounded him also, and cast *him*
out.
13 Then said the lord of the vine-
yard, What shall I do? I will send my
beloved son: it may be they will rever-
ence *him* when they see him.
14 But when the husbandmen saw
him, they reasoned among themselves,
saying, This is the heir: come, let us
kill him, that the inheritance may be
ours.
15 So they cast him out of the vine-
yard, and killed *him*. What therefore
shall the lord of the vineyard do unto
them?
16 He shall come and destroy these
husbandmen, and shall give the vine-
yard to others. And when they heard
it, they said, God forbid.
17 And he beheld them, and said,
What is this then that is written, The
stone which the builders rejected, the
same is become the head of the corner?
18 Whosoever shall fall upon that
stone shall be broken; but on whomso-

ever it shall fall, it will grind him to
powder.
19 And the chief priests and the
scribes the same hour sought to lay
hands on him; and they feared the peo-
ple: for they perceived that he had
spoken this parable against them.
20 And they watched *him*, and sent
forth spies, which should feign them-
selves just men, that they might take
hold of his words, that so they might
deliver him unto the power and au-
thority of the governor.
21 And they asked him, saying,
Master, we know that thou sayest and
teachest rightly, neither acceptest
thou the person *of any*, but teachest
the way of God truly:
22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute
unto Cæsar, or no?
23 But he perceived their craftiness,
and said unto them, Why tempt ye
me?
24 Shew me a penny. Whose image
and superscription hath it? They an-
swered and said, Cæsar's.
25 And he said unto them, Render
therefore unto Cæsar the things which
be Cæsar's, and unto God the things
which be God's.
26 And they could not take hold of
his words before the people: and they
marvelled at his answer, and held
their peace.
27 Then came to *him* certain of the
Sad'-du-cees, which deny that there
is any resurrection: and they asked
him,
28 Saying, Master, Moses wrote un-
to us, If any man's brother die, having
a wife, and he die without children,
that his brother should take his wife,
and raise up seed unto his brother.
29 There were therefore seven
brethren: and the first took a wife, and
died without children.
30 And the second took her to wife,
and he died childless.
31 And the third took her; and in
like manner the seven also: and they
left no children, and died.
32 Last of all the woman died also.
33 Therefore in the resurrection
whose wife of them is she? for seven
had her to wife.
34 And Jesus answering said unto
them, The children of this world mar-
ry, and are given in marriage:
35 But they which shall be ac-
counted worthy to obtain that world,
and the resurrection from the dead,
neither marry, nor are given in mar-
riage:
36 Neither can they die any more:
for they are equal unto the angels; and
are the children of God, being the chil-
dren of the resurrection.
37 Now that the dead are raised,
even Moses shewed at the bush, when
he calleth the Lord the God of Abra-
ham, and the God of Isaac, and the
God of Jacob.
38 For he is not a God of the dead,
but of the living: for all live unto him.
39 Then certain of the scribes an-
swering said, Master, thou hast well
said.
40 And after that they durst not
ask him any *question at all*.
41 And he said unto them, How say
they that Christ is David's son?
42 And David himself saith in the
book of Psalms, The LORD said unto
my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,
43 Till I make thine enemies thy
footstool.
44 David therefore calleth him
Lord, how is he then his son?
45 Then in the audience of all the
people he said unto his disciples,
46 Beware of the scribes, which de-
sire to walk in long robes, and love
greetings in the markets, and the high-
est seats in the synagogues, and the
chief rooms at feasts;
47 Which devour widows' houses,
and for a shew make long prayers: the
same shall receive greater damnation.

CHAPTER 21

AND he looked up, and saw the rich
men casting their gifts into the
treasury.
2 And he saw also a certain poor
widow casting in thither two mites.
3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto
you, that this poor widow hath cast in
more than they all:
4 For all these have of their abun-
dance cast in unto the offerings of
God: but she of her penury hath cast
in all the living that she had.
5 And as some spake of the temple,
how it was adorned with goodly stones
and gifts, he said,
6 *As for* these things which ye be-
hold, the days will come, in the which
there shall not be left one stone upon
another, that shall not be thrown
down.
7 And they asked him, saying, Mas-
ter, but when shall these things be?

and what sign *will there be* when these things shall come to pass?

8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am *Christ*; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.

9 But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end *is* not by and by.

10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:

11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute *you*, delivering *you* up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.

13 And it shall turn to you for a testimony.

14 Settle *it* therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer:

15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

16 And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and *some* of you shall they cause to be put to death.

17 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake.

18 But there shall not an hair of your head perish.

19 In your patience possess ye your souls.

20 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

21 Then let them which are in Judæa flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.

22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.

24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

29 And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and *so* that day come upon you unawares.

35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

37 And in the day time he was teaching in the temple; and at night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called *the mount* of Olives.

38 And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, for to hear him.

CHAPTER 22

NOW the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.

2 And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people.

3 Then entered Satan into Judas
surnamed Iscariot, being of the num-
ber of the twelve.
4 And he went his way, and com-
muned with the chief priests and cap-
tains, how he might betray him unto
them.
5 And they were glad, and cove-
nanted to give him money.
6 And he promised, and sought op-
portunity to betray him unto them in
the absence of the multitude.
7 Then came the day of unleavened
bread, when the passover must be
killed.
8 And he sent Peter and John, say-
ing, Go and prepare us the passover,
that we may eat.
9 And they said unto him, Where
wilt thou that we prepare?
10 And he said unto them, Behold,
when ye are entered into the city,
there shall a man meet you, bearing a
pitcher of water; follow him into the
house where he entereth in.
11 And ye shall say unto the good-
man of the house, The Master saith un-
to thee, Where is the guestchamber,
where I shall eat the passover with my
disciples?
12 And he shall shew you a large
upper room furnished: there make
ready.
13 And they went, and found as he
had said unto them: and they made
ready the passover.
14 And when the hour was come, he
sat down, and the twelve apostles with
him.
15 And he said unto them, With de-
sire I have desired to eat this passover
with you before I suffer:
16 For I say unto you, I will not
any more eat thereof, until it be ful-
filled in the kingdom of God.
17 And he took the cup, and gave
thanks, and said, Take this, and divide
it among yourselves:
18 For I say unto you, I will not
drink of the fruit of the vine, until the
kingdom of God shall come.
19 And he took bread, and gave
thanks, and brake *it*, and gave unto
them, saying, This is my body which
is given for you: this do in remem-
brance of me.
20 Likewise also the cup after sup-
per, saying, This cup *is* the new testa-
ment in my blood, which is shed for
you.
21 But, behold, the hand of him
that betrayeth me *is* with me on the
table.
22 And truly the Son of man goeth,
as it was determined: but woe unto
that man by whom he is betrayed!
23 And they began to enquire
among themselves, which of them it
was that should do this thing.
24 And there was also a strife
among them, which of them should be
accounted the greatest.
25 And he said unto them, The
kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship
over them; and they that exercise au-
thority upon them are called benefac-
tors.
26 But ye *shall* not *be* so: but he
that is greatest among you, let him be
as the younger; and he that is chief, as
he that doth serve.
27 For whether *is* greater, he that
sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? *is*
not he that sitteth at meat? but I am
among you as he that serveth.
28 Ye are they which have con-
tinued with me in my temptations.
29 And I appoint unto you a king-
dom, as my Father hath appointed
unto me;
30 That ye may eat and drink at
my table in my kingdom, and sit on
thrones judging the twelve tribes of
Israel.
31 And the Lord said, Simon, Si-
mon, behold, Satan hath desired *to*
have you, that he may sift *you* as
wheat:
32 But I have prayed for thee, that
thy faith fail not: and when thou art
converted, strengthen thy brethren.
33 And he said unto him, Lord, I
am ready to go with thee, both into
prison, and to death.
34 And he said, I tell thee, Peter,
the cock shall not crow this day, before
that thou shalt thrice deny that thou
knowest me.
35 And he said unto them, When I
sent you without purse, and scrip, and
shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they
said, Nothing.
36 Then said he unto them, But
now, he that hath a purse, let him take
it, and likewise *his* scrip: and he that
hath no sword, let him sell his gar-
ment, and buy one.
37 For I say unto you, that this
that is written must yet be accom-
plished in me, And he was reckoned
among the transgressors: for the
things concerning me have an end.

38 And they said, Lord, behold, here *are* two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.

39 And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.

40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.

41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

45 And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow,

46 And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

47 And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him.

48 But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?

49 When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword?

50 And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.

51 And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.

52 Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves?

53 When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

54 Then took they him, and led *him*, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off.

55 And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them.

56 But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him.

57 And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not.

58 And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not.

59 And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this *fellow* also was with him: for he is a Galilæan.

60 And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew.

61 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

62 And Peter went out and wept bitterly.

63 And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and smote him.

64 And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, Prophesy, who is it that smote thee?

65 And many other things blasphemously spake they against him.

66 And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people and the chief priests and the scribes came together, and led him into their council, saying,

67 Art thou the Christ? tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe:

68 And if I also ask *you*, ye will not answer me, nor let *me* go.

69 Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God.

70 Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am.

71 And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth.

CHAPTER 23

AND the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate.

2 And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this *fellow* perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Cæsar, saying that he himself is Christ a King.

3 And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou sayest *it*.

4 Then said Pilate to the chief priests and *to* the people, I find no fault in this man.

5 And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place.

6 When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilæan.

7 And as soon as he knew *that* he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time.

8 And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long *season*, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him.

9 Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing.

10 And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him.

11 And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked *him*, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate.

12 And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves.

13 And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,

14 Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined *him* before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him:

15 No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him.

16 I will therefore chastise him, and release *him*.

17 (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)

18 And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this *man*, and release unto us Ba-rab'-bas:

19 (Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.)

20 Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them.

21 But they cried, saying, Crucify *him*, crucify him.

22 And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let *him* go.

23 And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.

24 And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required.

25 And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; but he delivered Jesus to their will.

26 And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cy-re'-ni-an, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear *it* after Jesus.

27 And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him.

28 But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

29 For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed *are* the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck.

30 Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us.

31 For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

32 And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.

33 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

35 And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided *him*, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.

36 And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar,

37 And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself.

38 And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

44 And *it* was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

45 And the sun was darkened, and the vail of the temple was rent in the midst.

46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

47 Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.

48 And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned.

49 And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things.

50 And, behold, *there was* a man named Joseph, a counsellor; *and he was* a good man, and a just:

51 (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) *he was* of Ar-i-ma-thæ'-a, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God.

52 This *man* went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus.

53 And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid.

54 *And that* day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.

55 And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid.

56 And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.

CHAPTER 24

NOW upon the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them.

2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:

5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down *their* faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

7 Saying, the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

8 And they remembered his words,

9 And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

10 It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary *the mother* of James, and other *women that were* with them, which told these things unto the apostles.

11 And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.

12 Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.

13 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emma'-us, which was from Jerusalem *about* threescore furlongs.

14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed *together* and reasoned,

Jesus himself drew near, and went
with them.
16 But their eyes were holden that
they should not know him.
17 And he said unto them, What
manner of communications *are* these
that ye have one to another, as ye
walk, and are sad?
18 And the one of them, whose
name was Cle'-o-pas, answering said
unto him, Art thou only a stranger in
Jerusalem, and hast not known the
things which are come to pass there in
these days?
19 And he said unto them, What
things? And they said unto him, Con-
cerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was
a prophet mighty in deed and word
before God and all the people:
20 And how the chief priests and
our rulers delivered him to be con-
demned to death, and have crucified
him.
21 But we trusted that it had been
he which should have redeemed Israel:
and beside all this, to day is the third
day since these things were done.
22 Yea, and certain women also of
our company made us astonished,
which were early at the sepulchre;
23 And when they found not his
body, they came, saying, that they
had also seen a vision of angels, which
said that he was alive.
24 And certain of them which were
with us went to the sepulchre, and
found *it* even so as the women had
said: but him they saw not.
25 Then he said unto them, O fools,
and slow of heart to believe all that
the prophets have spoken:
26 Ought not Christ to have suf-
fered these things, and to enter into
his glory?
27 And beginning at Moses and all
the prophets, he expounded unto them
in all the scriptures the things concern-
ing himself.
28 And they drew nigh unto the
village, whither they went: and he
made as though he would have gone
further.
29 But they constrained him, say-
ing, Abide with us: for it is toward
evening, and the day is far spent. And
he went in to tarry with them.
30 And it came to pass, as he sat at
meat with them, he took bread, and
blessed *it*, and brake, and gave to
them.
31 And their eyes were opened, and
they knew him; and he vanished out
of their sight.
32 And they said one to another,
Did not our heart burn within us,
while he talked with us by the way,
and while he opened to us the scrip-
tures?
33 And they rose up the same hour,
and returned to Jerusalem, and found
the eleven gathered together, and
them that were with them,
34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed,
and hath appeared to Simon.
35 And they told what things *were
done* in the way, and how he was
known of them in breaking of bread.
36 And as they thus spake, Jesus
himself stood in the midst of them,
and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto
you.
37 But they were terrified and af-
frighted, and supposed that they had
seen a spirit.
38 And he said unto them, Why are
ye troubled? and why do thoughts
arise in your hearts?
39 Behold my hands and my feet,
that it is I myself: handle me, and see;
for a spirit hath not flesh and bones,
as ye see me have.
40 And when he had thus spoken,
he shewed them *his* hands and *his* feet.
41 And while they yet believed not
for joy, and wondered, he said unto
them, Have ye here any meat?
42 And they gave him a piece of a
broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.
43 And he took *it*, and did eat be-
fore them.
44 And he said unto them, These
are the words which I spake unto you,
while I was yet with you, that all
things must be fulfilled, which were
written in the law of Moses, and *in* the
prophets, and *in* the psalms, concern-
ing me.
45 Then opened he their under-
standing, that they might understand
the scriptures,
46 And said unto them, Thus it is
written, and thus it behoved Christ to
suffer, and to rise from the dead the
third day:
47 And that repentance and remis-
sion of sins should be preached in his
name among all nations, beginning at
Jerusalem.
48 And ye are witnesses of these
things.
49 And, behold, I send the promise
of my Father upon you: but tarry ye

in the city of Jerusalem, *until* ye be
endued with power from on high.
50 And he led them out as far as to
Bethany, and he lifted up his hands,
and blessed them.
51 And it came to pass, while he
blessed them, he was parted from
them, and carried up into heaven.
52 And they worshipped him, and
returned to Jerusalem with great joy:
53 And were continually in the temple,
praising and blessing God. Amen.

The Gospel According to Saint John

CHAPTER 1

IN the beginning was the Word, and
the Word was with God, and the
Word was God.
2 The same was in the beginning
with God.
3 All things were made by him; and
without him was not any *thing* made
that was made.
4 In him was life; and the life was
the light of men.
5 And the light shineth in darkness;
and the darkness comprehended it not.
6 There was a man sent from God,
whose name *was* John.
7 The same came for a witness, to
bear witness of the Light, *that* all *men*
through him might believe.
8 He was not that Light, but *was*
sent to bear witness of that Light.
9 *That* was the true Light, which
lighteth every man that cometh into
the world.
10 He was in the world, and the
world was made by him, and the
world knew him not.
11 He came unto his own, and his
own received him not.
12 But as many as received him, to
them gave he power to become the
sons of God, *even* to them that believe
on his name:
13 Which were born, not of blood,
nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the
will of man, but of God.
14 And the Word was made flesh,
and dwelt among us, (and we beheld
his glory, the glory as of the only begotten
of the Father,) full of grace and
truth.
15 John bare witness of him, and
cried, saying, This was he of whom I
spake, He that cometh after me is preferred
before me: for he was before me.
16 And of his fulness have all we
received, and grace for grace.
17 For the law was given by Moses,
but grace and truth came by Jesus
Christ.
18 No man hath seen God at any
time; the only begotten Son, which is
in the bosom of the Father, he hath
declared *him*.
19 And this is the record of John,
when the Jews sent priests and Levites
from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art
thou?
20 And he confessed, and denied
not; but confessed, I am not the
Christ.
21 And they asked him, What then?
Art thou E-li'-as? And he saith, I am
not. Art thou that prophet? And he
answered, No.
22 Then said they unto him, Who
art thou? that we may give an answer
to them that sent us. What sayest thou
of thyself?
23 He said, I *am* the voice of one
crying in the wilderness, Make straight
the way of the Lord, as said the
prophet E-sa'-ias.
24 And they which were sent were
of the Pharisees.
25 And they asked him, and said
unto him, Why baptizest thou then,
if thou be not that Christ, nor E-li'-as,
neither that prophet?
26 John answered them, saying, I
baptize with water: but there standeth
one among you, whom ye know not;
27 He it is, who coming after me is
preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet
I am not worthy to unloose.
28 *These things* were done in Bethab'-a-ra
beyond Jordan, where John
was baptizing.
29 The next day John seeth Jesus
coming unto him, and saith, Behold
the Lamb of God, which taketh away
the sin of the world.
30 This is he of whom I said, After
me cometh a man which is preferred
before me: for he was before me.
31 And I knew him not: but that he

should be made *manifest* to Israel,
therefore am I come baptizing with
water.
32 And John bare record, saying, I
saw the Spirit descending from heaven
like a dove, and it abode upon him.
33 And I knew him not: but *he* that
sent me to baptize with water, the
same said unto me, Upon whom thou
shalt see the Spirit descending, and re-
maining on him, the same is he which
baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.
34 And I saw, and bare record that
this is the Son of God.
35 Again the next day after John
stood, and two of his disciples;
36 And looking upon Jesus as he
walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of
God!
37 And the two disciples heard him
speak, and they followed Jesus.
38 Then Jesus turned, and saw
them following, and saith unto them,
What seek ye? They said unto him,
Rabbi, (which is to say, being inter-
preted, Master,) where dwellest thou?
39 He saith unto them, Come and
see. They came and saw where he
dwelt, and abode with him that day:
for it was about the tenth hour.
40 One of the two which heard John
speak, and followed him, was Andrew,
Simon Peter's brother.
41 He first findeth his own brother
Simon, and saith unto him, We have
found the Mes-si'-as, which is, being in-
terpreted, the Christ.
42 And he brought him to Jesus.
And when Jesus beheld him, he said,
Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou
shalt be called Ce'-phas, which is by
interpretation, A stone.
43 The day following Jesus would
go forth into Galilee, and findeth Phil-
ip, and saith unto him, Follow me.
44 Now Philip was of Beth-sa'-i-da,
the city of Andrew and Peter.
45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and
saith unto him, We have found him,
of whom Moses in the law, and the
prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth,
the son of Joseph.
46 And Nathanael said unto him,
Can there any good thing come out of
Nazareth? Philip saith unto him,
Come and see.
47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to
him, and saith of him, Behold an Is-
raelite indeed, in whom is no guile!
48 Nathanael saith unto him,
Whence knowest thou me? Jesus an-
swered and said unto him, Before that
Philip called thee, when thou wast un-
der the fig tree, I saw thee.
49 Nathanael answered and saith
unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of
God; thou art the King of Israel.
50 Jesus answered and said unto
him, Because I said unto thee, I saw
thee under the fig tree, believest thou?
thou shalt see greater things than
these.
51 And he saith unto him, Verily,
verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye
shall see heaven open, and the angels
of God ascending and descending upon
the Son of man.

CHAPTER 2

AND the third day there was a mar-
riage in Cana of Galilee; and the
mother of Jesus was there:
2 And both Jesus was called, and
his disciples, to the marriage.
3 And when they wanted wine, the
mother of Jesus saith unto him, They
have no wine.
4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman,
what have I to do with thee? mine
hour is not yet come.
5 His mother saith unto the ser-
vants, Whatsoever he saith unto you,
do *it*.
6 And there were set there six wa-
terpots of stone, after the manner of
the purifying of the Jews, containing
two or three firkins apiece.
7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the
waterpots with water. And they filled
them up to the brim.
8 And he saith unto them, Draw
out now, and bear unto the governor
of the feast. And they bare *it*.
9 When the ruler of the feast had
tasted the water that was made wine,
and knew not whence it was: (but the
servants which drew the water knew;)
the governor of the feast called the
bridegroom,
10 And saith unto him, Every man
at the beginning doth set forth good
wine; and when men have well drunk,
then that which is worse: *but* thou hast
kept the good wine until now.
11 This beginning of miracles did
Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and mani-
fested forth his glory; and his disciples
believed on him.
12 After this he went down to Ca-
per'-na-um, he, and his mother, and
his brethren, and his disciples: and
they continued there not many days.

13 And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem,

14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:

15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;

16 And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.

17 And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

18 Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?

19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?

21 But he spake of the temple of his body.

22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast *day*, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.

24 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all *men*,

25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

CHAPTER 3

THERE was a man of the Pharisees, named Nic-o-de'-mus, a ruler of the Jews:

2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4 Nic-o-de'-mus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

9 Nic-o-de'-mus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you *of* heavenly things?

13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, *even* the Son of man which is in heaven.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be

made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

22 After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judæa; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.

23 And John also was baptizing in Æ'-non near to Sa'-lim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.

24 For John was not yet cast into prison.

25 Then there arose a question between *some* of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying.

26 And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all *men* come to him.

27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

28 Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him.

29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

30 He must increase, but I *must* decrease.

31 He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all.

32 And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.

33 He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.

34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him*.

35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

CHAPTER 4

WHEN therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,

2 (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)

3 He left Judæa, and departed again into Galilee.

4 And he must needs go through Sa-ma'-ri-a.

5 Then cometh he to a city of Sa-ma'-ri-a, which is called Sy'-char, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with *his* journey, sat thus on the well: *and* it was about the sixth hour.

7 There cometh a woman of Sa-ma'-ri-a to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

9 Then saith the woman of Sa-ma'-ri-a unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Sa-ma'-ri-a? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:

18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Mes-si'-as cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am *he*.

27 And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.

32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.

33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him *ought* to eat?

34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.

38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.

40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days.

41 And many more believed because of his own word;

42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard *him* ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

43 Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Galilee.

44 For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country.

45 Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galilæans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast.

46 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Ca-per'-na-um.

47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judæa into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.

48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.

50 Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.

51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told *him*, saying, Thy son liveth.

52 Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.

53 So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.

54 This *is* again the second miracle *that* Jesus did, when he was come out of Judæa into Galilee.

CHAPTER 5

AFTER this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep *market* a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Be-thes´-da, having five porches.

3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time *in that case*, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

10 The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry *thy* bed.

11 He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.

12 Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?

13 And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in *that* place.

14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

15 The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.

16 And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them;* even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

23 That all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.

32 There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.

33 Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth.

34 But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved.

35 He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.

36 But I have greater witness than *that* of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.

38 And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.

39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

41 I receive not honour from men.

42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.

43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that *cometh* from God only?

45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is *one* that accuseth you, *even* Moses in whom ye trust.

46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.

47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

CHAPTER 6

AFTER these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is *the sea* of Ti-bĕ'-ri-as.

2 And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.

3 And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.

4 And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.

5 When Jesus then lifted up *his* eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?

6 And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.

7 Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,

9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

13 Therefore they gathered *them* together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

15 When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

16 And when even was *now* come, his disciples went down unto the sea,

17 And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Ca-per'-na-um. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them.

18 And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew.

19 So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid.

20 But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid.

21 Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.

22 The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but *that* his disciples were gone away alone;

23 (Howbeit there came other boats from Ti-be'-ri-as nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:)

24 When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Ca-per'-na-um, seeking for Jesus.

25 And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?

26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?

31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.

37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.

42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.

44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

48 I am that bread of life.

49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us *his* flesh to eat?

53 Then Jesus said unto them, Veri-

ly, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he *that* eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

59 These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Ca-per′-na-um.

60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard *this*, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?

61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?

62 *What* and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.

64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

66 From that *time* many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

71 He spake of Judas Iscariot *the son* of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

CHAPTER 7

AFTER *these things* Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him.

2 Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand.

3 His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judæa, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest.

4 For *there is* no man *that* doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world.

5 For neither did his brethren believe in him.

6 Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready.

7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.

8 Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come.

9 When he had said these words unto them, he abode *still* in Galilee.

10 But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.

11 Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he?

12 And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people.

13 Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews.

14 Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.

15 And the Jews marvelled, *saying*, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?

16 Jesus answered them, and *said*, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or *whether* I speak of myself.

18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

19 Did not Moses give you the law,

and *yet* none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me?

20 The people answered and said, Thou hast a devil: who goeth about to kill thee?

21 Jesus answered and said unto them, I have done one work, and ye all marvel.

22 Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man.

23 If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?

24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

25 Then said some of them of Jerusalem, Is not this he, whom they seek to kill?

26 But, lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ?

27 Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when Christ cometh, no man knoweth whence he is.

28 Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not.

29 But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me.

30 Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come.

31 And many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this *man* hath done?

32 The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him.

33 Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and *then* I go unto him that sent me.

34 Ye shall seek me, and shall not find *me:* and where I am, *thither* ye cannot come.

35 Then said the Jews among themselves, Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? will he go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles?

36 What *manner of* saying is this that he said, Ye shall seek me, and shall not find *me:* and where I am, *thither* ye cannot come?

37 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given;* because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

40 Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet.

41 Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee?

42 Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?

43 So there was a division among the people because of him.

44 And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.

45 Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him?

46 The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.

47 Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived?

48 Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him?

49 But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed.

50 Nic-o-de´-mus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,)

51 Doth our law judge *any* man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?

52 They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.

53 And every man went unto his own house.

CHAPTER 8

JESUS went unto the mount of Olives.

2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with *his* finger wrote on the ground, *as though he heard them not.*

7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

9 And they which heard *it,* being convicted by *their own* conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, *even* unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

13 The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true.

14 Jesus answered and said unto *them,* Though I bear record of myself, *yet* my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go.

15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.

16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.

17 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true.

18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.

19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.

20 These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come.

21 Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.

22 Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come.

23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.

24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am *he,* ye shall die in your sins.

25 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even *the same* that I said unto you from the beginning.

26 I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.

27 They understood not that he spake to them of the Father.

28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am *he,* and *that* I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

30 As he spake these words, many believed on him.

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: *but* the Son abideth ever.

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill *me*, because my word hath no place in you.

38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.

40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, *even* God.

42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

43 Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.

44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

45 And because I tell *you* the truth, ye believe me not.

46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear *them* not, because ye are not of God.

48 Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?

49 Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me.

50 And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth.

51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

52 Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.

53 Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself?

54 Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:

55 Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.

56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw *it*, and was glad.

57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

59 Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

CHAPTER 9

AND as *Jesus* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it *is* day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Si-lo'-am, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

8 The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?

9 Some said, This is he: others *said*, He is like him: *but* he said, I am *he*.

10 Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened?

11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me,

Go to the pool of Si-lo'-am, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.

12 Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not.

13 They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind.

14 And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened *his* eyes.

15 Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see.

16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.

17 They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.

18 But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight.

19 And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see?

20 His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind:

21 But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself.

22 These *words* spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

23 Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him.

24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.

25 He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner *or no*, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.

26 Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?

27 He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear *it* again? will ye also be his disciples?

28 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples.

29 We know that God spake unto Moses: *as for* this *fellow*, we know not from whence he is.

30 The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and *yet* he hath opened mine eyes.

31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

32 Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.

33 *If this* man were *not of God, he* could do nothing.

34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?

36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?

37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.

38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

40 And *some* of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also?

41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

CHAPTER 10

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

4 And when he putteth forth his
own sheep, he goeth before them, and
the sheep follow him: for they know
his voice.
5 And a stranger will they not fol-
low, but will flee from him: for they
know not the voice of strangers.
6 This parable spake Jesus unto
them: but they understood not what
things they were which he spake unto
them.
7 Then said Jesus unto them again,
Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the
door of the sheep.
8 All that ever came before me are
thieves and robbers: but the sheep did
not hear them.
9 I am the door: by me if any man
enter in, he shall be saved, and shall
go in and out, and find pasture.
10 The thief cometh not, but for to
steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am
come that they might have life, and
that they might have *it* more abun-
dantly.
11 I am the good shepherd: the
good shepherd giveth his life for the
sheep.
12 But he that is an hireling, and
not the shepherd, whose own the sheep
are not, seeth the wolf coming, and
leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the
wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the
sheep.
13 The hireling fleeth, because he is
an hireling, and careth not for the
sheep.
14 I am the good shepherd, and
know my *sheep*, and am known of
mine.
15 As the Father knoweth me, even
so know I the Father: and I lay down
my life for the sheep.
16 And other sheep I have, which
are not of this fold: them also I must
bring, and they shall hear my voice;
and there shall be one fold, *and* one
shepherd.
17 Therefore doth my Father love
me, because I lay down my life, that I
might take it again.
18 No man taketh it from me, but
I lay it down of myself. I have power
to lay it down, and I have power to
take it again. This commandment
have I received of my Father.
19 There was a division therefore
again among the Jews for these say-
ings.
20 And many of them said, He hath
a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him?
21 Others said, These are not the
words of him that hath a devil. Can a
devil open the eyes of the blind?
22 And it was at Jerusalem the
feast of the dedication, and it was
winter.
23 And Jesus walked in the temple
in Solomon's porch.
24 Then came the Jews round about
him, and said unto him, How long
dost thou make us to doubt? If thou
be the Christ, tell us plainly.
25 Jesus answered them, I told you,
and ye believed not: the works that I
do in my Father's name, they bear
witness of me.
26 But ye believe not, because ye
are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.
27 My sheep hear my voice, and I
know them, and they follow me:
28 And I give unto them eternal
life; and they shall never perish, nei-
ther shall any *man* pluck them out of
my hand.
29 My Father, which gave *them*
me, is greater than all; and no *man* is
able to pluck *them* out of my Father's
hand.
30 I and *my* Father are one.
31 Then the Jews took up stones
again to stone him.
32 Jesus answered them, Many
good works have I shewed you from
my Father; for which of those works
do ye stone me?
33 The Jews answered him, saying,
For a good work we stone thee not; but
for blasphemy; and because that thou,
being a man, makest thyself God.
34 Jesus answered them, Is it not
written in your law, I said, Ye are
gods?
35 If he called them gods, unto
whom the word of God came, and the
scripture cannot be broken;
36 Say ye of him, whom the Father
hath sanctified, and sent into the
world, Thou blasphemest; because I
said, I am the Son of God?
37 If I do not the works of my Fa-
ther, believe me not.
38 But if I do, though ye believe
not me, believe the works: that ye may
know, and believe, that the Father *is*
in me, and I in him.
39 Therefore they sought again to
take him: but he escaped out of their
hand,
40 And went away again beyond
Jordan into the place where John at
first baptized; and there he abode.

41 And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true.

42 And many believed on him there.

CHAPTER 11

NOW a certain *man* was sick, *named* Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

2 (It was *that* Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)

3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

4 When Jesus heard *that*, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

6 When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was.

7 Then after that saith he to *his* disciples, Let us go into Judæa again.

8 *His* disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?

9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.

10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.

13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.

14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

16 Then said Thomas, which is called Did´-y-mus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

17 Then when Jesus came, he found that he had *lain* in the grave four days already.

18 Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off:

19 And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat *still* in the house.

21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give *it* thee.

23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

28 And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.

29 As soon as she heard *that*, she arose quickly, and came unto him.

30 Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.

31 The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there.

32 Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,

34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

35 Jesus wept.

36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

37 And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been *dead* four days.

40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

41 Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up *his* eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said *it*, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

45 Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

46 But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.

47 Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.

48 If we let him thus alone, all *men* will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

49 And one of them, *named* Ca'-ia-phas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all,

50 Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.

51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation;

52 And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.

53 Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.

54 Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called E'-phra-im, and there continued with his disciples.

55 And the Jews' passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves.

56 Then sought they for Jesus, and spake among themselves, as they stood in the temple, What think ye, that he will not come to the feast?

57 Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment, that, if any man knew where he were, he should shew *it*, that they might take him.

CHAPTER 12

THEN Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, which should betray him,

5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

7 Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

8 For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

9 Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead.

10 But the chief priests consulted

that they might put Lazarus also to death;

11 Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.

12 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

13 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed *is* the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.

14 And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,

15 Fear not, daughter of Sion; behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.

16 These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and *that* they had done these things unto him.

17 The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record.

18 For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle.

19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.

20 And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:

21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Beth–sa'-i-da of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

22 Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will *my* Father honour.

27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, *saying*, I have both glorified *it*, and will glorify *it* again.

29 The people therefore, that stood by, and heard *it*, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me.

33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.

34 The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth forever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man?

35 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.

36 While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

37 But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:

38 That the saying of E-sa'-ias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

39 Therefore they could not believe, because that E-sa'-ias said again,

40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with *their* eyes, nor understand with *their* heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

41 These things said E-sa'-ias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *him*, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

44 Jesus cried and said, He that be-

lieveth on me, believeth not on me,
but on him that sent me.
45 And he that seeth me seeth him
that sent me.
46 I am come a light into the world,
that whosoever believeth on me should
not abide in darkness.
47 And if any man hear my words,
and believe not, I judge him not: for
I came not to judge the world, but to
save the world.
48 He that rejecteth me, and re-
ceiveth not my words, hath one that
judgeth him: the word that I have
spoken, the same shall judge him in
the last day.
49 For I have not spoken of myself;
but the Father which sent me, he gave
me a commandment, what I should
say, and what I should speak.
50 And I know that his command-
ment is life everlasting: whatsoever I
speak therefore, even as the Father
said unto me, so I speak.

CHAPTER 13

NOW before the feast of the pass-
over, when Jesus knew that his
hour was come that he should depart
out of this world unto the Father, hav-
ing loved his own which were in the
world, he loved them unto the end.
2 And supper being ended, the devil
having now put into the heart of Judas
Iscariot, Simon's *son*, to betray him;
3 Jesus knowing that the Father
had given all things into his hands,
and that he was come from God, and
went to God;
4 He riseth from supper, and laid
aside his garments; and took a towel
and girded himself.
5 After that he poureth water into a
bason, and began to wash the dis-
ciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the
towel wherewith he was girded.
6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter:
and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost
thou wash my feet?
7 Jesus answered and said unto
him, What I do thou knowest not
now; but thou shalt know hereafter.
8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt
never wash my feet. Jesus answered
him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no
part with me.
9 Simon Peter saith unto him,
Lord, not my feet only, but also *my*
hands and *my* head.
10 Jesus saith to him, He that is
washed needeth not save to wash *his*
feet, but is clean every whit: and ye
are clean, but not all.
11 For he knew who should betray
him; therefore said he, Ye are not all
clean.
12 So after he had washed their
feet, and had taken his garments, and
was set down again, he said unto them,
Know ye what I have done to you?
13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and
ye say well; for so I am.
14 If I then, *your* Lord and Master,
have washed your feet; ye also ought
to wash one another's feet.
15 For I have given you an exam-
ple, that ye should do as I have done
to you.
16 Verily, verily, I say unto you,
The servant is not greater than his
lord; neither he that is sent greater
than he that sent him.
17 If ye know these things, happy
are ye if ye do them.
18 I speak not of you all: I know
whom I have chosen: but that the
scripture may be fulfilled, He that eat-
eth bread with me hath lifted up his
heel against me.
19 Now I tell you before it come,
that, when it is come to pass, ye may
believe that I am *he*.
20 Verily, verily, I say unto you,
He that receiveth whomsoever I send
receiveth me; and he that receiveth
me receiveth him that sent me.
21 When Jesus had thus said, he
was troubled in spirit, and testified,
and said, Verily, verily, I say unto
you, that one of you shall betray
me.
22 Then the disciples looked one on
another, doubting of whom he spake.
23 Now there was leaning on Jesus'
bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus
loved.
24 Simon Peter therefore beckoned
to him, that he should ask who it
should be of whom he spake.
25 He then lying on Jesus' breast
saith unto him, Lord, who is it?
26 Jesus answered, He it is, to
whom I shall give a sop, when I have
dipped *it*. And when he had dipped
the sop, he gave *it* to Judas Iscariot,
the son of Simon.
27 And after the sop Satan entered
into him. Then said Jesus unto him,
That thou doest, do quickly.
28 Now no man at the table knew
for what intent he spake this unto
him.

29 For some *of them* thought, be-
cause Judas had the bag, that Jesus
had said unto him, Buy *those things*
that we have need of against the feast;
or, that he should give something to
the poor.
30 He then having received the sop
went immediately out: and *it* was
night.
31 Therefore, when he was gone
out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man
glorified, and God is glorified in him.
32 *If God be glorified in him*, God
shall also glorify him in himself, and
shall straightway glorify him.
33 Little children, yet a little while
I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and
as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go,
ye cannot come; so now I say to you.
34 A new commandment I give un-
to you, That ye love one another; as I
have loved you, that ye also love one
another.
35 By this shall all *men* know that
ye are my disciples, if ye have love one
to another.
36 Simon Peter said unto him,
Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus an-
swered him, Whither I go, thou canst
not follow me now; but thou shalt fol-
low me afterwards.
37 Peter said unto him, Lord, why
cannot I follow thee now? I will lay
down my life for thy sake.
38 Jesus answered him, Wilt thou
lay down thy life for my sake? Verily,
verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall
not crow, till thou hast denied me
thrice.

CHAPTER 14

LET not your heart be troubled: ye
believe in God, believe also in me.
2 In my Father's house are many
mansions: if *it were* not *so*, I would
have told you. I go to prepare a place
for you.
3 And if I go and prepare a place
for you, I will come again, and receive
you unto myself; that where I am,
there ye may be also.
4 *And* whither I go ye know, and
the way ye know.
5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we
know not whither thou goest; and how
can we know the way?
6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the
way, the truth, and the life: no man
cometh unto the Father, but by me.
7 If ye had known me, ye should
have known my Father also: and from
henceforth ye know him, and have
seen him.
8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew
us the Father, and it sufficeth us.
9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been
so long time with you, and yet hast
thou not known me, Philip? he that
hath seen me hath seen the Father;
and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the
Father?
10 Believest thou not that I am in
the Father, and the Father in me? the
words that I speak unto you I speak
not of myself: but the Father that
dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.
11 Believe me that I *am* in the Fa-
ther, and the Father in me: or else be-
lieve me for the very works' sake.
12 Verily, verily, I say unto you,
He that believeth on me, the works
that I do shall he do also; and greater
works than these shall he do; because
I go unto my Father.
13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in
my name, that will I do, that the Fa-
ther may be glorified in the Son.
14 If ye shall ask any thing in my
name, I will do *it*.
15 If ye love me, keep my com-
mandments.
16 And I will pray the Father, and
he shall give you another Comforter,
that he may abide with you for ever;
17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom
the world cannot receive, because it
seeth him not, neither knoweth him:
but ye know him; for he dwelleth with
you, and shall be in you.
18 I will not leave you comfortless:
I will come to you.
19 Yet a little while, and the world
seeth me no more; but ye see me: be-
cause I live, ye shall live also.
20 At that day ye shall know that
I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and
I in you.
21 He that hath my command-
ments, and keepeth them, he it is that
loveth me: and he that loveth me shall
be loved of my Father, and I will love
him, and will manifest myself to him.
22 Judas saith unto him, not Is-
cariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt
manifest thyself unto us, and not unto
the world?
23 Jesus answered and said unto
him, If a man love me, he will keep
my words: and my Father will love
him, and we will come unto him, and
make our abode with him.
24 He that loveth me not keepeth

in their law, They hated me without a cause.

26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from *the* Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have *been* with me from the beginning.

CHAPTER 16

THESE things have I spoken *unto* you, that ye should not be offended.

2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the *time* cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.

3 And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.

4 But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.

5 But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou?

6 But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;

10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.

15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.

16 A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.

17 Then said *some* of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father?

18 They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith.

19 Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye enquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a *little* while, and ye shall see me?

20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

21 A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.

22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give *it* you.

24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the *time* cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.

26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:

27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

28 I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

29 His disciples said unto him, Lo,

now speakest thou plainly, and speak-
est no proverb.
30 Now are we sure that thou know-
est all things, and needest not that any
man should ask thee: by this we be-
lieve that thou camest forth from God.
31 Jesus answered them, Do ye
now believe?
32 Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is
now come, that ye shall be scattered,
every man to his own, and shall leave
me alone: and yet I am not alone, be-
cause the Father is with me.
33 These things I have spoken unto
you, that in me ye might have peace.
In the world ye shall have tribulation:
but be of good cheer; I have overcome
the world.

CHAPTER 17

THESE words spake Jesus, and
lifted up his eyes to heaven, and
said, Father, the hour is come; glorify
thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify
thee:
2 As thou hast given him power
over all flesh, that he should give eter-
nal life to as many as thou hast given
him.
3 And this is life eternal, that they
might know thee the only true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast
sent.
4 I have glorified thee on the earth:
I have finished the work which thou
gavest me to do.
5 And now, O Father, glorify thou
me with thine own self with the glory
which I had with thee before the
world was.
6 I have manifested thy name unto
the men which thou gavest me out of
the world: thine they were, and thou
gavest them me; and they have kept
thy word.
7 Now they have known that all
things whatsoever thou hast given me
are of thee.
8 For I have given unto them the
words which thou gavest me; and they
have received *them*, and have known
surely that I came out from thee, and
they have believed that thou didst
send me.
9 I pray for them: I pray not for the
world, but for them which thou hast
given me; for they are thine.
10 And all mine are thine, and
thine are mine; and I am glorified in
them.
11 And now I am no more in the
world, but these are in the world, and
I come to thee. Holy Father, keep
through thine own name those whom
thou hast given me, that they may be
one, as we *are*.
12 While I was with them in the
world, I kept them in thy name: those
that thou gavest me I have kept, and
none of them is lost, but the son of per-
dition; that the scripture might be ful-
filled.
13 And now come I to thee; and
these things I speak in the world, that
they might have my joy fulfilled in
themselves.
14 I have given them thy word; and
the world hath hated them, because
they are not of the world, even as I
am not of the world.
15 I pray not that thou shouldest
take them out of the world, but that
thou shouldest keep them from the
evil.
16 They are not of the world, even
as I am not of the world.
17 Sanctify them through thy
truth: thy word is truth.
18 As thou hast sent me into the
world, even so have I also sent them
into the world.
19 And for their sakes I sanctify
myself, that they also might be sancti-
fied through the truth.
20 Neither pray I for these alone,
but for them also which shall believe
on me through their word;
21 That they all may be one; as
thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee,
that they also may be one in us: that
the world may believe that thou hast
sent me.
22 And the glory which thou gavest
me I have given them; that they may
be one, even as we are one:
23 I in them, and thou in me, that
they may be made perfect in one; and
that the world may know that thou
hast sent me, and hast loved them, as
thou hast loved me.
24 Father, I will that they also,
whom thou hast given me, be with me
where I am; that they may behold my
glory, which thou hast given me: for
thou lovedst me before the foundation
of the world.
25 O righteous Father, the world
hath not known thee: but I have
known thee, and these have known
that thou hast sent me.
26 And I have declared unto them
thy name, and will declare *it*: that the

love wherewith thou hast loved me
may be in them, and I in them.

CHAPTER 18

WHEN Jesus had spoken these
words, he went forth with *his*
disciples over the brook Ce'-dron,
where was a garden, into the which he
entered, and his disciples.
2 And Judas also, which betrayed
him, knew the place: for Jesus oft-
times resorted thither with his dis-
ciples.
3 Judas then, having received a
band *of men* and officers from the
chief priests and Pharisees, cometh
thither with lanterns and torches and
weapons.
4 Jesus therefore, knowing all
things that should come upon him,
went forth, and said unto them, Whom
seek ye?
5 They answered *him*, Jesus of
Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am
he. And Judas also, which betrayed
him, stood with them.
6 As soon then as he had said unto
them, I am *he*, they went backward,
and fell to the ground.
7 Then asked he them again, Whom
seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Naz-
areth.
8 Jesus answered, I have told you
that I am *he*: if therefore ye seek me,
let these go their way:
9 That the saying might be fulfilled,
which he spake, Of them which thou
gavest me have I lost none.
10 Then Simon Peter having a
sword drew it, and smote the high
priest's servant, and cut off his right
ear. The servant's name was Mal'-chus.
11 Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put
up thy sword into the sheath: the cup
which my Father hath given me, shall
I not drink it?
12 Then the band and the captain
and officers of the Jews took Jesus,
and bound him,
13 And led him away to Annas
first; for he was father in law to Ca'-ia-
phas, which was the high priest that
same year.
14 Now Ca'-ia-phas was he, which
gave counsel to the Jews, that it was
expedient that one man should die for
the people.
15 And Simon Peter followed Jesus,
and *so did* another disciple: that dis-
ciple was known unto the high priest,
and went in with Jesus into the palace
of the high priest.
16 But Peter stood at the door
without. Then went out that other
disciple, *which was known unto the*
high priest, and spake unto her that
kept the door, and brought in Peter.
17 Then saith the damsel that kept
the door unto Peter, Art not thou also
one of this man's disciples? He saith, I
am not.
18 And the servants and officers
stood *there*, who had made a fire of
coals; for it was cold: and they warmed
themselves: and Peter stood with
them, and warmed himself.
19 The high priest then asked Jesus
of his disciples, and of his doctrine.
20 Jesus answered him, I spake
openly to the world; I ever taught in
the synagogue, and in the temple,
whither the Jews always resort; and in
secret have I said nothing.
21 Why askest thou me? ask them
which heard me, what I have said unto
them: behold, they know what I said.
22 And when he had thus spoken,
one of the officers which stood by
struck Jesus with the palm of his hand,
saying, Answerest thou the high priest
so?
23 Jesus answered him, If I have
spoken evil, bear witness of the evil:
but if well, why smitest thou me?
24 Now Annas had sent him bound
unto Ca'-ia-phas the high priest.
25 And Simon Peter stood and
warmed himself. They said therefore
unto him, Art not thou also *one* of his
disciples? He denied *it*, and said, I am
not.
26 One of the servants of the high
priest, being *his* kinsman whose ear
Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee
in the garden with him?
27 Peter then denied again: and im-
mediately the cock crew.
28 Then led they Jesus from Ca'-ia-
phas unto the hall of judgment: and it
was early; and they themselves went
not into the judgment hall, lest they
should be defiled; but that they might
eat the passover.
29 Pilate then went out unto them,
and said, What accusation bring ye
against this man?
30 They answered and said unto
him, If he were not a malefactor, we
would not have delivered him up unto
thee.
31 Then said Pilate unto them,

Take ye him, and judge him according
to your law. The Jews therefore said
unto him, It is not lawful for us to put
any man to death:
32 That the saying of Jesus might
be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying
what death he should die.
33 Then Pilate entered into the
judgment hall again, and called Jesus,
and said unto him, Art thou the King
of the Jews?
34 Jesus answered him, Sayest thou
this thing of thyself, or did others tell
it thee of me?
35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew?
Thine own nation and the chief priests
have delivered thee unto me: what
hast thou done?
36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is
not of this world: if my kingdom were
of this world, then would my servants
fight, that I should not be delivered to
the Jews: but now is my kingdom not
from hence.
37 Pilate therefore said unto him,
Art thou a king then? Jesus answered,
Thou sayest that I am a king. To this
end was I born, and for this cause
came I into the world, that I should
bear witness unto the truth. Every one
that is of the truth heareth my voice.
38 Pilate saith unto him, What is
truth? And when he had said this, he
went out again unto the Jews, and
saith unto them, I find in him no fault
at all.
39 But ye have a custom, that I
should release unto you one at the
passover: will ye therefore that I re-
lease unto you the King of the Jews?
40 Then cried they all again, say-
ing, Not this man, but Ba-rab'-bas.
Now Ba-rab'-bas was a robber.

CHAPTER 19

THEN Pilate therefore took Jesus,
and scourged *him*.
2 And the soldiers platted a crown
of thorns, and put *it* on his head, and
they put on him a purple robe,
3 And said, Hail, King of the Jews!
and they smote him with their hands.
4 Pilate therefore went forth again,
and saith unto them, Behold, I bring
him forth to you, that ye may know
that I find no fault in him.
5 Then came Jesus forth, wearing
the crown of thorns, and the purple
robe. And *Pilate* saith unto them, Be-
hold the man!
6 When the chief priests therefore
and officers saw him, they cried out,
saying, Crucify *him*, crucify *him*. Pi-
late saith unto them, Take ye him, and
crucify *him*: for I find no fault in him.
7 The Jews answered him, We have
a law, and by our law he ought to die,
because he made himself the Son of
God.
8 When Pilate therefore heard that
saying, he was the more afraid;
9 And went again into the judg-
ment hall, and saith unto Jesus,
Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him
no answer.
10 Then saith Pilate unto him,
Speakest thou not unto me? knowest
thou not that I have power to crucify
thee, and have power to release thee?
11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest
have no power *at all* against me, ex-
cept it were given thee from above:
therefore he that delivered me unto
thee hath the greater sin.
12 And from thenceforth Pilate
sought to release him: but the Jews
cried out, saying, If thou let this man
go, thou art not Cæsar's friend: who-
soever maketh himself a king speaketh
against Cæsar.
13 When Pilate therefore heard
that saying, he brought Jesus forth,
and sat down in the judgment seat in
a place that is called the Pavement,
but in the Hebrew, Gab'-ba-tha.
14 And it was the preparation of
the passover, and about the sixth
hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Be-
hold your King!
15 But they cried out, Away with
him, away with *him*, crucify him. Pi-
late saith unto them, Shall I crucify
your King? The chief priests answered,
We have no king but Cæsar.
16 Then delivered he him therefore
unto them to be crucified. And they
took Jesus, and led *him* away.
17 And he bearing his cross went
forth into a place called *the place* of a
skull, which is called in the Hebrew
Gol'-go-tha:
18 Where they crucified him, and
two other with him, on either side one,
and Jesus in the midst.
19 And Pilate wrote a title, and put
it on the cross. And the writing was,
JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING
OF THE JEWS.
20 This title then read many of the
Jews: for the place where Jesus was
crucified was nigh to the city: and

was written in Hebrew, *and* Greek, *and*
Latin.
21 Then said the chief priests of the
Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King
of the Jews; but that he said, I am
King of the Jews.
22 Pilate answered, What I have
written I have written.
23 Then the soldiers, when they had
crucified Jesus, took his garments, and
made four parts, to every soldier a
part; and also *his* coat: now the coat
was without seam, woven from the top
throughout.
24 They said therefore among them-
selves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots
for it, whose it shall be: that the scrip-
ture might be fulfilled, which saith,
They parted my *raiment among them,*
and for my vesture they did cast lots.
These things therefore the soldiers did.
25 Now there stood by the cross of
Jesus his mother, and his mother's sis-
ter, Mary the *wife* of Cle'-o-phas, and
Mary Magdalene.
26 When Jesus therefore saw his
mother, and the disciple standing by,
whom he loved, he saith unto his
mother, Woman, behold thy son!
27 Then saith he to the disciple, Be-
hold thy mother! And from that hour
that disciple took her unto his own
home.
28 After this, Jesus knowing that
all things were now accomplished, that
the scripture might be fulfilled, saith,
I thirst.
29 Now there was set a vessel full
of vinegar: and they filled a spunge
with vinegar, and put *it* upon hyssop,
and put *it* to his mouth.
30 When Jesus therefore had re-
ceived the vinegar, he said, It is fin-
ished: and he bowed his head, and gave
up the ghost.
31 The Jews therefore, because it
was the preparation, that the bodies
should not remain upon the cross on
the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day
was an high day,) besought Pilate that
their legs might be broken, and *that*
they might be taken away.
32 Then came the soldiers, and
brake the legs of the first, and of the
other which was crucified with him.
33 But when they came to Jesus,
and saw that he was dead already,
they brake not his legs:
34 But one of the soldiers with a
spear pierced his side, and forthwith
came there out blood and water.
35 And he that saw *it* bare record,
and his record is true: and he knoweth
that he saith true, that ye might be-
lieve.
36 For these things were done, that
the scripture should be fulfilled, A
bone of him shall not be broken.
37 And again another scripture
saith, They shall look on him whom
they pierced.
38 And after this Joseph of Ar-i-
ma-thæ'-a, being a disciple of Jesus,
but secretly for fear of the Jews, be-
sought Pilate that he might take away
the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave *him*
leave. He came therefore, and took the
body of Jesus.
39 And there came also Nic-o-dē'-
mus, which at the first came to Jesus
by night, and brought a mixture of
myrrh and aloes, about an hundred
pound *weight.*
40 Then took they the body of Je-
sus, and wound it in linen clothes with
the spices, as the manner of the Jews
is to bury.
41 Now in the place where he was
crucified there was a garden; and in the
garden a new sepulchre, wherein was
never man yet laid.
42 There laid they Jesus therefore
because of the Jews' preparation *day;*
for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

CHAPTER 20

THE first *day* of the week cometh
Mary Magdalene early, when it
was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and
seeth the stone taken away from the
sepulchre.
2 Then she runneth, and cometh to
Simon Peter, and to the other disciple,
whom Jesus loved, and saith unto
them, They have taken away the Lord
out of the sepulchre, and we know not
where they have laid him.
3 Peter therefore went forth, and
that other disciple, and came to the
sepulchre.
4 So they ran both together: and
the other disciple did outrun Peter,
and came first to the sepulchre.
5 And he stooping down, *and look-*
ing in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet
went he not in.
6 Then cometh Simon Peter follow-
ing him, and went into the sepulchre,
and seeth the linen clothes lie,
7 And the napkin, that was about
his head, not lying with the linen

clothes, but wrapped together in a
place by itself.
8 Then went in also that other dis-
ciple, which came first to the sepul-
chre, and he saw, and believed.
9 For as yet they knew not the
scripture, that he must rise again from
the dead.
10 Then the disciples went away
again unto their own home.
11 But Mary stood without at the
sepulchre weeping: and as she wept,
she stooped down, *and looked* into the
sepulchre,
12 And seeth two angels in white
sitting, the one at the head, and the
other at the feet, where the body of
Jesus had lain.
13 And they say unto her, Woman,
why weepest thou? She saith unto
them, Because they have taken away
my Lord, and I know not where they
have laid him.
14 And when she had thus said, she
turned herself back, and saw Jesus
standing, and knew not that it was
Jesus.
15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman,
why weepest thou? whom seekest
thou? She, supposing him to be the
gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou
have borne him hence, tell me where
thou hast laid him, and I will take him
away.
16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She
turned herself, and saith unto him,
Rab-bo'-ni; which is to say, Master.
17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me
not; for I am not yet ascended to my
Father: but go to my brethren, and
say unto them, I ascend unto my Fa-
ther, and your Father; and *to* my God,
and your God.
18 Mary Magdalene came and told
the disciples that she had seen the
Lord, and *that* he had spoken these
things unto her.
19 Then the same day at evening,
being the first *day* of the week, when
the doors were shut where the disciples
were assembled for fear of the Jews,
came Jesus and stood in the midst, and
saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you.
20 And when he had so said, he
shewed unto them *his* hands and his
side. Then were the disciples glad,
when they saw the Lord.
21 Then said Jesus to them again,
Peace *be* unto you: as *my* Father hath
sent me, even so send I you.
22 And when he had said this, he
breathed on *them*, and saith unto
them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:
23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they
are remitted unto them; *and* whose so-
ever *sins* ye retain, they are retained.
24 But Thomas, one of the twelve,
called Did'-y-mus, was not with them
when Jesus came.
25 The other disciples therefore
said unto him, We have seen the Lord.
But he said unto them, Except I shall
see in his hands the print of the nails,
and put my finger into the print of the
nails, and thrust my hand into his side,
I will not believe.
26 And after eight days again his
disciples were within, and Thomas
with them: *then* came Jesus, the doors
being shut, and stood in the midst, and
said, Peace *be* unto you.
27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach
hither thy finger, and behold my
hands; and reach hither thy hand, and
thrust *it* into my side: and be not
faithless, but believing.
28 And Thomas answered and said
unto him, My Lord and my God.
29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas,
because thou hast seen me, thou hast
believed: blessed *are* they that have
not seen, and *yet* have believed.
30 And many other signs truly did
Jesus in the presence of his disciples,
which are not written in this book:
31 But these are written, that ye
might believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God; and that believing ye
might have life through his name.

CHAPTER 21

AFTER these things Jesus shewed
himself again to the disciples at
the sea of Ti-be'-ri-as; and on this wise
shewed he *himself*.
2 There were together Simon Peter,
and Thomas called Did'-y-mus, and
Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the
sons of Zeb'-e-dee, and two other of his
disciples.
3 Simon Peter saith unto them, I go
a fishing. They say unto him, We also
go with thee. They went forth, and en-
tered into a ship immediately: and
that night they caught nothing.
4 But when the morning was now
come, Jesus stood on the shore: but
the disciples knew not that it was
Jesus.
5 Then Jesus saith unto them, Chil-
dren, have ye any meat? They answer-
ed him, No.

6 And he said unto them, Cast the
net on the right side of the ship, and
ye shall find. They cast therefore, and
now they were not able to draw it for
the multitude of fishes.
7 Therefore that disciple whom Je-
sus loved saith unto Peter, It is the
Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard
that it was the Lord, he girt *his* fisher's
coat *unto him*, (for he was naked,) and
did cast himself into the sea.
8 And the other disciples came in a
little ship; (for they were not far from
land, but as it were two hundred cu-
bits,) dragging the net with fishes.
9 As soon then as they were come
to land, they saw a fire of coals there,
and *fish* laid thereon, and bread.
10 Jesus saith unto them, Bring of
the fish which ye have now caught.
11 Simon Peter went up, and drew
the net to land full of great fishes, an
hundred and fifty and three: and for
all there were so many, yet was not the
net broken.
12 Jesus saith unto them, Come *and*
dine. And none of the disciples durst
ask him, Who art thou? knowing that
it was the Lord.
13 Jesus then cometh, and taketh
bread, and giveth them, and fish like-
wise.
14 This is now the third time that
Jesus shewed himself to his disciples,
after that he was risen from the dead.
15 So when they had dined, Jesus
saith to Simon Peter, Simon, *son* of
Jonas, lovest thou me more than
these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord;
thou knowest that I love thee. He
saith unto him, Feed my lambs.
16 He saith to him again the second
time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou
me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord;
thou knowest that I love thee. He
saith unto him, Feed my sheep.
17 He saith unto him the third
time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou
me? Peter was grieved because he said
unto him the third time, Lovest thou
me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou
knowest all things; thou knowest that
I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed
my sheep.
18 Verily, verily, I say unto thee,
When thou wast young, thou girdedst
thyself, and walkedst whither thou
wouldest: but when thou shalt be
old, thou shalt stretch forth thy
hands, and another shall gird thee,
and carry *thee* whither thou wouldest
not.
19 This spake he, signifying by
what death he should glorify God. And
when he had spoken this, he saith unto
him, Follow me.
20 Then Peter, turning about, seeth
the disciple whom Jesus loved follow-
ing; which also leaned on his breast at
supper, and said, Lord, which is he
that betrayeth thee?
21 Peter seeing him saith to Jesus,
Lord, and what *shall* this man *do?*
22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will
that he tarry till I come, what *is that*
to thee? follow thou me.
23 Then went this saying abroad
among the brethren, that that disciple
should not die: yet Jesus said not unto
him, He shall not die; but, If I will that
he tarry till I come, what *is that* to
thee?
24 This is the disciple which testi-
fieth of these things, and wrote these
things: and we know that his testi-
mony is true.
25 And there are also many other
things which Jesus did, the which, if
they should be written every one, I
suppose that even the world itself
could not contain the books that
should be written. Amen.

The Acts of the Apostles

CHAPTER 1

THE former treatise have I made,
O The-oph'-i-lus, of all that Jesus
began both to do and teach,
2 Until the day in which he was
taken up, after that he through the
Holy Ghost had given commandments
unto the apostles whom he had chosen:
3 To whom also he shewed himself
alive after his passion by many infal-
lible proofs, being seen of them forty
days, and speaking of the things per-
taining to the kingdom of God:

4 And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, *saith he*, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Sa-ma′-ri-a, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James *the son* of Al-phæ′-us, and Simon Ze-lo′-tes, and Judas *the brother* of James.

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

16 Men *and* brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

17 For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.

18 Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

19 And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, A-cel′-da-ma, that is to say, The field of blood.

20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.

21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

23 And they appointed two, Joseph called Bar′-sa-bas, who was surnamed Justus, and Mat-thi′-as.

24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all *men*, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,

25 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

26 And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Mat-thi′-as; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

CHAPTER 2

AND when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man

heard them speak in his own language.
7 And they were all amazed and
marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak
Galilæans?
8 And how hear we every man in
our own tongue, wherein we were
born?
9 Par'-thi-ans, and Medes, and
E'-lam-ites, and the dwellers in Mes-o-po-ta'-mi-a, and in Judæa, and Cap-pa-do'-ci-a, in Pontus, and Asia,
10 Phryg'-i-a, and Pam-phyl'-i-a, in
Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about
Cy-re'-ne, and strangers of Rome, Jews
and proselytes,
11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear
them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.
12 And they were all amazed, and
were in doubt, saying one to another,
What meaneth this?
13 Others mocking said, These men
are full of new wine.
14 But Peter, standing up with the
eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judæa, and all *ye*
that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known
unto you, and hearken to my words:
15 For these are not drunken, as ye
suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour
of the day.
16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Jo'-el;
17 And it shall come to pass in the
last days, saith God, I will pour out of
my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons
and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams:
18 And on my servants and on my
handmaidens I will pour out in those
days of my Spirit; and they shall
prophesy:
19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of
smoke:
20 The sun shall be turned into
darkness, and the moon into blood,
before that great and notable day of
the Lord come:
21 And it shall come to pass, *that*
whosoever shall call on the name of the
Lord shall be saved.
22 Ye men of Israel, hear these
words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles
and wonders and signs, which God did
by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:
23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge
of God, ye have taken, and by wicked
hands have crucified and slain:
24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because
it was not possible that he should be
holden of it.
25 For David speaketh concerning
him, I foresaw the Lord always before
my face, for he is on my right hand,
that I should not be moved:
26 Therefore did my heart rejoice,
and my tongue was glad; moreover
also my flesh shall rest in hope:
27 Because thou wilt not leave my
soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer
thine Holy One to see corruption.
28 Thou hast made known to me
the ways of life; thou shalt make me
full of joy with thy countenance.
29 Men *and* brethren, let me freely
speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried,
and his sepulchre is with us unto this
day.
30 Therefore being a prophet, and
knowing that God had sworn with an
oath to him, that of the fruit of
his loins, according to the flesh, he
would raise up Christ to sit on his
throne;
31 He seeing this before spake of
the resurrection of Christ, that his
soul was not left in hell, neither his
flesh did see corruption.
32 This Jesus hath God raised up,
whereof we all are witnesses.
33 Therefore being by the right
hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the
Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this,
which ye now see and hear.
34 For David is not ascended into
the heavens: but he saith himself, The
LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on
my right hand,
35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.
36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath
made that same Jesus, whom ye have
crucified, both Lord and Christ.
37 Now when they heard *this*, they
were pricked in their heart, and said
unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we
do?
38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you
in the name of Jesus Christ for the re-

mission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need.

46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

CHAPTER 3

NOW Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth *hour*.

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up: and immediately his feet and ancle bones received strength.

8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

12 And when Peter saw *it*, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *him* go.

14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

17 And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did *it*, as *did* also your rulers.

18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear

all things whatsoever he shall say unto
you.
23 And it shall come to pass, *that*
every soul, which will not hear that
prophet, shall be destroyed *from*
among the people.
24 Yea, and all the prophets from
Samuel and those that follow after, as
many as have spoken, have likewise
foretold of these days.
25 Ye are the children of the pro-
phets, and of the covenant which God
made with our fathers, saying unto
Abraham, And in thy seed *shall* all the
kindreds of the earth be blessed.
26 Unto you first God, having
raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to
bless you, in turning away every *one*
of you from his iniquities.

CHAPTER 4

AND as they spake unto the people,
the priests, and the captain of the
temple, and the Sad'-du-cees, came
upon them,
2 Being grieved that they taught
the people, and preached through Je-
sus the resurrection from the dead.
3 And they laid hands on them, and
put *them* in hold unto the next day:
for it was now eventide.
4 Howbeit many of them which
heard the word believed; and the num-
ber of the men was about five thou-
sand.
5 And it came to pass on the mor-
row, that their rulers, and elders, and
scribes,
6 And Annas the high priest, and
Ca'-ia-phas, and John, and Alexander,
and as many as were of the kindred of
the high priest, were gathered together
at Jerusalem.
7 And when they had set them in
the midst, they asked, By what power,
or by what name, have ye done this?
8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy
Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the
people, and elders of Israel,
9 If we this day be examined of the
good deed done to the impotent man,
by what means he is made whole;
10 Be it known unto you all, and to
all the people of Israel, that by the
name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,
whom ye crucified, whom God raised
from the dead, *even* by him doth this
man stand here before you whole.
11 This is the stone which was set
at nought of you builders, which is be-
come the head of the corner.
12 Neither is there salvation in any
other: for there is none other name un-
der heaven given among men, whereby
we must be saved.
13 Now when they saw the bold-
ness of Peter and John, and perceived
that they were unlearned and ignorant
men, they marvelled; and they took
knowledge of them, that they had been
with Jesus.
14 And beholding the man which
was healed standing with them, they
could say nothing against it.
15 But when they had commanded
them to go aside out of the council,
they conferred among themselves,
16 Saying, What shall we do to
these men? for that indeed a notable
miracle hath been done by them *is*
manifest to all them that dwell in Jeru-
salem; and we cannot deny *it*.
17 But that it spread no further
among the people, let us straitly
threaten them, that they speak hence-
forth to no man in this name.
18 And they called them, and com-
manded them not to speak at all nor
teach in the name of Jesus.
19 But Peter and John answered
and said unto them, Whether it be
right in the sight of God to hearken
unto you more than unto God, judge
ye.
20 For we cannot but speak the
things which we have seen and heard.
21 So when they had further threat-
ened them, they let them go, finding
nothing how they might punish them,
because of the people: for all *men* glori-
fied God for that which was done.
22 For the man was above forty
years old, on whom this miracle of
healing was shewed.
23 And being let go, they went to
their own company, and reported all
that the chief priests and elders had
said unto them.
24 And when they heard that, they
lifted up their voice to God with one
accord, and said, Lord, thou *art* God,
which hast made heaven, and earth,
and the sea, and all that in them is:
25 Who by the mouth of thy ser-
vant David hast said, Why did the
heathen rage, and the people imagine
vain things?
26 The kings of the earth stood up,
and the rulers were gathered together
against the Lord, and against his
Christ.
27 For of a truth against thy holy

child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed,
both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with
the Gentiles, and the people of Israel,
were gathered together,
28 For to do whatsoever thy hand
and thy counsel determined before to
be done.
29 And now, Lord, behold their
threatenings: and grant unto thy ser-
vants, that with all boldness they may
speak thy word,
30 By stretching forth thine hand
to heal; and that signs and wonders
may be done by the name of thy holy
child Jesus.
31 And when they had prayed, the
place was shaken where they were as-
sembled together; and they were all
filled with the Holy Ghost, and they
spake the word of God with boldness.
32 And the multitude of them that
believed were of one heart and of one
soul: neither said any *of them* that
ought of the things which he possessed
was his own; but they had all things
common.
33 And with great power gave the
apostles witness of the resurrection of
the Lord Jesus: and great grace was
upon them all.
34 Neither was there any among
them that lacked: for as many as were
possessors of lands or houses sold
them, and brought the prices of the
things that were sold,
35 And laid *them* down at the apos-
tles' feet: and distribution was made
unto every man according as he had
need.
36 And Joses, who by the apostles
was surnamed Barnabas, (which is,
being interpreted, The son of consola-
tion,) a Levite, *and* of the country of
Cyprus,
37 Having land, sold *it*, and brought
the money, and laid *it* at the apostles'
feet.

CHAPTER 5

BUT a certain man named An-a-ni'-
as, with Sap-phi'-ra his wife, sold
a possession,
2 And kept back *part* of the price,
his wife also being privy *to it*, and
brought a certain part, and laid *it* at
the apostles' feet.
3 But Peter said, An-a-ni'-as, why
hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to
the Holy Ghost, and to keep back *part*
of the price of the land?
4 Whiles it remained, was it not
thine own? and after it was sold, was
it not in thine own power? why hast
thou conceived this thing in thine
heart? thou hast not lied unto men,
but unto God.
5 And An-a-ni'-as hearing these
words fell down, and gave up the
ghost: and great fear came on all them
that heard these things.
6 And the young men arose, wound
him up, and carried *him* out, and bur-
ied *him*.
7 And it was about the space of
three hours after, when his wife, not
knowing what was done, came in.
8 And Peter answered unto her,
Tell me whether ye sold the land for
so much? And she said, Yea, for so
much.
9 Then Peter said unto her, How is
it that ye have agreed together to
tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold,
the feet of them which have buried thy
husband *are* at the door, and shall
carry thee out.
10 Then fell she down straightway
at his feet, and yielded up the ghost:
and the young men came in, and found
her dead, and, carrying *her* forth, bur-
ied *her* by her husband.
11 And great fear came upon all the
church, and upon as many as heard
these things.
12 And by the hands of the apostles
were many signs and wonders wrought
among the people; (and they were all
with one accord in Solomon's porch.
13 And of the rest durst no man
join himself to them: but the people
magnified them.
14 And believers were the more
added to the Lord, multitudes both of
men and women.)
15 Insomuch that they brought
forth the sick into the streets, and laid
them on beds and couches, that at the
least the shadow of Peter passing by
might overshadow some of them.
16 There came also a multitude *out*
of the cities round about unto Jerusa-
lem, bringing sick folks, and them
which were vexed with unclean spirits:
and they were healed every one.
17 Then the high priest rose up, and
all they that were with him, (which is
the sect of the Sad'-du-cees,) and were
filled with indignation,
18 And laid their hands on the apos-
tles, and put them in the common
prison.
19 But the angel of the Lo

night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

21 And when they heard *that*, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

22 But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned, and told,

23 Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within.

24 Now when the high priest and the captain of the temple and the chief *priests* heard these *things*, they doubted of them whereunto this would grow.

25 Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people.

26 Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence: for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned.

27 And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council: and the high priest asked them,

28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

29 Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand *to be* a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

33 When they heard *that*, they were cut *to the heart*, and took counsel to slay them.

34 Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Ga-ma'li-el, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space;

35 And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men.

36 For before these days rose up Theu'-das, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought.

37 After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, *even* as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.

38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought:

39 But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased *not to* teach and preach Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 6

AND in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *unto them*, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

5 And the saying pleased the whole

multitude: and they chose Stephen, a
man full of faith and of the Holy
Ghost, and Philip, and Proch'-o-rus,
and Ni-ca'-nor, and Ti'-mon, and Par'-
me-nas, and Nicolas a proselyte of
Antioch:
6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they
laid *their* hands on them.
7 And the word of God increased;
and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great
company of the priests were obedient
to the faith.
8 And Stephen, full of faith and
power, did great wonders and miracles
among the people.
9 Then there arose certain of the
synagogue, which is called *the synagogue* of the Lib'-er-tines, and Cy-re'-
ni-ans, and Alexandrians, and of them
of Ci-li'-cia and of Asia, disputing with
Stephen.
10 And they were not able to resist
the wisdom and the spirit by which he
spake.
11 Then they suborned men, which
said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and
against God.
12 And they stirred up the people,
and the elders, and the scribes, and
came upon *him*, and caught him, and
brought *him* to the council,
13 And set up false witnesses, which
said, This man ceaseth not to speak
blasphemous words against this holy
place, and the law:
14 For we have heard him say, that
this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy
this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.
15 And all that sat in the council,
looking stedfastly on him, saw his face
as it had been the face of an angel.

CHAPTER 7

THEN said the high priest, Are
these things so?
2 And he said, Men, brethren, and
fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham,
when he was in Mes-o-po-ta'-mi-a, before he dwelt in Char'-ran,
3 And said unto him, Get thee out
of thy country, and from thy kindred,
and come into the land which I shall
shew thee.
4 Then came he out of the land of
the Chal-dæ'-ans, and dwelt in Char'-
ran: and from thence, when his father
was dead, he removed him into this
land, wherein ye now dwell.
5 And he gave him none inheritance
in it, no, not *so much as* to set his foot
on: yet he promised that he would give
it to him for a possession, and to his
seed after him, when *as yet* he had no
child.
6 And God spake on this wise, That
his seed should sojourn in a strange
land; and that they should bring them
into bondage, and entreat *them* evil
four hundred years.
7 And the nation to whom they
shall be in bondage will I judge, said
God: and after that shall they come
forth, and serve me in this place.
8 And he gave him the covenant of
circumcision: and so *Abraham* begat
Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth
day; and Isaac *begat* Jacob; and Jacob
begat the twelve patriarchs.
9 And the patriarchs, moved with
envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God
was with him,
10 And delivered him out of all his
afflictions, and gave him favour and
wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of
Egypt; and he made him governor
over Egypt and all his house.
11 Now there came a dearth over
all the land of Egypt and Cha'-naan,
and great affliction: and our fathers
found no sustenance.
12 But when Jacob heard that there
was corn in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first.
13 And at the second *time* Joseph
was made known to his brethren; and
Joseph's kindred was made known unto Pharaoh.
14 Then sent Joseph, and called his
father Jacob to *him*, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls.
15 So Jacob went down into Egypt,
and died, he, and our fathers,
16 And were carried over into Sy'-
chem, and laid in the sepulchre that
Abraham bought for a sum of money
of the sons of Em'-mor *the father* of
Sy'-chem.
17 But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to
Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt,
18 Till another king arose, which
knew not Joseph.
19 The same dealt subtilly with our
kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their yo

children, to the end they might not live.

20 In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months:

21 And when he was cast out, Phar'aoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.

22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

23 And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel.

24 And seeing one *of them* suffer wrong, he defended *him*, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian:

25 For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.

26 And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another?

27 But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?

28 Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?

29 Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Ma'di-an, where he begat two sons.

30 And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Si'-na an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.

31 When Moses saw *it*, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold *it*, the voice of the Lord came unto him,

32 *Saying*, I *am* the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.

33 Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground.

34 I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.

35 This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send *to be* a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.

36 He brought them out, after that he had shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.

38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Si'-na, and *with* our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

39 To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust *him* from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,

40 Saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for *as for* this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

41 And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

42 Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices *by the space of* forty years in the wilderness?

43 Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Mo'-loch, and the star of your god Rem'-phan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.

45 Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drave out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;

46 Who found favour before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.

47 But Solomon built him an house.

48 Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,

49 Heaven *is* my throne, and earth *is* my footstool: what house will ye

build me? saith the Lord: or what is
the place of my rest?
50 Hath not my hand made all
these things?
51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers *did*, so *do* ye.
52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:
53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept *it*.
54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with *their* teeth.
55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,
56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.
57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,
58 And cast *him* out of the city, and stoned *him*: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.
59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon *God*, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.
60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

CHAPTER 8

AND Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judæa and Sa-ma´-ri-a, except the apostles.
2 And devout men carried Stephen *to his burial*, and made great lamentation over him.
3 As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed *them* to prison.
4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.
5 Then Philip went down to the city of Sa-ma´-ri-a, and preached Christ unto them.
6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.
7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed *with them*: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.
8 And there was great joy in that city.
9 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Sa-ma´-ri-a, giving out that himself was some great one:
10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.
11 And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.
12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.
14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Sa-ma´-ri-a had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:
15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:
16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)
17 Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.
18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,
19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.
20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.
21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in

this matter: for thy heart is not right
in the sight of God.
22 Repent therefore of this thy
wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps
the thought of thine heart may be for-
given thee.
23 For I perceive that thou art in
the gall of bitterness, and *in* the bond
of iniquity.
24 Then answered Simon, and said,
Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none
of these things which ye have spoken
come upon me.
25 And they, when they had testi-
fied and preached the word of the
Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and
preached the gospel in many villages
of the Samaritans.
26 And the angel of the Lord spake
unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go to-
ward the south unto the way that go-
eth down from Jerusalem unto Ga'-za,
which is desert.
27 And he arose and went: and, be-
hold, a man of E-thi-o'-pi-a, an eunuch
of great authority under Can'-da-ce
queen of the E-thi-o'-pi-ans, who had
the charge of all her treasure, and had
come to Jerusalem for to worship,
28 Was returning, and sitting in his
chariot read E-sa'-ias the prophet.
29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip,
Go near, and join thyself to this
chariot.
30 And Philip ran thither to *him*,
and heard him read the prophet E-sa'-
ias, and said, Understandest thou
what thou readest?
31 And he said, How can I, except
some man should guide me? And he
desired Philip that he would come up
and sit with him.
32 The place of the scripture which
he read was this, He was led as a sheep
to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb
before his shearer, so opened he not
his mouth:
33 In his humiliation his judgment
was taken away: and who shall declare
his generation? for his life is taken
from the earth.
34 And the eunuch answered Philip,
and said, I pray thee, of whom speak-
eth the prophet this? of himself, or of
some other man?
35 Then Philip opened his mouth,
and began at the same scripture, and
preached unto him Jesus.
36 And as they went on *their* way,
they came unto a certain water: and
the eunuch said, See, *here is* water;
what doth hinder me to be baptized?
37 And Philip said, If thou believest
with all thine heart, thou mayest. And
he answered and said, I believe that
Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
38 And he commanded the chariot
to stand still: and they went down
both into the water, both Philip and
the eunuch; and he baptized him.
39 And when they were come up
out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord
caught away Philip, that the eunuch
saw him no more: and he went on his
way rejoicing.
40 But Philip was found at A-zo'-
tus: and passing through he preached
in all the cities, till he came to Cæs-a-
re'-a.

CHAPTER 9

AND Saul, yet breathing out threat-
enings and slaughter against the
disciples of the Lord, went unto the
high priest,
2 And desired of him letters to Da-
mascus to the synagogues, that if he
found any of this way, whether they
were men or women, he might bring
them bound unto Jerusalem.
3 And as he journeyed, he came
near Damascus: and suddenly there
shined round about him a light from
heaven:
4 And he fell to the earth, and
heard a voice saying unto him, Saul,
Saul, why persecutest thou me?
5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord?
And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom
thou persecutest: *it is* hard for thee to
kick against the pricks.
6 And he trembling and astonished
said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to
do? And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise,
and go into the city, and it shall be
told thee what thou must do.
7 And the men which journeyed
with him stood speechless, hearing a
voice, but seeing no man.
8 And Saul arose from the earth;
and when his eyes were opened, he
saw no man: but they led him by the
hand, and brought *him* into Damas-
cus.
9 And he was three days without
sight, and neither did eat nor drink.
10 And there was a certain disciple
at Damascus, named An-a-ni'-as; and
to him said the Lord in a vision, An-a-
ni'-as. And he said, Behold, I *am here*,
Lord.
11 And the Lord *said* unto him,

Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

12 And hath seen in a vision a man named An-a-ni'-as coming in, and putting *his* hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

13 Then An-a-ni'-as answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

17 And An-a-ni'-as went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, *even* Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

21 But all that heard *him* were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?

22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

23 And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him:

24 But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him.

25 Then the disciples took him by night, and let *him* down by the wall in a basket.

26 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

27 But Barnabas took him, and brought *him* to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

28 And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.

29 And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.

30 *Which* when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Cæs-a-re'-a, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

31 Then had the churches rest throughout all Judæa and Galilee and Sa-ma'-ri-a, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

32 And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all *quarters*, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lyd'-da.

33 And there he found a certain man named Æ-ne'-as, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.

34 And Peter said unto him, Æ-ne'-as, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

35 And all that dwelt at Lyd'-da and Sa'-ron saw him, and turned to the Lord.

36 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

37 And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid *her* in an upper chamber.

38 And forasmuch as Lyd'-da was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring *him* that he would not delay to come to them.

39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him wee[illegible]ing, and shewing the coats and [illegible]

ments which Dorcas made, while she
was with them.
40 But Peter put them all forth,
and kneeled down, and prayed; and
turning *him* to the body said, Tabitha,
arise. And she opened her eyes: and
when she saw Peter, she sat up.
41 And he gave her *his* hand, and
lifted her up, and when he had called
the saints and widows, presented her
alive.
42 And it was known throughout
all Joppa; and many believed in the
Lord.
43 And it came to pass, that he tarried many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.

CHAPTER 10

THERE was a certain man in Cæs-a-
re'-a called Cornelius, a centurion
of the band called the Italian *band*,
2 A devout *man*, and one that
feared God with all his house, which
gave much alms to the people, and
prayed to God alway.
3 He saw in a vision evidently about
the ninth hour of the day an angel of
God coming in to him, and saying unto
him, Cornelius.
4 And when he looked on him, he
was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord?
And he said unto him, Thy prayers
and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.
5 And now send men to Joppa, and
call for *one* Simon, whose surname is
Peter:
6 He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he
shall tell thee what thou oughtest to
do.
7 And when the angel which spake
unto Cornelius was departed, he called
two of his household servants, and a
devout soldier of them that waited on
him continually;
8 And when he had declared all
these things unto them, he sent them
to Joppa.
9 On the morrow, as they went on
their journey, and drew nigh unto the
city, Peter went up upon the housetop
to pray about the sixth hour:
10 And he became very hungry, and
would have eaten: but while they
made ready, he fell into a trance,
11 And saw heaven opened, and a
certain vessel descending unto him, as
it had been a great sheet knit at the
four corners, and let down to the earth:
12 Wherein were all manner of four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild
beasts, and creeping things, and fowls
of the air.
13 And there came a voice to him,
Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.
14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for
I have never eaten any thing that is
common or unclean.
15 And the voice *spake* unto him
again the second time, What God hath
cleansed, *that* call not thou common.
16 This was done thrice: and the
vessel was received up again into heaven.
17 Now while Peter doubted in
himself what this vision which he had
seen should mean, behold, the men
which were sent from Cornelius had
made enquiry for Simon's house, and
stood before the gate,
18 And called, and asked whether
Simon, which was surnamed Peter,
were lodged there.
19 While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold,
three men seek thee.
20 Arise therefore, and get thee
down, and go with them, doubting
nothing: for I have sent them.
21 Then Peter went down to the
men which were sent unto him from
Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he
whom ye seek: what *is* the cause
wherefore ye are come?
22 And they said, Cornelius the
centurion, a just man, and one that
feareth God, and of good report among
all the nation of the Jews, was warned
from God by an holy angel to send for
thee into his house, and to hear words
of thee.
23 Then called he them in, and
lodged *them*. And on the morrow Peter
went away with them, and certain
brethren from Joppa accompanied
him.
24 And the morrow after they entered into Cæs-a-re'-a. And Cornelius
waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.
25 And as Peter was coming in,
Cornelius met him, and fell down at
his feet, and worshipped *him*.
26 But Peter took him up, saying,
Stand up; I myself also am a man.
27 And as he talked with him, he
went in, and found many that were
come together.
28 And he said unto them, Ye know
how that it is an unlawful thing for a

man that is a Jew to keep company,
or come unto one of another nation;
but God hath shewed me that I should
not call any man common or unclean.
29 Therefore came I *unto you* with-
out gainsaying, as soon as I was sent
for: I ask therefore for what intent ye
have sent for me?
30 And Cornelius said, Four days
ago I was fasting until this hour; and
at the ninth hour I prayed in my
house, and, behold, a man stood be-
fore me in bright clothing,
31 And said, Cornelius, thy prayer
is heard, and thine alms are had in re-
membrance in the sight of God.
32 Send therefore to Joppa, and call
hither Simon, whose surname is Peter;
he is lodged in the house of *one* Simon
a tanner by the sea side: who, when he
cometh, shall speak unto thee.
33 Immediately therefore I sent to
thee; and thou hast well done *that*
thou art come. Now therefore are we
all here present before God, to hear all
things that are commanded thee of
God.
34 Then Peter opened *his* mouth,
and said, Of a truth I perceive that
God is no respecter of persons:
35 But in every nation he that fear-
eth him, and worketh righteousness, is
accepted with him.
36 The word which *God* sent unto
the children of Israel, preaching peace
by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)
37 That word, *I say*, ye know, which
was published throughout all Judæa,
and began from Galilee, after the bap-
tism which John preached;
38 How God anointed Jesus of
Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and
with power: who went about doing
good, and healing all that were op-
pressed of the devil; for God was with
him.
39 And we are witnesses of all
things which he did both in the land
of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom
they slew and hanged on a tree:
40 Him God raised up the third
day, and shewed him openly;
41 Not to all the people, but unto
witnesses chosen before of God, *even*
to us, who did eat and drink with him
after he rose from the dead.
42 And he commanded us to preach
unto the people, and to testify that it
is he which was ordained of God *to be*
the Judge of quick and dead.
43 To him give all the prophets wit-
ness, that through his name whosoever
believeth in him shall receive remission
of sins.
44 While Peter yet spake these
words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them
which heard the word.
45 And they of the circumcision
which believed were astonished, as
many as came with Peter, because that
on the Gentiles also was poured out
the gift of the Holy Ghost.
46 For they heard them speak with
tongues, and magnify God. Then an-
swered Peter,
47 Can any man forbid water, that
these should not be baptized, which
have received the Holy Ghost as well
as we?
48 And he commanded them to be
baptized in the name of the Lord.
Then prayed they him to tarry certain
days.

CHAPTER 11

AND the apostles and brethren that
were in Judæa heard that the
Gentiles had also received the word of
God.
2 And when Peter was come up to
Jerusalem, they that were of the cir-
cumcision contended with him,
3 Saying, Thou wentest in to men
uncircumcised, and didst eat with
them.
4 But Peter rehearsed *the matter*
from the beginning, and expounded *it*
by order unto them, saying,
5 I was in the city of Joppa pray-
ing: and in a trance I saw a vision, A
certain vessel descend, as it had been
a great sheet, let down from heaven by
four corners; and it came even to
me:
6 Upon the which when I had fast-
ened mine eyes, I considered, and saw
fourfooted beasts of the earth, and
wild beasts, and creeping things, and
fowls of the air.
7 And I heard a voice saying unto
me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat.
8 But I said, Not so, Lord: for noth-
ing common or unclean hath at any
time entered into my mouth.
9 But the voice answered me again
from heaven, What God hath cleansed,
that call not thou common.
10 And this was done three times:
and all were drawn up again into heav-
en.
11 And, behold, immediately there
were three men already come unto the

went about seeking some to lead him
by the hand.
12 Then the deputy, when he saw
what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.
13 Now when Paul and his company loosed from Pa'-phos, they came
to Per'-ga in Pam-phyl'-i-a: and John
departing from them returned to Jerusalem.
14 But when they departed from
Per'-ga, they came to Antioch in Pisid'-i-a, and went into the synagogue
on the sabbath day, and sat down.
15 And after the reading of the law
and the prophets the rulers of the
synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye
men *and* brethren, if ye have any word
of exhortation for the people, say
on.
16 Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with *his* hand said, Men of Israel,
and ye that fear God, give audience.
17 The God of this people of Israel
chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the
land of Egypt, and with an high arm
brought he them out of it.
18 And about the time of forty
years suffered he their manners in the
wilderness.
19 And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Cha'-naan, he
divided their land to them by lot.
20 And after that he gave *unto
them* judges about the space of four
hundred and fifty years, until Samuel
the prophet.
21 And afterward they desired a
king: and God gave unto them Saul
the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of
Benjamin, by the space of forty years.
22 And when he had removed him,
he raised up unto them David to be
their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David
the *son* of Jesse, a man after mine own
heart, which shall fulfil all my will.
23 Of this man's seed hath God according to *his* promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:
24 When John had first preached
before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.
25 And as John fulfilled his course,
he said, Whom think ye that I am? I
am not *he*. But, behold, there cometh
one after me, whose shoes of *his* feet I
am not worthy to loose.
26 Men *and* brethren, children of
the stock of Abraham, and whosoever
among you feareth God, to you is the
word of this salvation sent.
27 For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they
knew him not, nor yet the voices of the
prophets which are read every sabbath
day, they have fulfilled *them* in condemning *him*.
28 And though they found no cause
of death *in him*, yet desired they Pilate
that he should be slain.
29 And when they had fulfilled all
that was written of him, they took
him down from the tree, and laid *him*
in a sepulchre.
30 But God raised him from the
dead:
31 And he was seen many days of
them which came up with him from
Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people.
32 And we declare unto you glad
tidings, how that the promise which
was made unto the fathers,
33 God hath fulfilled the same unto
us their children, in that he hath raised
up Jesus again; as it is also written in
the second psalm, Thou art my Son,
this day have I begotten thee.
34 And as concerning that he raised
him up from the dead, *now* no more to
return to corruption, he said on this
wise, I will give you the sure mercies
of David.
35 Wherefore he saith also in another *psalm*, Thou shalt not suffer
thine Holy One to see corruption.
36 For David, after he had served
his own generation by the will of God,
fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:
37 But he, whom God raised again,
saw no corruption.
38 Be it known unto you therefore,
men *and* brethren, that through this
man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:
39 And by him all that believe are
justified from all things, from which
ye could not be justified by the law of
Moses.
40 Beware therefore, lest that come
upon you, which is spoken of in the
prophets;
41 Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in
your days, a work which ye shall in no
wise believe, though a man declare it
unto you.
42 And when the Jews were gone
out of the synagogue, the Gentiles be-

sought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.

43 Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

44 And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

46 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, *saying*, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

49 And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.

50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.

51 But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto I-co′-ni-um.

52 And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

CHAPTER 14

AND it came to pass in I-co′-ni-um, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed.

2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren.

3 Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

4 But the multitude of the city was divided: and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles.

5 And when there was an assault made both of the Gentiles, and also of the Jews with their rulers, to use *them* despitefully, and to stone them,

6 They were ware of *it*, and fled unto Lys′-tra and Der′-be, cities of Lyc-a-o′-ni-a, and unto the region that lieth round about:

7 And there they preached the gospel.

8 And there sat a certain man at Lys′-tra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:

9 The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

11 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lyc-a-o′-ni-a, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

12 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mer-cu′-ri-us, because he was the chief speaker.

13 Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people.

14 *Which* when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard *of*, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,

15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

16 Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.

17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

18 And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them.

19 And there came thither *certain* Jews from Antioch and I-co′-ni-um, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew *him* out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Der´-be.

21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lys´-tra, and *to* I-co´-ni-um, and Antioch,

22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, *and* exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

23 And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

24 And after they had passed throughout Pi-sid´-i-a, they came to Pam-phyl´-i-a.

25 And when they had preached the word in Per´-ga, they went down into At-ta´-li-a:

26 And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled.

27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.

28 And there they abode long time with the disciples.

CHAPTER 15

AND certain men which came down from Judæa taught the brethren, *and said*, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

2 When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

3 And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phe-ni´-ce and Sa-ma´-ri-a, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.

4 And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and *of* the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.

5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command *them* to keep the law of Moses.

6 And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men *and* brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as *he did* unto us;

9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

12 Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

13 And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men *and* brethren, hearken unto me:

14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

19 Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:

20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and *from* fornication, and *from* things strangled, and *from* blood.

21 For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him,

being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.

22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; *namely*, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:

23 And they wrote *letters* by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren *send* greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Ci-li′-cia.

24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, *Ye must* be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no *such* commandment:

25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

27 We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell *you* the same things by mouth.

28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

30 So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle:

31 *Which* when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation.

32 And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed *them*.

33 And after they had tarried *there* a space, they were let go in peace from the brethren unto the apostles.

34 Notwithstanding it pleased Silas to abide there still.

35 Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

36 And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, *and* see how they do.

37 And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark.

38 But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pam-phyl′-i-a, and went not with them to the work.

39 And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus;

40 And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.

41 And he went through Syria and Ci-li′-cia, confirming the churches.

CHAPTER 16

THEN came he to Der′-be and Lys′-tra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Ti-mo′-the-us, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father *was* a Greek:

2 Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lys′-tra and I-co′-ni-um.

3 Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.

4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

5 And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

6 Now when they had gone throughout Phryg′-i-a and the region of Ga-la′-tia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

7 After they were come to Mys′-ia, they assayed to go into Bi-thyn′-i-a: but the Spirit suffered them not.

8 And they passing by Mys′-ia came down to Troas.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; there stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering

that the Lord had called us for to
preach the gospel unto them.
11 Therefore loosing from Troas,
we came with a straight course to
Sam-o-thra'-cia, and the next *day* to
Ne-ap'-o-lis;
12 And from thence to Phi-lip'-pi,
which is the chief city of that part of
Macedonia, *and* a colony: and we were
in that city abiding certain days.
13 And on the sabbath we went out
of the city by a river side, where
prayer was wont to be made; and we
sat down, and spake unto the women
which resorted *thither*.
14 And a certain woman named
Lyd'-i-a, a seller of purple, of the city
of Thy-a-ti'-ra, which worshipped God,
heard *us*: whose heart the Lord open-
ed, that she attended unto the things
which were spoken of Paul.
15 And when she was baptized, and
her household, she besought *us*, say-
ing, If ye have judged me to be faith-
ful to the Lord, come into my house,
and abide *there*. And she constrained
us.
16 And it came to pass, as we went
to prayer, a certain damsel possessed
with a spirit of divination met us,
which brought her masters much gain
by soothsaying:
17 The same followed Paul and us,
and cried, saying, These men are the
servants of the most high God, which
shew unto us the way of salvation.
18 And this did she many days. But
Paul, being grieved, turned and said to
the spirit, I command thee in the name
of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And
he came out the same hour.
19 And when her masters saw that
the hope of their gains was gone, they
caught Paul and Silas, and drew *them*
into the marketplace unto the rulers,
20 And brought them to the magis-
trates, saying, These men, being Jews,
do exceedingly trouble our city,
21 And teach customs, which are
not lawful for us to receive, neither to
observe, being Romans.
22 And the multitude rose up to-
gether against them: and the magis-
trates rent off their clothes, and com-
manded to beat *them*.
23 And when they had laid many
stripes upon them, they cast *them* into
prison, charging the jailor to keep
them safely:
24 Who, having received such a
charge, thrust them into the inner
prison, and made their feet fast in the
stocks.
25 And at midnight Paul and Silas
prayed, and sang praises unto God:
and the prisoners heard them.
26 And suddenly there was a great
earthquake, so that the foundations of
the prison were shaken: and immedi-
ately all the doors were opened, and
every one's bands were loosed.
27 And the keeper of the prison
awaking out of his sleep, and seeing
the prison doors open, he drew out his
sword, and would have killed himself,
supposing that the prisoners had been
fled.
28 But Paul cried with a loud voice,
saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are
all here.
29 Then he called for a light, and
sprang in, and came trembling, and
fell down before Paul and Silas,
30 And brought them out, and said,
Sirs, what must I do to be saved?
31 And they said, Believe on the
Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be
saved, and thy house.
32 And they spake unto him the
word of the Lord, and to all *that* were
in his house.
33 And he took them the same hour
of the night, and washed *their* stripes;
and was baptized, he and all his,
straightway.
34 And when he had brought them
into his house, he set meat before
them, and rejoiced, believing in God
with all his house.
35 And when it was day, the magis-
trates sent the serjeants, saying, Let
those men go.
36 And the keeper of the prison
told this saying to Paul, The magis-
trates have sent to let you go: now
therefore depart, and go in peace.
37 But Paul said unto them, They
have beaten us openly uncondemned,
being Romans, and have cast *us* into
prison; and now do they thrust us out
privily? nay verily; but let them come
themselves and fetch us out.
38 And the serjeants told these
words unto the magistrates: and they
feared, when they heard that they
were Romans.
39 And they came and besought
them, and brought *them* out, and
desired *them* to depart out of the
city.
40 And they went out of the prison,
and entered into *the house of* Lyd'-i-a:

and when they had seen the brethren,
they comforted them, and departed.

CHAPTER 17

NOW when they had passed
through Am-phip′-o-lis and Ap-ol-
lo′-ni-a, they came to Thes-sa-lo-ni′-ca,
where was a synagogue of the
Jews:
2 And Paul, as his manner was,
went in unto them, and three sabbath
days reasoned with them out of the
scriptures,
3 Opening and alleging, that Christ
must needs have suffered, and risen
again from the dead; and that this Je-
sus, whom I preach unto you, is
Christ.
4 And some of them believed, and
consorted with Paul and Silas; and of
the devout Greeks a great multitude,
and of the chief women not a few.
5 But the Jews which believed not,
moved with envy, took unto them cer-
tain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and
gathered a company, and set all the
city on an uproar, and assaulted the
house of Jason, and sought to bring
them out to the people.
6 And when they found them not,
they drew Jason and certain brethren
unto the rulers of the city, crying,
These that have turned the world up-
side down are come hither also;
7 Whom Jason hath received: and
these all do contrary to the decrees of
Cæsar, saying that there is another
king, *one* Jesus.
8 And they troubled the people and
the rulers of the city, when they heard
these things.
9 And when they had taken securi-
ty of Jason, and of the other, they let
them go.
10 And the brethren immediately
sent away Paul and Silas by night unto
Be-re′-a: who coming *thither* went into
the synagogue of the Jews.
11 These were more noble than
those in Thes-sa-lo-ni′-ca, in that they
received the word with all readiness of
mind, and searched the scriptures
daily, whether those things were so.
12 Therefore many of them be-
lieved; also of honourable women
which were Greeks, and of men, not a
few.
13 But when the Jews of Thes-sa-
lo-ni′-ca had knowledge that the word
of God was preached of Paul at Be-
re′-a, they came thither also, and
stirred up the people.
14 And then immediately the breth-
ren sent away Paul to go as it were to
the sea: but Silas and Ti-mo′-the-us
abode there still.
15 And they that conducted Paul
brought *him* unto Athens: and receiv-
ing a commandment unto Silas and
Ti-mo′-the-us for to come to him with
all speed, they departed.
16 Now while Paul waited for them
at Athens, his spirit was stirred in
him, when he saw the city wholly
given to idolatry.
17 Therefore disputed he in the
synagogue with the Jews, and with
the devout persons, and in the market
daily with them that met with him.
18 Then certain philosophers of the
Ep-i-cu-re′-ans, and of the Sto′-icks,
encountered him. And some said,
What will this babbler say? other
some, He seemeth to be a setter forth
of strange gods: because he preached
unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.
19 And they took him, and brought
him unto Ar-e-op′-a-gus, saying, May
we know what this new doctrine,
whereof thou speakest, *is?*
20 For thou bringest certain strange
things to our ears: we would know
therefore what these things mean.
21 (For all the Athenians and stran-
gers which were there spent their time
in nothing else, but either to tell, or
to hear some new thing.)
22 Then Paul stood in the midst of
Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens,
I perceive that in all things ye are too
superstitious.
23 For as I passed by, and beheld
your devotions, I found an altar with
this inscription, TO THE UN-
KNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye
ignorantly worship, him declare I unto
you.
24 God that made the world and all
things therein, seeing that he is Lord
of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in
temples made with hands;
25 Neither is worshipped with
men's hands, as though he needed any
thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and
breath, and all things;
26 And hath made of one blood all
nations of men for to dwell on all the
face of the earth, and hath determined
the times before appointed, and the
bounds of their habitation;
27 That they should seek the Lord,

23 And the same time there arose
no small stir about that way.
24 For a certain *man* named De-
me'-tri-us, a silversmith, which made
silver shrines for Diana, brought no
small gain unto the craftsmen;
25 Whom he called together with
the workmen of like occupation, and
said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft
we have our wealth.
26 Moreover ye see and hear, that
not alone at Eph'-e-sus, but almost
throughout all Asia, this Paul hath
persuaded and turned away much peo-
ple, saying that they be no gods, which
are made with hands:
27 So that not only this our craft is
in danger to be set at nought; but also
that the temple of the great goddess
Diana should be despised, and her
magnificence should be destroyed,
whom all Asia and the world worship-
peth.
28 And when they heard *these say-
ings*, they were full of wrath, and cried
out, saying, Great *is* Diana of the
E-phe'-sians.
29 And the whole city was filled
with confusion: and having caught
Gaius and Ar-is-tar'-chus, men of Ma-
cedonia, Paul's companions in travel,
they rushed with one accord into the
theatre.
30 And when Paul would have en-
tered in unto the people, the disciples
suffered him not.
31 And certain of the chief of Asia,
which were his friends, sent unto him,
desiring *him* that he would not adven-
ture himself into the theatre.
32 Some therefore cried one thing,
and some another: for the assembly
was confused; and the more part knew
not wherefore they were come to-
gether.
33 And they drew Alexander out of
the multitude, the Jews putting him
forward. And Alexander beckoned
with the hand, and would have made
his defence unto the people.
34 But when they knew that he was
a Jew, all with one voice about the
space of two hours cried out, Great *is*
Diana of the E-phe'-sians.
35 And when the townclerk had ap-
peased the people, he said, *Ye* men of
Eph'-e-sus, what man is there that
knoweth not how that the city of the
E-phe'-sians is a worshipper of the
great goddess Diana, and of the *image*
which fell down from Jupiter?
36 Seeing then that these things
cannot be spoken against, ye ought to
be quiet, and to do nothing rashly.
37 For ye have brought hither these
men, which are neither robbers of
churches, nor yet blasphemers of your
goddess.
38 Wherefore if De-me'-tri-us, and
the craftsmen which are with him,
have a matter against any man, the
law is open, and there are deputies: let
them implead one another.
39 But if ye enquire any thing con-
cerning other matters, it shall be de-
termined in a lawful assembly.
40 For we are in danger to be called
in question for this day's uproar, there
being no cause whereby we may give
an account of this concourse.
41 And when he had thus spoken,
he dismissed the assembly.

CHAPTER 20

AND after the uproar was ceased,
Paul called unto *him* the dis-
ciples, and embraced *them*, and de-
parted for to go into Macedonia.
2 And when he had gone over those
parts, and had given them much ex-
hortation, he came into Greece,
3 And *there* abode three months.
And when the Jews laid wait for him,
as he was about to sail into Syria, he
purposed to return through Macedo-
nia.
4 And there accompanied him into
Asia Sop'-a-ter of Be-re'-a; and of the
Thes-sa-lo'-ni-ans, Ar-is-tar'-chus and
Se-cun'-dus; and Gaius of Der'-be, and
Ti-mo'-the-us; and of Asia, Tych'-i-cus
and Troph'-i-mus.
5 These going before tarried for us
at Troas.
6 And we sailed away from Phi-lip'-
pi after the days of unleavened bread,
and came unto them to Troas in five
days; where we abode seven days.
7 And upon the first *day* of the
week, when the disciples came togeth-
er to break bread, Paul preached unto
them, ready to depart on the morrow;
and continued his speech until mid-
night.
8 And there were many lights in the
upper chamber, where they were gath-
ered together.
9 And there sat in a window a cer-
tain young man named Eu'-ty-chus,
being fallen into a deep sleep: and as
Paul was long preaching, he sunk

down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.

10 And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing *him* said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.

11 When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed.

12 And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

13 And we went before to ship, and sailed unto As'-sos, there intending to take in Paul: for so had he appointed, minding himself to go afoot.

14 And when he met with us at As'-sos, we took him in, and came to Mit-y-le'-ne.

15 And we sailed thence, and came the next *day* over against Chi'-os; and the next *day* we arrived at Sa'-mos, and tarried at Tro-gyl'-li-um; and the next *day* we came to Mi-le'-tus.

16 For Paul had determined to sail by Eph'-e-sus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

17 And from Mi-le'-tus he sent to Eph'-e-sus, and called the elders of the church.

18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

20 *And* how I kept back nothing that was profitable *unto you*, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,

21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I *am* pure from the blood of all *men*.

27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

37 And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him,

38 Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

CHAPTER 21

AND it came to pass, that after we were gotten from them, and had launched, we came with a straight course unto Co'-os, and the *day* following unto Rhodes, and from thence unto Pat'-a-ra:

2 And finding a ship sailing over
unto Phe-ni'-cia, we went aboard, and
set forth.
3 Now when we had discovered Cy-
prus, we left it on the left hand, and
sailed into Syria, and landed at Tyre:
for there the ship was to unlade her
burden.
4 And finding disciples, we tarried
there seven days: who said to Paul
through the Spirit, that he should not
go up to Jerusalem.
5 And when we had accomplished
those days, we departed and went our
way; and they all brought us on our
way, with wives and children, *till we
were* out of the city: and we kneeled
down on the shore, and prayed.
6 And when we had taken our leave
one of another, we took ship; and they
returned home again.
7 And when we had finished *our*
course from Tyre, we came to Ptol-e-
ma'-is, and saluted the brethren, and
abode with them one day.
8 And the next *day* we that were of
Paul's company departed, and came
unto Cæs-a-re'-a: and we entered into
the house of Philip the evangelist,
which was *one* of the seven; and abode
with him.
9 And the same man had four
daughters, virgins, which did proph-
esy.
10 And as we tarried *there* many
days, there came down from Judæa a
certain prophet, named Ag'-a-bus.
11 And when he was come unto us,
he took Paul's girdle, and bound his
own hands and feet, and said, Thus
saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the
Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that
owneth this girdle, and shall deliver
him into the hands of the Gentiles.
12 And when we heard these things,
both we, and they of that place, be-
sought him not to go up to Jerusalem.
13 Then Paul answered, What mean
ye to weep and to break mine heart?
for I am ready not to be bound only,
but also to die at Jerusalem for the
name of the Lord Jesus.
14 And when he would not be per-
suaded, we ceased, saying, The will of
the Lord be done.
15 And after those days we took up
our carriages, and went up to Jerusa-
lem.
16 There went with us also *certain*
of the disciples of Cæs-a-re'-a, and
brought with them one Mna'-son of
Cyprus, an old disciple, with whom we
should lodge.
17 And when we were come to Jeru-
salem, the brethren received us gladly.
18 And the *day* following Paul went
in with us unto James; and all the
elders were present.
19 And when he had saluted them,
he declared particularly what things
God had wrought among the Gentiles
by his ministry.
20 And when they heard *it*, they
glorified the Lord, and said unto him,
Thou seest, brother, how many thou-
sands of Jews there are which believe;
and they are all zealous of the law:
21 And they are informed of thee,
that thou teachest all the Jews which
are among the Gentiles to forsake Mo-
ses, saying that they ought not to cir-
cumcise *their* children, neither to walk
after the customs.
22 What is it therefore? the multi-
tude must needs come together: for
they will hear that thou art come.
23 Do therefore this that we say to
thee: We have four men which have a
vow on them;
24 Them take, and purify thyself
with them, and be at charges with
them, that they may shave *their* heads:
and all may know that those things,
whereof they were informed concern-
ing thee, are nothing; but *that* thou
thyself also walkest orderly, and keep-
est the law.
25 As touching the Gentiles which
believe, we have written *and* concluded
that they observe no such thing, save
only that they keep themselves from
things offered to idols, and from blood,
and from strangled, and from fornica-
tion.
26 Then Paul took the men, and the
next day purifying himself with them
entered into the temple, to signify the
accomplishment of the days of puri-
fication, until that an offering should
be offered for every one of them.
27 And when the seven days were
almost ended, the Jews which were of
Asia, when they saw him in the tem-
ple, stirred up all the people, and laid
hands on him,
28 Crying out, Men of Israel, help:
This is the man, that teacheth all *men*
every where against the people, and
the law, and this place: and further
brought Greeks also into the temple,
and hath polluted this holy place.
29 (For they had seen before with

him in the city Troph'-i-mus an E-phe'-
sian, whom they supposed that Paul
had brought into the temple.)
30 And all the city was moved, and
the people ran together: and they took
Paul, and drew him out of the temple:
and forthwith the doors were shut.
31 And as they went about to kill
him, tidings came unto the chief cap-
tain of the band, that all Jerusalem
was in an uproar.
32 Who immediately took soldiers
and centurions, and ran down unto
them: and when they saw the chief
captain and the soldiers, they left
beating of Paul.
33 Then the chief captain came
near, and took him, and commanded
him to be bound with two chains; and
demanded who he was, and what he
had done.
34 And some cried one thing, some
another, among the multitude: and
when he could not know the certainty
for the tumult, he commanded him to
be carried into the castle.
35 And when he came upon the
stairs, so it was, that he was borne of
the soldiers for the violence of the peo-
ple.
36 For the multitude of the people
followed after, crying, Away with him.
37 And as Paul was to be led into
the castle, he said unto the chief cap-
tain, May I speak unto thee? Who said,
Canst thou speak Greek?
38 Art not thou that E-gyp'-tian,
which before these days madest an up-
roar, and leddest out into the wilder-
ness four thousand men *that were*
murderers?
39 But Paul said, I am a man *which*
am a Jew of Tarsus, *a city* in Ci-li'-cia,
a citizen of no mean city: and, I be-
seech thee, suffer me to speak unto the
people.
40 And when he had given him li-
cence, Paul stood on the stairs, and
beckoned with the hand unto the peo-
ple. And when there was made a great
silence, he spake unto *them* in the He-
brew tongue, saying,

CHAPTER 22

MEN, brethren, and fathers, hear
ye my defence *which I make* now
unto you.
2 (And when they heard that he
spake in the Hebrew tongue to them,
they kept the more silence: and he
saith,)
3 I am verily a man *which am* a
Jew, born in Tarsus, *a city* in Ci-li'-cia,
yet brought up in this city at the feet
of Ga-ma'-li-el, *and* taught according
to the perfect manner of the law of the
fathers, and was zealous toward God,
as ye all are this day.
4 And I persecuted this way unto
the death, binding and delivering into
prisons both men and women.
5 As also the high priest doth bear
me witness, and all the estate of the
elders: from whom also I received let-
ters unto the brethren, and went to
Damascus, to bring them which were
there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be
punished.
6 And it came to pass, that, as I
made my journey, and was come nigh
unto Damascus about noon, suddenly
there shone from heaven a great light
round about me.
7 And I fell unto the ground, and
heard a voice saying unto me, Saul,
Saul, why persecutest thou me?
8 And I answered, Who art thou,
Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus
of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.
9 And they that were with me saw
indeed the light, and were afraid; but
they heard not the voice of him that
spake to me.
10 And I said, What shall I do,
Lord? And the Lord said unto me,
Arise, and go into Damascus; and
there it shall be told thee of all things
which are appointed for thee to do.
11 And when I could not see for
the glory of that light, being led by
the hand of them that were with me,
I came into Damascus.
12 And one An-a-ni'-as, a devout
man according to the law, having a
good report of all the Jews which
dwelt *there*,
13 Came unto me, and stood, and
said unto me, Brother Saul, receive
thy sight. And the same hour I looked
up upon him.
14 And he said, The God of our fa-
thers hath chosen thee, that thou
shouldest know his will, and see that
Just One, and shouldest hear the voice
of his mouth.
15 For thou shalt be his witness un-
to all men of what thou hast seen and
heard.
16 And now why tarriest thou?
arise, and be baptised, and wash away
thy sins, calling on the name of the
Lord.

17 And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;
18 And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.
19 And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee:
20 And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.
21 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.
22 And they gave him audience unto this word, and *then* lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a *fellow* from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live.
23 And as they cried out, and cast off *their* clothes, and threw dust into the air,
24 The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by scourging; that he might know wherefore they cried so against him.
25 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?
26 When the centurion heard *that*, he went and told the chief captain, saying, Take heed what thou doest: for this man is a Roman.
27 Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea.
28 And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was *free* born.
29 Then straightway they departed from him which should have examined him: and the chief captain also was afraid, after he knew that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.
30 On the morrow, because he would have known the certainty wherefore he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him from *his* bands, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down, and set him before them.

CHAPTER 23

AND Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men *and* brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.
2 And the high priest An-a-ni'-as commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth.
3 Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, *thou* whited wall: for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law?
4 And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high priest?
5 Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people.
6 But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sad'-du-cees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men *and* brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.
7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sad'-du-cees: and the multitude was divided.
8 For the Sad'-du-cees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.
9 And there arose a great cry: and the scribes *that were* of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight against God.
10 And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring *him* into the castle.
11 And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.
12 And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.
13 And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy.
14 And they came to the chief

priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul.

15 Now therefore ye with the council signify to the chief captain that he bring him down unto you to morrow, as though ye would enquire something more perfectly concerning him: and we, or ever he come near, are ready to kill him.

16 And when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul.

17 Then Paul called one of the centurions unto *him*, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain: for he hath a certain thing to tell him.

18 So he took him, and brought *him* to the chief captain, and said, Paul the prisoner called me unto *him*, and prayed me to bring this young man unto thee, who hath something to say unto thee.

19 Then the chief captain took him by the hand, and went *with him* aside privately, and asked *him*, What is that thou hast to tell me?

20 And he said, The Jews have agreed to desire thee that thou wouldest bring down Paul to morrow into the council, as though they would enquire somewhat of him more perfectly.

21 But do not thou yield unto them: for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men, which have bound themselves with an oath, that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him: and now are they ready, looking for a promise from thee.

22 So the chief captain *then* let the young man depart, and charged *him, See thou* tell no man that thou hast shewed these things to me.

23 And he called unto *him* two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Cæs-a-re´-a, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night;

24 And provide *them* beasts, that they may set Paul on, and bring *him* safe unto Felix the governor.

25 And he wrote a letter after this manner:

26 Claudius Ly´-si-as unto the most excellent governor Felix *sendeth* greeting.

27 This man was taken of the Jews, and should have been killed of them: then came I with an army, and rescued him, having understood that he was a Roman.

28 And when I would have known the cause wherefore they accused him, I brought him forth into their council:

29 Whom I perceived to be accused of questions of their law, but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds.

30 And when it was told me how that the Jews laid wait for the man, I sent straightway to thee, and gave commandment to his accusers also to say before thee what *they had* against him. Farewell.

31 Then the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul, and brought *him* by night to An-tip´-a-tris.

32 On the morrow they left the horsemen to go with him, and returned to the castle:

33 Who, when they came to Cæs-a-re´-a, and delivered the epistle to the governor, presented Paul also before him.

34 And when the governor had read *the letter*, he asked of what province he was. And when he understood that *he was* of Ci-li´-cia;

35 I will hear thee, said he, when thine accusers are also come. And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's judgment hall.

CHAPTER 24

AND after five days An-a-ni´-as the high priest descended with the elders, and *with* a certain orator *named* Ter-tul´-lus, who informed the governor against Paul.

2 And when he was called forth, Ter-tul´-lus began to accuse *him*, saying, Seeing that by thee we enjoy great quietness, and that very worthy deeds are done unto this nation by thy providence,

3 We accept *it* always, and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness.

4 Notwithstanding, that I be not further tedious unto thee, I pray thee that thou wouldest hear us of thy clemency a few words.

5 For we have found this man *a* pestilent *fellow*, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes:

6 Who also hath gone about to pro-

fane the temple: whom we took, and would have judged according to our law.

7 But the chief captain Ly′-si-as came *upon us*, and with great violence took *him* away out of our hands,

8 Commanding his accusers to come unto thee: by examining of whom thyself mayest take knowledge of all these things, whereof we accuse him.

9 And the Jews also assented, saying that these things were so.

10 Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself:

11 Because that thou mayest understand, that there are yet but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem for to worship.

12 And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city:

13 Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me.

14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:

15 And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and *toward* men.

17 Now after many years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings.

18 Whereupon certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude, nor with tumult.

19 Who ought to have been here before thee, and object, if they had ought against me.

20 Or else let these same *here* say, if they have found any evil doing in me, while I stood before the council,

21 Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day.

22 And when Felix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of *that* way, he deferred them, and said, When Ly′-si-as the chief captain shall come down, I will know the uttermost of your matter.

23 And he commanded a centurion to keep Paul, and to let *him* have liberty, and that he should forbid none of his acquaintance to minister or come unto him.

24 And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Dru-sil′-la, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.

25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

26 He hoped also that money should have been given him of Paul, that he might loose him: wherefore he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him.

27 But after two years Por′-ci-us Fes′-tus came into Felix' room: and Felix, willing to shew the Jews a pleasure, left Paul bound.

CHAPTER 25

NOW when Fes′-tus was come into the province, after three days he ascended from Cæs-a-re′-a to Jerusalem.

2 Then the high priest and the chief of the Jews informed him against Paul, and besought him,

3 And desired favour against him, that he would send for him to Jerusalem, laying wait in the way to kill him.

4 But Fes′-tus answered, that Paul should be kept at Cæs-a-re′-a, and that he himself would depart shortly *thither*.

5 Let them therefore, said he, which among you are able, go down with *me*, and accuse this man, if there be any wickedness in him.

6 And when he had tarried among them more than ten days, he went down unto Cæs-a-re′-a; and the next day sitting on the judgment seat commanded Paul to be brought.

7 And when he was come, the Jews which came down from Jerusalem stood round about, and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove.

8 While he answered for himself, Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Cæsar, have I offended any thing at all.

9 But Fes'-tus, willing to do the Jews a pleasure, answered Paul, and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me?
10 Then said Paul, I stand at Cæsar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou very well knowest.
11 For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Cæsar.
12 Then Fes'-tus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Hast thou appealed unto Cæsar? unto Cæsar shalt thou go.
13 And after certain days king A-grip'-pa and Bernice came unto Cæs-a-re'-a to salute Fes'-tus.
14 And when they had been there many days, Fes'-tus declared Paul's cause unto the king, saying, There is a certain man left in bonds by Felix:
15 About whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed *me*, desiring *to have* judgment against him.
16 To whom I answered, It is not the manner of the Romans to deliver any man to die, before that he which is accused have the accusers face to face, and have licence to answer for himself concerning the crime laid against him.
17 Therefore, when they were come hither, without any delay on the morrow I sat on the judgment seat, and commanded the man to be brought forth.
18 Against whom when the accusers stood up, they brought none accusation of such things as I supposed:
19 But had certain questions against him of their own superstition, and of one Jesus, which was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.
20 And because I doubted of such manner of questions, I asked *him* whether he would go to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these matters.
21 But when Paul had appealed to be reserved unto the hearing of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept till I might send him to Cæsar.
22 Then A-grip'-pa said unto Fes'-tus, I would also hear the man myself. To morrow, said he, thou shalt hear him.
23 And on the morrow, when A-grip'-pa was come, and Bernice, with great pomp, and was entered into the place of hearing, with the chief captains, and principal men of the city, at Fes'-tus' commandment Paul was brought forth.
24 And Fes'-tus said, King A-grip'-pa, and all men which are here present with us, ye see this man, about whom all the multitude of the Jews have dealt with me, both at Jerusalem, and *also* here, crying that he ought not to live any longer.
25 But when I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death, and that he himself hath appealed to Augustus, I have determined to send him.
26 Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my lord. Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and specially before thee, O king A-grip'-pa, that, after examination had, I might have somewhat to write.
27 For it seemeth to me unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not withal to signify the crimes *laid* against him.

CHAPTER 26

THEN A-grip'-pa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself:
2 I think myself happy, king A-grip'-pa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews:
3 Especially *because I know* thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently.
4 My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews;
5 Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.
6 And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers:
7 Unto which *promise* our twelve tribes, instantly serving *God* day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king A-grip'-pa, I am accused of the Jews.
8 Why should it be thought a thing

incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?

9 I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

10 Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against *them*.

11 And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled *them* to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted *them* even unto strange cities.

12 Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

13 At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? *it is* hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

17 Delivering thee from the people, and *from* the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

18 To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

19 Whereupon, O king A-grip´-pa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judæa, and *then* to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

21 For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill *me*.

22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:

23 That Christ should suffer, *and* that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

24 And as he thus spake for himself, Fes´-tus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.

25 But he said, I am not mad, most noble Fes´-tus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness.

26 For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.

27 King A-grip´-pa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.

28 Then A-grip´-pa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

29 And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

30 And when he had thus spoken, the king rose up, and the governor, and Bernice, and they that sat with them:

31 And when they were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds.

32 Then said A-grip´-pa unto Fes´-tus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Cæsar.

CHAPTER 27

AND when it was determined that we should sail into Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners unto *one* named Julius a centurion of Augustus' band.

2 And entering into a ship of Ad-ra-myt´-ti-um, we launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of Asia; *one* Ar-is-tar´-chus, a Macedonian of Thes-sa-lo-ni´-ca, being with us.

3 And the next *day* we touched at Si´-don. And Julius courteously entreated Paul, and gave *him* liberty to

go unto his friends to refresh himself.
4 And when we had launched from thence, we sailed under Cyprus, because the winds were contrary.
5 And when we had sailed over the sea of Ci-li′-cia and Pam-phyl′-i-a, we came to My′-ra, *a city* of Ly′-cia.
6 And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing into Italy; and he put us therein.
7 And when we had sailed slowly many days, and scarce were come over against Cni′-dus, the wind not suffering us, we sailed under Crete, over against Sal-mo′-ne;
8 And, hardly passing it, came unto a place which is called The fair havens; nigh whereunto was the city *of* La-se′-a.
9 Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished *them*,
10 And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.
11 Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul.
12 And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to depart thence also, if by any means they might attain to Phe-ni′-ce, *and there* to winter; *which is* an haven of Crete, and lieth toward the south west and north west.
13 And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained *their* purpose, loosing *thence*, they sailed close by Crete.
14 But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Eu-roc′-ly-don.
15 And when the ship was caught, and could not bear up into the wind, we let *her* drive.
16 And running under a certain island which is called Clau′-da, we had much work to come by the boat:
17 Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven.
18 And we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next *day* they lightened the ship;
19 And the third *day* we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship.
20 And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on *us*, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away.
21 But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.
22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of *any man's* life among you, but of the ship.
23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,
24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Cæsar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.
25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.
26 Howbeit we must be cast upon a certain island.
27 But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven up and down in A′-dri-a, about midnight the shipmen deemed that they drew near to some country;
28 And sounded, and found *it* twenty fathoms: and when they had gone a little further, they sounded again, and found *it* fifteen fathoms.
29 Then fearing lest we should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day.
30 And as the shipmen were about to flee out of the ship, when they had let down the boat into the sea, under colour as though they would have cast anchors out of the foreship,
31 Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved.
32 Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the boat, and let her fall off.
33 And while the day was coming on, Paul besought *them* all to take meat, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing.
34 Wherefore I pray you to take *some* meat: for this is for your health: for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you.

35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken *it*, he began to eat.

36 Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took *some* meat.

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2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)

3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

4 And declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

6 Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called *to be* saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

10 Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.

11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

12 That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

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The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Romans

CHAPTER 1

PAUL, a servant of Jesus Christ,
called *to be* an apostle, separated
unto the gospel of God,
2 (Which he had promised afore by
his prophets in the holy scriptures,)
3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ
our Lord, which was made of the seed
of David according to the flesh;
4 And declared *to be* the Son of God
with power, according to the spirit of
holiness, by the resurrection from the
dead:
5 By whom we have received grace
and apostleship, for obedience to the
faith among all nations, for his name:
6 Among whom are ye also the
called of Jesus Christ:
7 To all that be in Rome, beloved
of God, called *to be* saints: Grace to you
and peace from God our Father, and
the Lord Jesus Christ.
8 First, I thank my God through
Jesus Christ for you all, that your
faith is spoken of throughout the whole
world.
9 For God is my witness, whom
I serve with my spirit in the gospel
of his Son, that without ceasing I
make mention of you always in my
prayers;
10 Making request, if by any means
now at length I might have a prosper-
ous journey by the will of God to come
unto you.
11 For I long to see you, that I may
impart unto you some spiritual gift, to
the end ye may be established;
12 That is, that I may be comforted
together with you by the mutual faith
both of you and me.
13 Now I would not have you ig-
norant, brethren, that oftentimes I
purposed to come unto you, (but was
let hitherto,) that I might have some

fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles.

14 I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.

15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from *heaven against* all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God *hath shewed it unto them*.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their *own bodies between themselves:*

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

CHAPTER 2

THEREFORE thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thy*self wrath against the day of wrath* and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

10 But glory, honour, and peace, to

every man that worketh good, to the
Jew first, and also to the Gentile:
11 For there is no respect of persons
with God.
12 For as many as have sinned
without law shall also perish without
law: and as many as have sinned in the
law shall be judged by the law;
13 (For not the hearers of the law
are just before God, but the doers of
the law shall be justified.
14 For when the Gentiles, which
have not the law, do by nature the
things contained in the law, these,
having not the law, are a law unto
themselves:
15 Which shew the work of the law
written in their hearts, their con-
science also bearing witness, and *their*
thoughts the mean while accusing or
else excusing one another;)
16 In the day when God shall judge
the secrets of men by Jesus Christ ac-
cording to my gospel.
17 Behold, thou art called a Jew,
and restest in the law, and makest thy
boast of God,
18 And knowest *his* will, and ap-
provest the things that are more ex-
cellent, being instructed out of the
law;
19 And art confident that thou thy-
self art a guide of the blind, a light of
them which are in darkness,
20 An instructor of the foolish, a
teacher of babes, which hast the form
of knowledge and of the truth in the
law.
21 Thou therefore which teachest
another, teachest thou not thyself?
thou that preachest a man should not
steal, dost thou steal?
22 Thou that sayest a man should
not commit adultery, dost thou com-
mit adultery? thou that abhorrest
idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?
23 Thou that makest thy boast of
the law, through breaking the law dis-
honourest thou God?
24 For the name of God is blas-
phemed among the Gentiles through
you, as it is written.
25 For circumcision verily profit-
eth, if thou keep the law: but if thou
be a breaker of the law, thy circum-
cision is made uncircumcision.
26 Therefore if the uncircumcision
keep the righteousness of the law, shall
not his uncircumcision be counted for
circumcision?
27 And shall not uncircumcision
which is by nature, if it fulfil the law,
judge thee, who by the letter and cir-
cumcision dost transgress the law?
28 For he is not a Jew, which is one
outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision,
which is outward in the flesh:
29 But he *is* a Jew, which is one in-
wardly; and circumcision *is that* of the
heart, in the spirit, *and* not in the let-
ter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of
God.

CHAPTER 3

WHAT advantage then hath the
Jew? or what profit *is there* of
circumcision?
2 Much every way: chiefly, because
that unto them were committed the
oracles of God.
3 For what if some did not believe?
shall their unbelief make the faith of
God without effect?
4 God forbid: yea, let God be true,
but every man a liar; as it is written,
That thou mightest be justified in thy
sayings, and mightest overcome when
thou art judged.
5 But if our unrighteousness com-
mend the righteousness of God, what
shall we say? *Is* God unrighteous who
taketh vengeance? (I speak as a
man.)
6 God forbid: for then how shall
God judge the world?
7 For if the truth of God hath more
abounded through my lie unto his
glory; why yet am I also judged as a
sinner?
8 And not *rather*, (as we be slander-
ously reported, and as some affirm
that we say,) Let us do evil, that good
may come? whose damnation is just.
9 What then? are we better *than
they?* No, in no wise: for we have before
proved both Jews and Gentiles, that
they are all under sin;
10 As it is written, There is none
righteous, no, not one:
11 There is none that understand-
eth, there is none that seeketh after
God.
12 They are all gone out of the way,
they are together become unprofitable;
there is none that doeth good, no, not
one.
13 Their throat *is* an open sepul-
chre; with their tongues they have
used deceit; the poison of asps *is* under
their lips:
14 Whose mouth *is* full of cursing
and bitterness:

15 Their feet *are* swift to shed
blood:
16 Destruction and misery *are* in
their ways:
17 And the way of peace have they
not known:
18 There is no fear of God before
their eyes.
19 Now we know that what things
soever the law saith, it saith to them
who are under the law: that every
mouth may be stopped, and all the
world may become guilty before
God.
20 Therefore by the deeds of the
law there shall no flesh be justified in
his sight: for by the law *is* the knowl-
edge of sin.
21 But now the righteousness of
God without the law is manifested,
being witnessed by the law and the
prophets;
22 Even the righteousness of God
which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto
all and upon all them that believe: for
there is no difference:
23 For all have sinned, and come
short of the glory of God;
24 Being justified freely by his
grace through the redemption that is
in Christ Jesus:
25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* a
propitiation through faith in his blood,
to declare his righteousness for the re-
mission of sins that are past, through
the forbearance of God;
26 To declare, I *say*, at this time his
righteousness: that he might be just,
and the justifier of him which believ-
eth in Jesus.
27 Where *is* boasting then? It is ex-
cluded. By what law? of works? Nay:
but by the law of faith.
28 Therefore we conclude that a
man is justified by faith without the
deeds of the law.
29 *Is he* the God of the Jews only?
is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of
the Gentiles also:
30 Seeing *it is* one God, which shall
justify the circumcision by faith, and
uncircumcision through faith.
31 Do we then make void the law
through faith? God forbid: yea, we es-
tablish the law.

CHAPTER 4

WHAT shall we say then that
Abraham our father, as pertain-
ing to the flesh, hath found?
2 For if Abraham were justified by
works, he hath *whereof* to glory; but
not before God.
3 For what saith the scripture?
Abraham believed God, and it was
counted unto him for righteousness.
4 Now to him that worketh is the
reward not reckoned of grace, but of
debt.
5 But to him that worketh not, but
believeth on him that justifieth the un-
godly, his faith is counted for right-
eousness.
6 Even as David also describeth the
blessedness of the man, unto whom
God imputeth righteousness without
works,
7 *Saying*, Blessed *are* they whose
iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins
are covered.
8 Blessed *is* the man to whom the
Lord will not impute sin.
9 *Cometh* this blessedness then upon
the circumcision *only*, or upon the un-
circumcision also? for we say that faith
was reckoned to Abraham for right-
eousness.
10 How was it then reckoned? when
he was in circumcision, or in uncircum-
cision? Not in circumcision, but in un-
circumcision.
11 And he received the sign of cir-
cumcision, a seal of the righteousness
of the faith which *he had yet* being un-
circumcised: that he might be the fa-
ther of all them that believe, though
they be not circumcised; that right-
eousness might be imputed unto them
also:
12 And the father of circumcision
to them who are not of the circum-
cision only, but who also walk in the
steps of that faith of our father Abra-
ham, which *he had* being *yet* uncir-
cumcised.
13 For the promise, that he should
be the heir of the world, *was* not to
Abraham, or to his seed, through the
law, but through the righteousness of
faith.
14 For if they which are of the law
be heirs, faith is made void, and the
promise made of none effect:
15 Because the law worketh wrath:
for where no law is, *there is* no trans-
gression.
16 Therefore *it is* of faith, that *it
might be* by grace; to the end the prom-
ise might be sure to all the seed; not
to that only which is of the law, but
to that also which is of the faith of
Abraham; who is the father of us all,

17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, *even* God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:

20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

CHAPTER 5

THEREFORE being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only *so*, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

11 And not only *so*, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

15 But not as the offence, so also *is* the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, *which is* by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

16 And not as *it was* by one that sinned, *so is* the gift: for the judgment *was* by one to condemnation, but the free gift *is* of many offences unto justification.

17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

18 Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHAPTER 6

WHAT shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2 God forbid. How shall we, that

are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of *his* resurrection:

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

13 Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things *is* death.

22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

23 For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHAPTER 7

KNOW ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to *her* husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of *her* husband.

3 So then if, while *her* husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, *even* to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

6 But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

7 What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin *was* dead.

9 For I was alive without the law

once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

10 And the commandment, which *was ordained* to life, I found *to be* unto death.

11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew *me*.

12 Wherefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

13 Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that *it is* good.

17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not.

19 For the good *that* I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

CHAPTER 8

THERE *is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be *that* the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

10 And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to*

be compared with the glory which shall
be revealed in us.
19 For the earnest expectation of
the creature waiteth for the manifesta-
tion of the sons of God.
20 For the creature was made sub-
ject to vanity, not willingly, but by
reason of him who hath subjected *the*
same in hope,
21 Because the creature itself also
shall be delivered from the bondage of
corruption into the glorious liberty of
the children of God.
22 For we know that the whole cre-
ation groaneth and travaileth in pain
together until now.
23 And not only *they*, but ourselves
also, which have the firstfruits of the
Spirit, even we ourselves groan within
ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to*
wit, the redemption of our body.
24 For we are saved by hope: but
hope that is seen is not hope: for what
a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?
25 But if we hope for that we see
not, *then* do we with patience wait
for *it*.
26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth
our infirmities: for we know not what
we should pray for as we ought: but
the Spirit itself maketh intercession
for us with groanings which cannot be
uttered.
27 And he that searcheth the hearts
knoweth what *is* the mind of the
Spirit, because he maketh intercession
for the saints according *to the will of*
God.
28 And we know that all things
work together for good to them that
love God, to them who are the called
according to *his* purpose.
29 For whom he did foreknow, he
also did predestinate *to be* conformed
to the image of his Son, that he might
be the firstborn among many brethren.
30 Moreover whom he did predes-
tinate, them he also called: and whom
he called, them he also justified: and
whom he justified, them he also glori-
fied.
31 What shall we then say to these
things? If God *be* for us, who *can be*
against us?
32 He that spared not his own Son,
but delivered him up for us all, how
shall he not with him also freely give
us all things?
33 Who shall lay any thing to the
charge of God's elect? *It is* God that
justifieth.
34 Who *is* he that condemneth? *It*
is Christ that died, yea rather, that is
risen again, who is even at the right
hand of God, who also maketh inter-
cession for us.
35 Who shall separate us from the
love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or dis-
tress, or persecution, or famine, or
nakedness, or peril, or sword?
36 As it is written, For thy sake we
are killed all the day long; we are ac-
counted as sheep for the slaughter.
37 Nay, in all these things we are
more than conquerors through him
that loved us.
38 For I am persuaded, that neither
death, nor life, nor angels, nor princi-
palities, nor powers, nor things pres-
ent, nor things to come,
39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any
other creature, shall be able to sepa-
rate us from the love of God, which is
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

CHAPTER 9

I SAY the truth in Christ, I lie not,
my conscience also bearing me wit-
ness in the Holy Ghost,
2 That I have great heaviness and
continual sorrow in my heart.
3 For I could wish that myself were
accursed from Christ for my brethren,
my kinsmen according to the flesh:
4 Who are Israelites; to whom *per-*
taineth the adoption, and the glory,
and the covenants, and the giving of
the law, and the service *of God*, and
the promises;
5 Whose *are* the fathers, and of
whom as concerning the flesh Christ
came, who is over all, God blessed for
ever. Amen.
6 Not as though the word of God
hath taken none effect. For they *are*
not all Israel, which are of Israel:
7 Neither, because they are the seed
of Abraham, *are they* all children: but,
In Isaac shall thy seed be called.
8 That is, They which are the chil-
dren of the flesh, these *are* not the chil-
dren of God: but the children of the
promise are counted for the seed.
9 For this *is* the word of promise,
At this time will I come, and Sarah
shall have a son.
10 And not only *this*; but when Re-
becca also had conceived by one, *even*
by our father Isaac;
11 (For *the children* being not yet
born, neither having done any good or
evil, that the purpose of God according

to election might stand, not of works,
but of him that calleth;)
12 It was said unto her, The elder
shall serve the younger.
13 As it is written, Jacob have I
loved, but Esau have I hated.
14 What shall we say then? *Is there*
unrighteousness with God? God forbid.
15 For he saith to Moses, I will have
mercy on whom I will have mercy, and
I will have compassion on whom I will
have compassion.
16 So then *it is* not of him that will-
eth, nor of him that runneth, but of
God that sheweth mercy.
17 For the scripture saith unto
Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose
have I raised thee up, that I might
shew my power in thee, and that my
name might be declared throughout
all the earth.
18 Therefore hath he mercy on
whom he will *have mercy*, and whom
he will he hardeneth.
19 Thou wilt say then unto me,
Why doth he yet find fault? For who
hath resisted his will?
20 Nay but, O man, who art thou
that repliest against God? Shall the
thing formed say to him that formed
it, Why hast thou made me thus?
21 Hath not the potter power over
the clay, of the same lump to make one
vessel unto honour, and another unto
dishonour?
22 *What* if God, willing to shew *his*
wrath, and to make his power known,
endured with much longsuffering the
vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:
23 And that he might make known
the riches of his glory on the vessels of
mercy, which he had afore prepared
unto glory,
24 Even us, whom he hath called,
not of the Jews only, but also of the
Gentiles?
25 As he saith also in O'-see, I will
call them my people, which were not
my people; and her beloved, which
was not beloved.
26 And it shall come to pass, *that* in
the place where it was said unto them,
Ye *are* not my people; there shall they
be called the children of the living
God.
27 E-sa'-ias also crieth concerning
Israel, Though the number of the chil-
dren of Israel be as the sand of the sea,
a remnant shall be saved:
28 For he will finish the work, and
cut *it* short in righteousness: because a
short work will the Lord make upon
the earth.
29 And as E-sa'-ias said before, Ex-
cept the Lord of Sab'-a-oth had left us
a seed, we had been as Sod'-o-ma, and
been made like unto Go-mor'-rha.
30 What shall we say then? That
the Gentiles, which followed not after
righteousness, have attained to right-
eousness, even the righteousness which
is of faith.
31 But Israel, which followed after
the law of righteousness, hath not at-
tained to the law of righteousness.
32 Wherefore? Because *they sought*
it not by faith, but as it were by the
works of the law. For they stumbled
at that stumblingstone;
33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in
Sion a stumblingstone and rock of of-
fence: and whosoever believeth on him
shall not be ashamed.

CHAPTER 10

BRETHREN, my heart's desire and
prayer to God for Israel is, that
they might be saved.
2 For I bear them record that they
have a zeal of God, but not according
to knowledge.
3 For they being ignorant of God's
righteousness, and going about to es-
tablish their own righteousness, have
not submitted themselves unto the
righteousness of God.
4 For Christ *is* the end of the law
for righteousness to every one that be-
lieveth.
5 For Moses describeth the right-
eousness which is of the law, That the
man which doeth those things shall
live by them.
6 But the righteousness which is of
faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in
thine heart, Who shall ascend into
heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down
from above:)
7 Or, Who shall descend into the
deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again
from the dead.)
8 But what saith it? The word is
nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in
thy heart: that is, the word of faith,
which we preach;
9 That if thou shalt confess with
thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt
believe in thine heart that God hath
raised him from the dead, thou shalt
be saved.
10 For with the heart man believeth
unto righteousness; and with the

mouth confession is made unto salva-
tion.
11 For the scripture saith, Whoso-
ever believeth on him shall not be
ashamed.
12 For there is no difference be-
tween the Jew and the Greek: for the
same Lord over all is rich unto all that
call upon him.
13 For whosoever shall call upon
the name of the Lord shall be saved.
14 How then shall they call on him
in whom they have not believed? and
how shall they believe in him of whom
they have not heard? and how shall
they hear without a preacher?
15 And how shall they preach, ex-
cept they be sent? as it is written,
How beautiful are the feet of them
that preach the gospel of peace, and
bring glad tidings of good things!
16 But they have not all obeyed the
gospel. For E-sa'-ias saith, Lord, who
hath believed our report?
17 So then faith *cometh* by hearing,
and hearing by the word of God.
18 But I say, Have they not heard?
Yes verily, their sound went into all
the earth, and their words unto the
ends of the world.
19 But I say, Did not Israel know?
First Moses saith, I will provoke you
to jealousy by *them that are* no people,
and by a foolish nation I will anger
you.
20 But E-sa'-ias is very bold, and
saith, I was found of them that sought
me not; I was made manifest unto
them that asked not after me.
21 But to Israel he saith, All day
long I have stretched forth my hands
unto a disobedient and gainsaying
people.

CHAPTER 11

I SAY then, Hath God cast away his
people? God forbid. For I also am
an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham,
of the tribe of Benjamin.
2 God hath not cast away his people
which he foreknew. Wot ye not what
the scripture saith of E-li'-as? how he
maketh intercession to God against
Israel, saying,
3 Lord, they have killed thy proph-
ets, and digged down thine altars; and
I am left alone, and they seek my life.
4 But what saith the answer of God
unto him? I have reserved to myself
seven thousand men, who have not
bowed the knee to *the image of* Ba'-al.
5 Even so then at this present time
also there is a remnant according to
the election of grace.
6 And if by grace, then *is it* no more
of works: otherwise grace is no more
grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no
more grace: otherwise work is no more
work.
7 What then? Israel hath not ob-
tained that which he seeketh for; but
the election hath obtained it, and the
rest were blinded
8 (According as it is written, God
hath given them the spirit of slumber,
eyes that they should not see, and ears
that they should not hear;) unto this
day.
9 And David saith, Let their table
be made a snare, and a trap, and a
stumblingblock, and a recompence un-
to them:
10 Let their eyes be darkened, that
they may not see, and bow down their
back alway.
11 I say then, Have they stumbled
that they should fall? God forbid: but
rather through their fall salvation *is*
come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke
them to jealousy.
12 Now if the fall of them *be* the
riches of the world, and the diminish-
ing of them the riches of the Gentiles;
how much more their fulness?
13 For I speak to you Gentiles, in-
asmuch as I am the apostle of the
Gentiles, I magnify mine office:
14 If by any means I may provoke
to emulation *them which are* my flesh,
and might save some of them.
15 For if the casting away of them
be the reconciling of the world, what
shall the receiving *of them be*, but life
from the dead?
16 For if the firstfruit *be* holy, the
lump *is* also *holy:* and if the root *be*
holy, so *are* the branches.
17 And if some of the branches be
broken off, and thou, being a wild olive
tree, wert graffed in among them, and
with them partakest of the root and
fatness of the olive tree;
18 Boast not against the branches.
But if thou boast, thou bearest not the
root, but the root thee.
19 Thou wilt say then, The branch-
es were broken off, that I might be
graffed in.
20 Well; because of unbelief they
were broken off, and thou standest by
faith. Be not highminded, but fear:
21 For if God spared not the natural

branches, *take heed* lest he also spare
not thee.
22 Behold therefore the goodness
and severity of God: on them which
fell, severity; but toward thee, good-
ness, if thou continue in *his* goodness:
otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.
23 And they also, if they abide not
still in unbelief, shall be graffed in: for
God is able to graff them in again.
24 For if thou wert cut out of the
olive tree which is wild by nature, and
wert graffed contrary to nature into a
good olive tree: how much more shall
these, which be the natural *branches*,
be graffed into their own olive tree?
25 For I would not, brethren, that
ye should be ignorant of this mystery,
lest ye should be wise in your own con-
ceits; that blindness in part is hap-
pened to Israel, until the fulness of the
Gentiles be come in.
26 And so all Israel shall be saved:
as it is written, There shall come out of
Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn
away ungodliness from Jacob:
27 For this *is* my covenant unto
them, when I shall take away their
sins.
28 As concerning the gospel, *they
are* enemies for your sakes: but as
touching the election, *they are* beloved
for the fathers' sakes.
29 For the gifts and calling of God
are without repentance.
30 For as ye in times past have not
believed God, yet have now obtained
mercy through their unbelief:
31 Even so have these also now not
believed, that through your mercy
they also may obtain mercy.
32 For God hath concluded them
all in unbelief, that he might have
mercy upon all.
33 O the depth of the riches both of
the wisdom and knowledge of God!
how unsearchable *are* his judgments,
and his ways past finding out!
34 For who hath known the mind
of the Lord? or who hath been his
counsellor?
35 Or who hath first given to him,
and it shall be recompensed unto him
again?
36 For of him, and through him,
and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be*
glory for ever. Amen.

CHAPTER 12

I BESEECH you therefore, breth-
ren, by the mercies of God, that ye
present your bodies a living sacrifice,
holy, acceptable unto God, *which is*
your reasonable service.
2 And be not conformed to this
world: but be ye transformed by the
renewing of your mind, that ye may
prove what *is* that good, and accept-
able, and perfect, will of God.
3 For I say, through the grace
given unto me, to every man that is
among you, not to think *of himself*
more highly than he ought to think;
but to think soberly, according as God
hath dealt to every man the measure
of faith.
4 For as we have many members in
one body, and all members have not
the same office:
5 So we, *being* many, are one body
in Christ, and every one members one
of another.
6 Having then gifts differing ac-
cording to the grace that is given to us,
whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* ac-
cording to the proportion of faith;
7 Or ministry, *let us wait* on *our*
ministering: or he that teacheth, on
teaching;
8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhorta-
tion: he that giveth, *let him do it* with
simplicity; he that ruleth, with dili-
gence; he that sheweth mercy, with
cheerfulness.
9 *Let* love be without dissimulation.
Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that
which is good.
10 *Be* kindly affectioned one to an-
other with brotherly love; in honour
preferring one another;
11 Not slothful in business; fervent
in spirit; serving the Lord;
12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in
tribulation; continuing instant in
prayer;
13 Distributing to the necessity of
saints; given to hospitality.
14 Bless them which persecute you:
bless, and curse not.
15 Rejoice with them that do
rejoice, and weep with them that
weep.
16 *Be* of the same mind one toward
another. Mind not high things, but
condescend to men of low estate. Be
not wise in your own conceits.
17 Recompense to no man evil for
evil. Provide things honest in the sight
of all men.
18 If it be possible, as much as lieth
in you, live peaceably with all men.
19 Dearly beloved, avenge not your-

selves, but *rather* give place unto wrath:
for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I
will repay, saith the Lord.
20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger,
feed him; if he thirst, give him drink:
for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of
fire on his head.
21 Be not overcome of evil, but
overcome evil with good.

CHAPTER 13

LET every soul be subject unto the
higher powers. For there is no
power but of God: the powers that be
are ordained of God.
2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the
power, resisteth the ordinance of God:
and they that resist shall receive to
themselves damnation.
3 For rulers are not a terror to good
works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then
not be afraid of the power? do that
which is good, and thou shalt have
praise of the same:
4 For he is the minister of God to
thee for good. But if thou do that
which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth
not the sword in vain: for he is the
minister of God, a revenger to *execute*
wrath upon him that doeth evil.
5 Wherefore *ye* must needs be sub-
ject, not only for wrath, but also for
conscience sake.
6 For for this cause pay ye tribute
also: for they are God's ministers, at-
tending continually upon this very
thing.
7 Render therefore to all their dues:
tribute to whom tribute *is due;* cus-
tom to whom custom; fear to whom
fear; honour to whom honour.
8 Owe no man any thing, but to
love one another: for he that loveth
another hath fulfilled the law.
9 For this, Thou shalt not commit
adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou
shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear
false witness, Thou shalt not covet;
and if *there be* any other command-
ment, it is briefly comprehended in
this saying, namely, Thou shalt love
thy neighbour as thyself.
10 Love worketh no ill to his neigh-
bour: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of
the law.
11 And that, knowing the time,
that now *it is* high time to awake out
of sleep: for now *is* our salvation nearer
than when we believed.
12 The night is far spent, the day is
at hand: let us therefore cast off the
works of darkness, and let us put on
the armour of light.
13 Let us walk honestly, as in the
day; not in rioting and drunkenness,
not in chambering and wantonness,
not in strife and envying.
14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus
Christ, and make not provision for the
flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof.*

CHAPTER 14

HIM that is weak in the faith re-
ceive ye, *but* not to doubtful dis-
putations.
2 For one believeth that he may eat
all things: another, who is weak, eateth
herbs.
3 Let not him that eateth despise
him that eateth not; and let not him
which eateth not judge him that eat-
eth: for God hath received him.
4 Who art thou that judgest anoth-
er man's servant? to his own master he
standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be
holden up: for God is able to make him
stand.
5 One man esteemeth one day
above another: another esteemeth
every day *alike.* Let every man be fully
persuaded in his own mind.
6 He that regardeth the day, re-
gardeth *it* unto the Lord; and he that
regardeth not the day, to the Lord he
doth not regard *it.* He that eateth,
eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God
thanks; and he that eateth not, to the
Lord he eateth not, and giveth God
thanks.
7 For none of us liveth to himself,
and no man dieth to himself.
8 For whether we live, we live unto
the Lord; and whether we die, we die
unto the Lord: whether we live there-
fore, or die, we are the Lord's.
9 For to this end Christ both died,
and rose, and revived, that he might
be Lord both of the dead and living.
10 But why dost thou judge thy
brother? or why dost thou set at
nought thy brother? for we shall all
stand before the judgment seat of
Christ.
11 For it is written, As I live, saith
the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.
12 So then every one of us shall give
account of himself to God.
13 Let us not therefore judge one
another any more: but judge this
rather, that no man put a stumbling-

block or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way.

14 I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that *there is* nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean.

15 But if thy brother be grieved with *thy* meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.

16 Let not then your good be evil spoken of:

17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

18 For he that in these things serveth Christ *is* acceptable to God, and approved of men.

19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

20 For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed *are* pure; but *it is* evil for that man who eateth with offence.

21 *It is* good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor *any thing* whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

22 Hast thou faith? have *it* to thyself before God. Happy *is* he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.

23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because *he eateth* not of faith: for whatsoever *is* not of faith is sin.

CHAPTER 15

WE then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

2 Let every one of us please *his* neighbour for *his* good to edification.

3 For even Christ pleased not himself: but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

5 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:

6 That ye may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

8 Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* unto the fathers:

9 And that the Gentiles might glorify God for *his* mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.

10 And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people.

11 And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people.

12 And again, E-sa'-ias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust.

13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

14 And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God,

16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

17 I have therefore whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God.

18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed,

19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Il-lyr'-i-cum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

20 Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:

21 But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.

22 For which cause also I h

been much hindered from coming to
you.
23 But now having no more place
in these parts, and having a great desire
these many years to come unto
you;
24 Whensoever I take my journey
into Spain, I will come to you: for I
trust to see you in my journey, and to
be brought on my way thitherward by
you, if first I be somewhat filled with
your *company*.
25 But now I go unto Jerusalem to
minister unto the saints.
26 For it hath pleased them of
Macedonia and A-cha'-ia to make a
certain contribution for the poor saints
which are at Jerusalem.
27 It hath pleased them verily; and
their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles
have been made partakers of their
spiritual things, their duty is also to
minister unto them in carnal things.
28 When therefore I have performed
this, and have sealed to them this
fruit, I will come by you into Spain.
29 And I am sure that, when I
come unto you, I shall come in the fulness
of the blessing of the gospel of
Christ.
30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for
the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for
the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together
with me in *your* prayers to God
for me;
31 That I may be delivered from
them that do not believe in Judæa;
and that my service which I *have* for
Jerusalem may be accepted of the
saints;
32 That I may come unto you with
joy by the will of God, and may with
you be refreshed.
33 Now the God of peace *be* with
you all. Amen.

CHAPTER 16

I COMMEND unto you Phebe our
sister, which is a servant of the
church which is at Cen'-chre-a:
2 That ye receive her in the Lord,
as becometh saints, and that ye assist
her in whatsoever business she hath
need of you: for she hath been a succourer
of many, and of myself also.
3 Greet Priscilla and Aq'-ui-la my
helpers in Christ Jesus:
4 Who have for my life laid down
their own necks: unto whom not only
I give thanks, but also all the churches
of the Gentiles.
5 Likewise *greet* the church that is
in their house. Salute my well beloved
E-pæn'-e-tus, who is the firstfruits of
A-cha'-ia unto Christ.
6 Greet Mary, who bestowed much
labour on us.
7 Salute An-dro-ni'-cus and Junia,
my kinsmen, and my fellowprisoners,
who are of note among the apostles,
who also were in Christ before me.
8 Greet Am'-pli-as my beloved in
the Lord.
9 Salute Ur'-bane, our helper in
Christ, and Sta'-chys my beloved.
10 Salute A-pel'-les approved in
Christ. Salute them which are of
A-ris-to-bu'-lus' *household*.
11 Salute He-ro'-di-on my kinsman.
Greet them that be of the *household* of
Nar-cis'-sus, which are in the Lord.
12 Salute Try-phe'-na and Try-pho'-sa,
who labour in the Lord. Salute the
beloved Persis, which laboured much
in the Lord.
13 Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord,
and his mother and mine.
14 Salute A-syn'-cri-tus, Phle'-gon,
Her'-mas, Pat'-ro-bas, Her'-mes, and
the brethren which are with them.
15 Salute Phi-lol'-o-gus, and Julia,
Ne'-re-us, and his sister, and O-lym'-pas,
and all the saints which are with
them.
16 Salute one another with an holy
kiss. The churches of Christ salute
you.
17 Now I beseech you, brethren,
mark them which cause divisions and
offences contrary to the doctrine
which ye have learned; and avoid
them.
18 For they that are such serve not
our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own
belly; and by good words and fair
speeches deceive the hearts of the
simple.
19 For your obedience is come
abroad unto all *men*. I am glad therefore
on your behalf: but yet I would
have you wise unto that which is good,
and simple concerning evil.
20 And the God of peace shall
bruise Satan under your feet shortly.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be*
with you. Amen.
21 Ti-mo'-the-us my workfellow,
and Lucius, and Jason, and So-sip'-a-ter,
my kinsmen, salute you.
22 I Ter'-tius, who wrote *this* epistle,
salute you in the Lord.
23 Gaius mine host, and of the

whole church, saluteth you. E-ras'-tus the chamberlain of the city saluteth you, and Quartus a brother.
24 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.
25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,
26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:
27 To God only wise, *be* glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

The First Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians

CHAPTER 1

PAUL, called *to be* an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sos'-the-nes *our* brother,
2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:
3 Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;
5 That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and *in* all knowledge;
6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:
7 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:
8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, *that ye may be* blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
9 God *is* faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.
11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them *which are of the house* of Chlo'-e, that there are contentions among you.
12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Ce'-phas; and I of Christ.
13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?
14 I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;
15 Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name.
16 And I baptized also the household of Steph'-a-nas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.
17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.
18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.
19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.
20 Where *is* the wise? where *is* the scribe? where *is* the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?
21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.
22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

23 But we preach Christ crucified,
unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and
unto the Greeks foolishness;
24 But unto them which are called,
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followers of me.
17 For this cause have I sent unto
you Ti-mo'-the-us, who is my beloved
son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall
bring you into remembrance of my
ways which be in Christ, as I teach
every where in every church.
18 Now some are puffed up, as
though I would not come to you.
19 But I will come to you shortly,
if the Lord will, and will know, not the
speech of them which are puffed up,
but the power.
20 For the kingdom of God *is* not
in word, but in power.
21 What will ye? shall I come unto
you with a rod, or in love, and *in* the
spirit of meekness?

CHAPTER 5

IT is reported commonly *that there is*
fornication among you, and such
fornication as is not so much as named
among the Gentiles, that one should
have his father's wife.
2 And ye are puffed up, and have
not rather mourned, that he that hath
done this deed might be taken away
from among you.
3 For I verily, as absent in body,
but present in spirit, have judged al-
ready, as though I were present, *con-
cerning* him that hath so done this
deed,
4 In the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ, when ye are gathered together,
and my spirit, with the power of our
Lord Jesus Christ,
5 To deliver such an one unto Satan
for the destruction of the flesh, that
the spirit may be saved in the day of
the Lord Jesus.
6 Your glorying *is* not good. Know
ye not that a little leaven leaveneth
the whole lump?
7 Purge out therefore the old leav-
en, that ye may be a new lump, as ye
are unleavened. For even Christ our
passover is sacrificed for us:
8 Therefore let us keep the feast,
not with old leaven, neither with the
leaven of malice and wickedness; but
with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity
and truth.
9 I wrote unto you in an epistle not
to company with fornicators:
10 Yet not altogether with the for-
nicators of this world, or with the
covetous, or extortioners, or with idol-
aters; for then must ye needs go out of
the world.
11 But now I have written unto you
not to keep company, if any man that
is called a brother be a fornicator, or
covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or
a drunkard, or an extortioner; with
such an one no not to eat.
12 For what have I to do to judge
them also that are without? do not ye
judge them that are within?
13 But them that are without God
judgeth. Therefore put away from
among yourselves that wicked person.

CHAPTER 6

DARE any of you, having a matter
against another, go to law before
the unjust, and not before the saints?
2 Do ye not know that the saints
shall judge the world? and if the world
shall be judged by you, are ye un-
worthy to judge the smallest matters?
3 Know ye not that we shall judge
angels? how much more things that
pertain to this life?
4 If then ye have judgments of
things pertaining to this life, set them
to judge who are least esteemed in the
church.
5 I speak to your shame. Is it so,
that there is not a wise man among
you? no, not one that shall be able to
judge between his brethren?
6 But brother goeth to law with
brother, and that before the unbe-
lievers.
7 Now therefore there is utterly a
fault among you, because ye go to law
one with another. Why do ye not
rather take wrong? why do ye not
rather *suffer yourselves to* be de-
frauded?
8 Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud,
and that *your* brethren.
9 Know ye not that the unrighteous
shall not inherit the kingdom of God?
Be not deceived: neither fornicators,
nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor ef-
feminate, nor abusers of themselves
with mankind,
10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor
drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortion-
ers, shall inherit the kingdom of God.
11 And such were some of you: but
ye are washed, but ye are sanctified,
but ye are justified in the name of the
Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our
God.
12 All things are lawful unto me,
but all things are not expedient: all

things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body *is* not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.

14 And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make *them* the members of an harlot? God forbid.

16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

CHAPTER 7

NOW concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: *It is* good for a man not to touch a woman.

2 Nevertheless, *to avoid* fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.

5 Defraud ye not one the other, except *it be* with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

6 But I speak this by permission, *and* not of commandment.

7 For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.

8 I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I.

9 But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.

10 And unto the married I command, *yet* not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from *her* husband:

11 But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to *her* husband: and let not the husband put away *his* wife.

12 But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away.

13 And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.

14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

15 But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such *cases:* but God hath called us to peace.

16 For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save *thy* husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save *thy* wife?

17 But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches.

18 Is any man called being circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised. Is any called in uncircumcision? let him not be circumcised.

19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God.

20 Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.

21 Art thou called *being* a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use *it* rather.

22 For he that is called in the Lord, *being* a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, *being* free, is Christ's servant.

23 Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.

24 Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.

25 Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I

give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful.

26 I suppose therefore that *this is* good for the present distress, *I say*, that *it is* good for a man so to be.

27 Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife.

28 But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you.

29 But this I say, brethren, the time *is* short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none;

30 And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not;

31 And they that use this world, as not abusing *it*: for the fashion of this world passeth away.

32 But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:

33 But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please *his* wife.

34 There is difference *also* between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please *her* husband.

35 And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction.

36 But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of *her* age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them marry.

37 Nevertheless he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin, doeth well.

38 So then he that giveth *her* in marriage doeth well; but he that giveth *her* not in marriage doeth better.

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3 But if any man love God, th
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Father, of whom *are* all things, and w
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11 And through thy knowledg
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12 But when ye sin so against th
brethren, and wound their weak con
science, ye sin against Christ.

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brother to offend, I will eat no flesh
while the world standeth, lest I make
my brother to offend.

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AM I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord?

2 If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord.

3 Mine answer to them that do examine me is this,

4 Have we not power to eat and to drink?

5 Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and *as* the brethren of the Lord, and Ce'-phas?

6 Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working?

7 Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?

8 Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also?

9 For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?

10 Or saith he *it* altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, *this* is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.

11 If we have sown unto you spiritual things, *is it* a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?

12 If others be partakers of *this* power over you, *are* not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.

13 Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live *of the things* of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?

14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

15 But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for *it were* better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.

16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation *of the gospel* is committed unto me.

18 What is my reward then? *Verily* that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.

19 For though I be free from all *men,* yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.

20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.

22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all *men,* that I might by all means save some.

23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with *you.*

24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

27 But I keep under my body, and bring *it* into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

CHAPTER 10

MOREOVER, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;

4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

7 Neither be ye idolaters, as *were* some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

15 I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say.

16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

17 For we *being* many are one bread, *and* one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

18 Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar?

19 What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing?

20 But *I say*, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

22 Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?

23 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

24 Let no man seek his own, but every man another's *wealth*.

25 Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, *that* eat, asking no question for conscience sake:

26 For the earth *is* the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.

27 If any of them that believe not bid you *to a feast*, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake.

28 But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth *is* the Lord's, and the fulness thereof:

29 Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another *man's* conscience?

30 For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks?

31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:

33 Even as I please all *men* in all *things*, not seeking mine own profit, but the *profit* of many, that they may be saved.

CHAPTER 11

BE ye followers of me, even as I also *am* of Christ.

2 Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered *them* to you.

3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman *is* the man; and the head of Christ *is* God.

4 Every man praying or prophesying, having *his* head covered, dishonoureth his head.

5 But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with *her* head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.

6 For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a

shame for a woman to be shorn or
shaven, let her be covered.
7 For a man indeed ought not to
cover *his* head, forasmuch as he is the
image and glory of God: but the wom-
an is the glory of the man.
8 For the man is not of the woman;
but the woman of the man.
9 Neither was the man created for
the woman; but the woman for the
man.
10 For this cause ought the woman
to have power on *her* head because of
the angels.
11 Nevertheless neither is the man
without the woman, neither the wom-
an without the man, in the Lord.
12 For as the woman *is* of the man,
even so *is* the man also by the woman;
but all things of God.
13 Judge in yourselves: is it comely
that a woman pray unto God uncov-
ered?
14 Doth not even nature itself
teach you, that, if a man have long
hair, it is a shame unto him?
15 But if a woman have long hair,
it is a glory to her: for *her* hair is given
her for a covering.
16 But if any man seem to be con-
tentious, we have no such custom,
neither the churches of God.
17 Now in this that I declare *unto
you* I praise *you* not, that ye come to-
gether not for the better, but for the
worse.
18 For first of all, when ye come to-
gether in the church, I hear that there
be divisions among you; and I partly
believe it.
19 For there must be also heresies
among you, that they which are ap-
proved may be made manifest among
you.
20 When ye come together there-
fore into one place, *this* is not to eat
the Lord's supper.
21 For in eating every one taketh
before *other* his own supper: and one is
hungry, and another is drunken.
22 What? have ye not houses to eat
and to drink in? or despise ye the
church of God, and shame them that
have not? What shall I say to you?
shall I praise you in this? I praise *you*
not.
23 For I have received of the Lord
that which also I delivered unto you,
That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in
which he was betrayed took bread:
24 And when he had given thanks,
he brake *it*, and said, Take, eat: this is
my body, which is broken for you: this
do in remembrance of me.
25 After the same manner also *he
took* the cup, when he had supped, say-
ing, This cup is the new testament in
my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink
it, in remembrance of me.
26 For as often as ye eat this bread,
and drink this cup, ye do shew the
Lord's death till he come.
27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat
this bread, and drink *this* cup of the
Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of
the body and blood of the Lord.
28 But let a man examine himself,
and so let him eat of *that* bread, and
drink of *that* cup.
29 For he that eateth and drinketh
unworthily, eateth and drinketh dam-
nation to himself, not discerning the
Lord's body.
30 For this cause many *are* weak
and sickly among you, and many
sleep.
31 For if we would judge ourselves,
we should not be judged.
32 But when we are judged, we are
chastened of the Lord, that we should
not be condemned with the world.
33 Wherefore, my brethren, when
ye come together to eat, tarry one for
another.
34 And if any man hunger, let him
eat at home; that ye come not together
unto condemnation. And the rest will
I set in order when I come.

CHAPTER 12

NOW concerning spiritual *gifts*,
brethren, I would not have you
ignorant.
2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles,
carried away unto these dumb idols,
even as ye were led.
3 Wherefore I give you to under-
stand, that no man speaking by the
Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed:
and *that* no man can say that Jesus is
the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.
4 Now there are diversities of gifts,
but the same Spirit.
5 And there are differences of ad-
ministrations, but the same Lord.
6 And there are diversities of opera-
tions, but it is the same God which
worketh all in all.
7 But the manifestation of the Spir-
it is given to every man to profit
withal.
8 For to one is given by the Spirit

the word of wisdom; to another the
word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
9 To another faith by the same
Spirit; to another the gifts of healing
by the same Spirit;
10 To another the working of mir-
acles; to another prophecy; to another
discerning of spirits; to another *divers*
kinds of tongues; to another the inter-
pretation of tongues:
11 But all these worketh that one
and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to
every man severally as he will.
12 For as the body is one, and hath
many members, and all the members
of that one body, being many, are one
body: so also *is* Christ.
13 For by one Spirit are we all bap-
tized into one body, whether *we be*
Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond
or free; and have been all made to
drink into one Spirit.
14 For the body is not one member,
but many.
15 If the foot shall say, Because I
am not the hand, I am not of the body;
is it therefore not of the body?
16 And if the ear shall say, Because
I am not the eye, I am not of the body;
is it therefore not of the body?
17 If the whole body *were* an eye,
where *were* the hearing? If the whole
were hearing, where *were* the smelling?
18 But now hath God set the mem-
bers every one of them in the body, as
it hath pleased him.
19 And if they were all one member,
where *were* the body?
20 But now *are they* many members,
yet but one body.
21 And the eye cannot say unto the
hand, I have no need of thee: nor
again the head to the feet, I have no
need of you.
22 Nay, much more those members
of the body, which seem to be more
feeble, are necessary:
23 And those *members* of the body,
which we think to be less honourable,
upon these we bestow more abundant
honour; and our uncomely *parts* have
more abundant comeliness.
24 For our comely *parts* have no
need: but God hath tempered the body
together, having given more abundant
honour to that *part* which lacked:
25 That there should be no schism
in the body; but *that* the members
should have the same care one for an-
other.
26 And whether one member suffer,
all the members suffer with it; or one
member be honoured, all the members
rejoice with it.
27 Now ye are the body of Christ,
and members in particular.
28 And God hath set some in the
church, first apostles, secondarily
prophets, thirdly teachers, after that
miracles, then gifts of healings, helps,
governments, diversities of tongues.
29 *Are* all apostles? *are* all prophets?
are all teachers? *are* all workers of
miracles?
30 Have all the gifts of healing? do
all speak with tongues? do all inter-
pret?
31 But covet earnestly the best
gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more
excellent way.

CHAPTER 13

THOUGH I speak with the tongues
of men and of angels, and have not
charity, I am become *as* sounding
brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
2 And though I have *the gift of*
prophecy, and understand all mys-
teries, and all knowledge; and though
I have all faith, so that I could remove
mountains, and have not charity, I
am nothing.
3 And though I bestow all my goods
to feed *the poor*, and though I give my
body to be burned, and have not char-
ity, it profiteth me nothing.
4 Charity suffereth long, *and* is
kind; charity envieth not; charity
vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
5 Doth not behave itself unseemly,
seeketh not her own, is not easily pro-
voked, thinketh no evil;
6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but re-
joiceth in the truth;
7 Beareth all things, believeth all
things, hopeth all things, endureth all
things.
8 Charity never faileth: but whether
there be prophecies, they shall fail;
whether *there be* tongues, they shall
cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it
shall vanish away.
9 For we know in part, and we
prophesy in part.
10 But when that which is perfect
is come, then that which is in part
shall be done away.
11 When I was a child, I spake as a
child, I understood as a child, I
thought as a child: but when I became
a man, I put away childish things.
12 For now we see through a glass,

darkly; but then face to face: now I
know in part; but then shall I know
even as also I am known.
13 And now abideth faith, hope,
charity, these three; but the greatest
of these *is* charity.

CHAPTER 14

FOLLOW after charity, and desire
spiritual *gifts*, but rather that ye
may prophesy.
2 For he that speaketh in an *un-
known* tongue speaketh not unto men,
but unto God: for no man understand-
eth *him;* howbeit in the spirit he speak-
eth mysteries.
3 But he that prophesieth speaketh
unto men *to* edification, and exhorta-
tion, and comfort.
4 He that speaketh in an *unknown*
tongue edifieth himself; but he that
prophesieth edifieth the church.
5 I would that ye all spake with
tongues, but rather that ye prophesied:
for greater *is* he that prophesieth than
he that speaketh with tongues, except
he interpret, that the church may re-
ceive edifying.
6 Now, brethren, if I come unto you
speaking with tongues, what shall I
profit you, except I shall speak to you
either by revelation, or by knowledge,
or by prophesying, or by doctrine?
7 And even things without life giv-
ing sound, whether pipe or harp, ex-
cept they give a distinction in the
sounds, how shall it be known what is
piped or harped?
8 For if the trumpet give an uncer-
tain sound, who shall prepare himself
to the battle?
9 So likewise ye, except ye utter by
the tongue words easy to be under-
stood, how shall it be known what is
spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.
10 There are, it may be, so many
kinds of voices in the world, and none
of them *is* without signification.
11 Therefore if I know not the
meaning of the voice, I shall be unto
him that speaketh a barbarian, and he
that speaketh *shall be* a barbarian unto
me.
12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are
zealous of spiritual *gifts*, seek that ye
may excel to the edifying of the
church.
13 Wherefore let him that speaketh
in an *unknown* tongue pray that he
may interpret.
14 For if I pray in an *unknown*
tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my un-
derstanding is unfruitful.
15 What is it then? I will pray with
the spirit, and I will pray with the un-
derstanding also: I will sing with the
spirit, and I will sing with the under-
standing also.
16 Else when thou shalt bless with
the spirit, how shall he that occupieth
the room of the unlearned say Amen
at thy giving of thanks, seeing he un-
derstandeth not what thou sayest?
17 For thou verily givest thanks
well, but the other is not edified.
18 I thank my God, I speak with
tongues more than ye all:
19 Yet in the church I had rather
speak five words with my understand-
ing, that *by my voice* I might teach
others also, than ten thousand words
in an *unknown* tongue.
20 Brethren, be not children in un-
derstanding: howbeit in malice be ye
children, but in understanding be men.
21 In the law it is written, With
men of other tongues and other lips
will I speak unto this people; and yet
for all that will they not hear me,
saith the Lord.
22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign,
not to them that believe, but to them
that believe not: but prophesying *ser-
veth* not for them that believe not, but
for them which believe.
23 If therefore the whole church be
come together into one place, and all
speak with tongues, and there come in
those that are unlearned, or unbeliev-
ers, will they not say that ye are mad?
24 But if all prophesy, and there
come in one that believeth not, or *one*
unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is
judged of all:
25 And thus are the secrets of his
heart made manifest; and so falling
down on *his* face he will worship God,
and report that God is in you of a
truth.
26 How is it then, brethren? when
ye come together, every one of you
hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a
tongue, hath a revelation, hath an in-
terpretation. Let all things be done
unto edifying.
27 If any man speak in an *unknown*
tongue, *let it be* by two, or at the most
by three, and *that* by course; and let
one interpret.
28 But if there be no interpreter,
let him keep silence in the church; and
let him speak to himself, and to God.

29 Let the prophets speak two or
three, and let the other judge.
30 If *any thing* be revealed to an-
other that sitteth by, let the first hold
his peace.
31 For ye may all prophesy one by
one, that all may learn, and all may
be comforted.
32 And the spirits of the prophets
are subject to the prophets.
33 For God is not *the author* of con-
fusion, but of peace, as in all churches
of the saints.
34 Let your women keep silence in
the churches: for it is not permitted
unto them to speak; but *they are com-
manded* to be under obedience, as also
saith the law.
35 And if they will learn any thing,
let them ask their husbands at home:
for it is a shame for women to speak
in the church.
36 What? came the word of God out
from you? or came it unto you only?
37 If any man think himself to be
a prophet, or spiritual, let him ac-
knowledge that the things that I write
unto you are the commandments of
the Lord.
38 But if any man be ignorant, let
him be ignorant.
39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to
prophesy, and forbid not to speak with
tongues.
40 Let all things be done decently
and in order.

CHAPTER 15

1 MOREOVER, brethren, I declare
unto you the gospel which I
preached unto you, which also ye have
received, and wherein ye stand;
2 By which also ye are saved, if ye
keep in memory what I preached unto
you, unless ye have believed in vain.
3 For I delivered unto you first of
all that which I also received, how
that Christ died for our sins according
to the scriptures;
4 And that he was buried, and that
he rose again the third day according
to the scriptures:
5 And that he was seen of Ce´-phas,
then of the twelve:
6 After that, he was seen of above
five hundred brethren at once; of
whom the greater part remain unto
this present, but some are fallen
asleep.
7 After that, he was seen of James;
then of all the apostles.
8 And last of all he was seen of me
also, as of one born out of due time.
9 For I am the least of the apostles,
that am not meet to be called an apos-
tle, because I persecuted the church of
God.
10 But by the grace of God I am
what I am: and his grace which *was
bestowed* upon me was not in vain; but
I laboured more abundantly than they
all: yet not I, but the grace of God
which was with me.
11 Therefore whether *it were* I or
they, so we preach, and so ye believed.
12 Now if Christ be preached that
he rose from the dead, how say some
among you that there is no resurrec-
tion of the dead?
13 But if there be no resurrection of
the dead, then is Christ not risen:
14 And if Christ be not risen, then
is our preaching vain, and your faith
is also vain.
15 Yea, and we are found false wit-
nesses of God; because we have testi-
fied of God that he raised up Christ:
whom he raised not up, if so be that
the dead rise not.
16 For if the dead rise not, then is
not Christ raised:
17 And if Christ be not raised, your
faith *is* vain; ye are yet in your
sins.
18 Then they also which are fallen
asleep in Christ are perished.
19 If in this life only we have hope
in Christ, we are of all men most mis-
erable.
20 But now is Christ risen from the
dead, *and* become the firstfruits of
them that slept.
21 For since by man *came* death, by
man *came* also the resurrection of the
dead.
22 For as in Adam all die, even so
in Christ shall all be made alive.
23 But every man in his own order:
Christ the firstfruits; afterward they
that are Christ's at his coming.
24 Then *cometh* the end, when he
shall have delivered up the kingdom
to God, even the Father; when he shall
have put down all rule and all author-
ity and power.
25 For he must reign, till he hath
put all enemies under his feet.
26 The last enemy *that* shall be de-
stroyed *is* death.
27 For he hath put all things under
his feet. But when he saith all things
are put under *him, it is* manifest that

he is excepted, which did put all
things under him.
28 And when all things shall be sub-
dued unto him, then shall the Son also
himself be subject unto him that put
all things under him, that God may be
all in all.
29 Else what shall they do which
are baptized for the dead, if the dead
rise not at all? why are they then bap-
tized for the dead?
30 And why stand we in jeopardy
every hour?
31 I protest by your rejoicing which
I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die
daily.
32 If after the manner of men I
have fought with beasts at Eph´-e-sus,
what advantageth it me, if the dead
rise not? let us eat and drink; for to
morrow we die.
33 Be not deceived: evil communi-
cations corrupt good manners.
34 Awake to righteousness, and sin
not; for some have not the knowledge
of God: I speak *this* to your shame.
35 But some *man* will say, How are
the dead raised up? and with what
body do they come?
36 *Thou* fool, that which thou sow-
est is not quickened, except it die:
37 And that which thou sowest,
thou sowest not that body that shall
be, but bare grain, it may chance of
wheat, or of some other *grain:*
38 But God giveth it a body as it
hath pleased him, and to every seed
his own body.
39 All flesh *is* not the same flesh:
but *there is* one *kind of* flesh of men,
another flesh of beasts, another of
fishes, *and* another of birds.
40 *There are* also celestial bodies,
and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of
the celestial *is* one, and the *glory* of the
terrestrial *is* another.
41 *There is* one glory of the sun, and
another glory of the moon, and an-
other glory of the stars: for *one* star
differeth from *another* star in glory.
42 So also *is* the resurrection of the
dead. It is sown in corruption; it is
raised in incorruption:
43 It is sown in dishonour; it is
raised in glory: it is sown in weakness;
it is raised in power:
44 It is sown a natural body; it is
raised a spiritual body. There is a
natural body, and there is a spiritual
body.
45 And so it is written, The first
man Adam was made a living soul; the
last Adam *was made* a quickening
spirit.
46 Howbeit that *was* not first which
is spiritual, but that which is natural;
and afterward that which is spiritual.
47 The first man *is* of the earth,
earthy: the second man *is* the Lord
from heaven.
48 As *is* the earthy, such *are* they
also that are earthy: and as *is* the
heavenly, such *are* they also that are
heavenly.
49 And as we have borne the image
of the earthy, we shall also bear the
image of the heavenly.
50 Now this I say, brethren, that
flesh and blood cannot inherit the
kingdom of God; neither doth corrup-
tion inherit incorruption.
51 Behold, I shew you a mystery;
We shall not all sleep, but we shall all
be changed,
52 In a moment, in the twinkling of
an eye, at the last trump: for the
trumpet shall sound, and the dead
shall be raised incorruptible, and we
shall be changed.
53 For this corruptible must put on
incorruption, and this mortal *must* put
on immortality.
54 So when this corruptible shall
have put on incorruption, and this
mortal shall have put on immortality,
then shall be brought to pass the say-
ing that is written, Death is swallowed
up in victory.
55 O death, where *is* thy sting? O
grave, where *is* thy victory?
56 The sting of death *is* sin; and the
strength of sin *is* the law.
57 But thanks *be* to God, which giv-
eth us the victory through our Lord
Jesus Christ.
58 Therefore, my beloved brethren,
be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always
abounding in the work of the Lord,
forasmuch as ye know that your la-
bour is not in vain in the Lord.

CHAPTER 16

NOW concerning the collection for
the saints, as I have given order
to the churches of Ga-la´-tia, even so
do ye.
2 Upon the first *day* of the week *let*
every one of you lay by him in *store*,
as *God* hath prospered him, *that there*
be no gatherings when I come.
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16 For which cause we faint not;
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17 For our light affliction, which is
but for a moment, worketh for us a far
more exceeding *and* eternal weight of
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FOR we know that if our earthly
house of *this* tabernacle were dis-
solved, we have a building of God, an
house not made with hands, eternal in
the heavens.
2 For in this we groan, earnestly de-
siring to be clothed upon with our
house which is from heaven:
3 If so be that being clothed we
shall not be found naked.
4 For we that are in *this* tabernacle
do groan, being burdened: not for that
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6 Therefore *we are* always confident,
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one died for all, then were all dead:
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have known Christ after the flesh, yet
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Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things
are passed away; behold, all things are
become new.
18 And all things *are* of God, who
hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus
Christ, and hath given to us the min-
istry of reconciliation;
19 To wit, that God was in Christ,
reconciling the world unto himself, not
imputing their trespasses unto them;
and hath committed unto us the word
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20 Now then we are ambassadors
for Christ, as though God did beseech
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21 For he hath made him *to be* sin
for us, who knew no sin; that we might
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WE then, *as* workers together
with him, beseech *you* also that
ye receive not the grace of God in
vain.
2 (For he saith, I have heard thee
in a time accepted, and in the day of
salvation have I succoured thee: be-
hold, now *is* the accepted time; behold,
now *is* the day of salvation.)

3 Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:

4 But in all *things* approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

5 In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;

6 By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

8 By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and *yet* true;

9 As unknown, and *yet* well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed;

10 As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and *yet* possessing all things.

11 O *ye* Co-rinth'-i-ans, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged.

12 Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels.

13 Now for a recompence in the same, (I speak as unto *my* children,) be ye also enlarged.

14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

15 And what concord hath Christ with Be'-li-al? or what part hath he *that believeth with an infidel?*

16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them;* and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing;* and I will receive you,

18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

CHAPTER 7

HAVING therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 Receive us; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man.

3 I speak not *this* to condemn *you:* for I have said before, that ye are in our hearts to die and live with *you.*

4 Great *is* my boldness of speech toward you, great *is* my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.

5 For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without *were* fightings, within *were* fears.

6 Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus;

7 And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.

8 For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though *it were* but for a season.

9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, *what* clearing of yourselves, yea, *what* indignation, yea, *what* fear, yea, *what* vehement desire, yea, *what* zeal, yea, *what* revenge! In all *things* ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

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13 Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all.

14 For if I have boasted any thing to him of you, I am not ashamed; but as we spake all things to you in truth, even so our boasting, which I *made* before Titus, is found a truth.

15 And his inward affection is more
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how with fear and trembling ye received him.
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2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and
their deep poverty abounded unto the
riches of their liberality.
3 For to *their* power, I bear record,
yea, and beyond *their* power *they were*
willing of themselves;
4 Praying us with much intreaty
that we would receive the gift, and
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5 And *this they did*, not as we hoped,
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6 Insomuch that we desired Titus,
that as he had begun, so he would also
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7 Therefore, as ye abound in every
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Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich,
yet for your sakes he became poor,
that ye through his poverty might be
rich.
10 And herein I give *my* advice: for
this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to
be forward a year ago.
11 Now therefore perform the doing
of it; that as *there was* a readiness to
will, so *there may be* a performance
also out of that which ye have.
12 For if there be first a willing
mind, *it is* accepted according to that
a man hath, *and* not according to that
he hath not.
13 For *I mean* not that other men
be eased, and ye burdened:
14 But by an equality, *that* now at
this time your abundance *may be a
supply* for their want, that their abundance also may be *a supply* for your
want: that there may be equality:
15 As it is written, He that *had
gathered* much had nothing over; and
he that *had gathered* little had no lack.
16 But thanks *be* to God, which put
the same earnest care into the heart of
Titus for you.
17 For indeed he accepted the exhortation; but being more forward, of
his own accord he went unto you.
18 And we have sent with him the
brother, whose praise *is* in the gospel
throughout all the churches;
19 And not *that* only, but who was
also chosen of the churches to travel
with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the
same Lord, and *declaration of* your
ready mind:
20 Avoiding this, that no man
should blame us in this abundance
which is administered by us:
21 Providing for honest things, not
only in the sight of the Lord, but also
in the sight of men.
22 And we have sent with them our
brother, whom we have oftentimes
proved diligent in many things, but
now much more diligent, upon the
great confidence which *I have* in
you.
23 Whether *any do enquire* of Titus,
he is my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren *be enquired of, they are* the messengers of the
churches, *and* the glory of Christ.
24 Wherefore shew ye to them, and
before the churches, *the* proof of your
love, and of our boasting on your behalf.

CHAPTER 9

FOR as touching the ministering to
the saints, it is superfluous for me
to write to you:
2 For I know the forwardness of
your mind, for which I boast of you to
them of Macedonia, that A-cha'-ia was
ready a year ago; and your zeal hath
provoked very many.
3 Yet have I sent the brethren, lest
our boasting of you should be in vain
in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may
be ready:
4 Lest haply if they of Macedonia
come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should
be ashamed in this same confident
boasting.
5 Therefore I thought it necessary

to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as *a matter of* bounty, and not as *of* covetousness.

6 But this *I say,* He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give;* not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

8 And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things,* may abound to every good work:

9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.

10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for *your* food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

11 Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

12 For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;

13 Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal distribution unto them, and unto all *men;*

14 And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.

15 Thanks *be* unto God for his unspeakable gift.

CHAPTER 10

NOW I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence *am* base among you, but being absent am bold toward you:

2 But I beseech *you,* that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 *Casting* down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

7 Do ye look on things after the *outward appearance? If any man trust* to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he *is* Christ's, even so *are* we Christ's.

8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:

9 That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters.

10 For *his* letters, say they, *are* weighty and powerful; but *his* bodily presence *is* weak, and *his* speech contemptible.

11 Let such an one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such *will we be* also in deed when we are present.

12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

13 But we will not boast of things without *our* measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.

14 For we stretch not ourselves beyond *our measure,* as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in *preaching* the gospel of Christ:

15 Not boasting of things without *our* measure, *that is,* of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly,

16 To preach the gospel in the *regions* beyond you, *and* not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand.

17 But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

18 For not he *that* commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.

CHAPTER 11

WOULD to God ye could bear
with me a little in *my* folly: and
indeed bear with me.
2 For I am jealous over you with
godly jealousy: for I have espoused
you to one husband, that I may pre-
sent *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ.
3 But I fear, lest by any means, as
the serpent beguiled Eve through his
subtilty, so your minds should be cor-
rupted from the simplicity that is in
Christ.
4 For if he that cometh preacheth
another Jesus, whom we have not
preached, or *if* ye receive another
spirit, which ye have not received, or
another gospel, which ye have not
accepted, ye might well bear with
him.
5 For I suppose I was not a whit
behind the very chiefest apostles.
6 But though *I be* rude in speech,
yet not in knowledge; but we have
been throughly made manifest among
you in all things.
7 Have I committed an offence in
abasing myself that ye might be exalt-
ed, because I have preached to you the
gospel of God freely?
8 I robbed other churches, taking
wages *of them*, to do you service.
9 And when I was present with you,
and wanted, I was chargeable to no
man: for that which was lacking to
me the brethren which came from Mace-
donia supplied: and in all *things* I have
kept myself from being burdensome
unto you, and *so* will I keep *myself*.
10 As the truth of Christ is in me,
no man shall stop me of this boasting
in the regions of A-cha'-ia.
11 Wherefore? because I love you
not? God knoweth.
12 But what I do, that I will do,
that I may cut off occasion from them
which desire occasion; that wherein
they glory, they may be found even as
we.
13 For such *are* false apostles, de-
ceitful workers, transforming them-
selves into the apostles of Christ.
14 And no marvel; for Satan him-
self is transformed into an angel of
light.
15 Therefore *it is* no great thing if
his ministers also be transformed as
the ministers of righteousness; whose
end shall be according to their works.
16 I say again, Let no man think
me a fool; if otherwise, yet as a fool
receive me, that I may boast myself
a little.
17 That which I speak, I speak *it*
not after the Lord, but as it were fool-
ishly, in this confidence of boasting.
18 Seeing that many glory after the
flesh, I will glory also.
19 For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing
ye *yourselves* are wise.
20 For ye suffer, if a man bring you
into bondage, if a man devour *you*,
if a man take *of you*, if a man exalt
himself, if a man smite you on the
face.
21 I speak as concerning reproach,
as though we had been weak. Howbeit
whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak
foolishly,) I am bold also.
22 Are they Hebrews? so *am* I. Are
they Israelites? so *am* I. Are they the
seed of Abraham? so *am* I.
23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I
speak as a fool) I *am* more; in labours
more abundant, in stripes above meas-
ure, in prisons more frequent, in
deaths oft.
24 Of the Jews five times received
I forty *stripes* save one.
25 Thrice was I beaten with rods,
once was I stoned, thrice I suffered
shipwreck, a night and a day I have
been in the deep;
26 *In* journeyings often, *in* perils of
waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils by
mine own countrymen, *in* perils by the
heathen, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils
in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea,
in perils among false brethren;
27 In weariness and painfulness, in
watchings often, in hunger and thirst,
in fastings often, in cold and naked-
ness.
28 Beside those *things* that are
without, that which cometh upon me
daily, the care of all the churches.
29 Who is weak, and I am not
weak? who is offended, and I burn not?
30 If I must needs glory, I will
glory of the things which concern
mine infirmities.
31 The God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, which is blessed for ever-
more, knoweth that I lie not.
32 In Damascus the governor under
Ar'-e-tas the king kept the city of the
Dam'-as-cenes with a garrison, desir-
ous to apprehend me:
33 And through a window in a
basket was I let down by the wall, and
escaped his hands.

CHAPTER 12

IT is not expedient for me doubtless
to glory. I will come to visions and
revelations of the Lord.
2 I knew a man in Christ above
fourteen years ago, (whether in the
body, I cannot tell; or whether out of
the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)
such an one caught up to the third
heaven.
3 And I knew such a man, (whether
in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)
4 How that he was caught up into
paradise, and heard unspeakable
words, which it is not lawful for a man
to utter.
5 Of such an one will I glory: yet of
myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.
6 For though I would desire to
glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will
say the truth: but *now* I forbear, lest
any man should think of me above
that which he seeth me *to be*, or *that*
he heareth of me.
7 And lest I should be exalted
above measure through the abundance
of the revelations, there was given to
me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger
of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be
exalted above measure.
8 For this thing I besought the
Lord thrice, that it might depart from
me.
9 And he said unto me, My grace is
sufficient for thee: for my strength is
made perfect in weakness. Most gladly
therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may
rest upon me.
10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities,
in persecutions, in distresses for
Christ's sake: for when I am weak,
then am I strong.
11 I am become a fool in glorying;
ye have compelled me: for I ought to
have been commended of you: for in
nothing am I behind the very chiefest
apostles, though I be nothing.
12 Truly the signs of an apostle
were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and
mighty deeds.
13 For what is it wherein ye were
inferior to other churches, except *it be*
that I myself was not burdensome to
you? forgive me this wrong.
14 Behold, the third time I am
ready to come to you; and I will not
be burdensome to you: for I seek not
yours, but you: for the children ought
not to lay up for the parents, but the
parents for the children.
15 And I will very gladly spend and
be spent for you; though the more
abundantly I love you, the less I be
loved.
16 But be *it so*, I *did not* burden
you: nevertheless, being crafty, I
caught you with guile.
17 Did I make a gain of you by any
of them whom I sent unto you?
18 I desired Titus, and with *him* I
sent a brother. Did Titus make a gain
of you? walked we not in the same
spirit? *walked we* not in the same
steps?
19 Again, think ye that we excuse
ourselves unto you? we speak before
God in Christ: but *we do* all things,
dearly beloved, for your edifying.
20 For I fear, lest when I come, I
shall not find you such as I would, and
that I shall be found unto you such as
ye would not: lest *there be* debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings,
whisperings, swellings, tumults:
21 *And* lest, when I come again, my
God will humble me among you, and
that I shall bewail many which have
sinned already, and have not repented
of the uncleanness and fornication and
lasciviousness which they have committed.

CHAPTER 13

THIS *is* the third *time* I am coming
to you. In the mouth of two or
three witnesses shall every word be
established.
2 I told you before, and foretell you,
as if I were present, the second time;
and being absent now I write to them
which heretofore have sinned, and to
all other, that, if I come again, I will
not spare:
3 Since ye seek a proof of Christ
speaking in me, which to you-ward is
not weak, but is mighty in you.
4 For though he was crucified
through weakness, yet he liveth by the
power of God. For we also are weak in
him, but we shall live with him by the
power of God toward you.
5 Examine yourselves, whether ye
be in the faith; prove your own selves.
Know ye not your own selves, how
that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye
be reprobates?

6 But I trust that ye shall know
that we are not reprobates.
7 Now I pray to God that ye do no
evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that
which is honest, though we be as reprobates.
8 For we can do nothing against the
truth, but for the truth.
9 For we are glad, when we are
weak, and ye are strong: and this also
we wish, *even* your perfection.
10 Therefore I write these things
being absent, lest being present I
should use sharpness, according to the
power which the Lord hath given me
to edification, and not to destruction.
11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be
perfect, be of good comfort, be of one
mind, live in peace; and the God of
love and peace shall be with you.
12 Greet one another with an holy
kiss.
13 All the saints salute you.
14 The grace of the Lord Jesus
Christ, and the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Ghost, *be* with
you all. Amen.

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Galatians

CHAPTER 1

PAUL, an apostle, (not of men,
neither by man, but by Jesus
Christ, and God the Father, who
raised him from the dead;)
2 And all the brethren which are
with me, unto the churches of Ga-la'-tia:
3 Grace *be* to you and peace from
God the Father, and *from* our Lord
Jesus Christ,
4 Who gave himself for our sins,
that he might deliver us from this
present evil world, according to the
will of God and our Father:
5 To whom *be* glory for ever and
ever. Amen.
6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into
the grace of Christ unto another gospel:
7 Which is not another; but there
be some that trouble you, and would
pervert the gospel of Christ.
8 But though we, or an angel from
heaven, preach any other gospel unto
you than that which we have preached
unto you, let him be accursed.
9 As we said before, so say I now
again, if any *man* preach any other
gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.
10 For do I now persuade men, or
God? or do I seek to please men? for if
I yet pleased men, I should not be the
servant of Christ.
11 But I certify you, brethren, that
the gospel which was preached of me
is not after man.
12 For I neither received it of man,
neither was I taught *it*, but by the
revelation of Jesus Christ.
13 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted
it:
14 And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine
own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my
fathers.
15 But when it pleased God, who
separated me from my mother's womb,
and called *me* by his grace,
16 To reveal his Son in me, that I
might preach him among the heathen;
immediately I conferred not with flesh
and blood:
17 Neither went I up to Jerusalem
to them which were apostles before
me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.
18 Then after three years I went up
to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode
with him fifteen days.
19 But other of the apostles saw I
none, save James the Lord's brother.
20 Now the things which I write
unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.
21 Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Ci-li'-cia;
22 And was unknown by face unto

nes of Judæa which were in
they had heard only, That
persecuted us in times past
cheth the faith which once he
d.
nd they glorified God in me.

CHAPTER 2

N fourteen years after I went
again to Jerusalem with Barna-
nd took Titus with *me* also.
nd I went up by revelation, and
unicated unto them that gospel
n I preach among the Gentiles,
privately to them which were of
tation, lest by any means I should
or had run, in vain.
But neither Titus, who was with
being a Greek, was compelled to be
cumcised:
4 And that because of false brethren
awares brought in, who came in
ivily to spy out our liberty which we
ave in Christ Jesus, that they might
ring us into bondage:
5 To whom we gave place by sub-
jection, no, not for an hour; that the
truth of the gospel might continue
with you.
6 But of these who seemed to be
somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it
maketh no matter to me: God accept-
eth no man's person:) for they who
seemed *to be somewhat* in conference
added nothing to me:
7 But contrariwise, when they saw
that the gospel of the uncircumcision
was committed unto me, as *the gospel*
of the circumcision *was* unto Peter;
8 (For he that wrought effectually
in Peter to the apostleship of the cir-
cumcision, the same was mighty in me
toward the Gentiles:)
9 And when James, Ce'-phas, and
John, who seemed to be pillars, per-
ceived the grace that was given unto
me, they gave to me and Barnabas the
right hands of fellowship; that we
should go unto the heathen, and they
unto the circumcision.
10 Only *they would* that we should
remember the poor; the same which I
also was forward to do.
11 But when Peter was come to
Antioch, I withstood him to the face,
because he was to be blamed.
12 For before that certain came
from James, he did eat with the Gen-
tiles: but when they were come, he
withdrew and separated himself, fear-
ing them which were of the circum-
cision.
13 And the other Jews dissembled
likewise with him; insomuch that Bar-
nabas also was carried away with
their dissimulation.
14 But when I saw that they walked
not uprightly according to the truth
of the gospel, I said unto Peter before
them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest
after the manner of Gentiles, and not
as do the Jews, why compellest thou
the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?
15 We *who are* Jews by nature, and
not sinners of the Gentiles,
16 Knowing that a man is not justi-
fied by the works of the law, but by
the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have
believed in Jesus Christ, that we might
be justified by the faith of Christ, and
not by the works of the law: for by the
works of the law shall no flesh be justi-
fied.
17 But if, while we seek to be justi-
fied by Christ, we ourselves also ar
found sinners, *is* therefore Christ th
minister of sin? God forbid.
18 For if I build again the thin
which I destroyed, I make myself
transgressor.
19 For I through the law am de
to the law, that I might live unto G
20 I am crucified with Christ: nev-
ertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ
liveth in me: and the life which I now
live in the flesh I live by the faith of
the Son of God, who loved me, and
gave himself for me.
21 I do not frustrate the grace of
God: for if righteousness *come* by the
law, then Christ is dead in vain.

CHAPTER 3

O FOOLISH Ga-la'-tians, who hath
bewitched you, that ye should
not obey the truth, before whose eyes
Jesus Christ hath been evidently set
forth, crucified among you?
2 This only would I learn of you,
Received ye the Spirit by the works of
the law, or by the hearing of faith?
3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in
the Spirit, are ye now made perfect b
the flesh?
4 Have ye suffered so many thin
in vain? if *it be* yet in vain.
5 He therefore that ministereth
you the Spirit, and worketh mirac
among you, *doeth he it* by the work
the law, or by the hearing of faith
6 Even as Abraham believed G

thren, I beseech you, be as I
am as ye *are*: ye have not in-
at all.
know how through infirmity
esh I preached the gospel unto
he first.
nd my temptation which was
flesh ye despised not, nor re-
but received me as an angel of
ven as Christ Jesus.
Where is then the blessedness ye
of? for I bear you record, that,
ad been possible, ye would have
ed out your own eyes, and have
n them to me.
Am I therefore become your ene-
because I tell you the truth?
7 They zealously affect you, *but*
well; yea, they would exclude you,
t ye might affect them.
18 But *it is* good to be zealously af-
cted always in *a* good *thing*, and not
ly when I am present with you.
19 My little children, of whom I
ravail in birth again until Christ be
ormed in you,
20 I desire to be present with you
now, and to change my voice; for I
stand in doubt of you.
21 Tell me, ye that desire to be un-
der the law, do ye not hear the law?
22 For it is written, that Abraham
had two sons, the one by a bondmaid,
the other by a freewoman.
23 But he *who was* of the bond-
woman was born after the flesh; but
he of the freewoman *was* by promise.
24 Which things are an allegory:
for these are the two covenants; the
one from the mount Si′nai, which gen-
dereth to bondage, which is A′gar.
25 For this A′gar is mount Si′nai in
Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem
which now is, and is in bondage with
her children.
26 But Jerusalem which is above is
free, which is the mother of us all.
27 For it is written, Rejoice, *thou*
barren that bearest not; break forth
and cry, thou that travailest not: for
the desolate hath many more children
than she which hath an husband.
28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was,
are the children of promise.
29 But as then he that was born
after the flesh persecuted him *that was*
born after the Spirit, even so *it is*
now.
30 Nevertheless what saith the
scripture? Cast out the bondwoman
and her son: for the son of the bond-
woman shall not be heir with the
of the freewoman.
31 So then, brethren, we are not
children of the bondwoman, but of the
free.

CHAPTER 5

STAND fast therefore in the liberty
wherewith Christ hath made us
free, and be not entangled again with
the yoke of bondage.
2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that
if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit
you nothing.
3 For I testify again to every man
that is circumcised, that he is a debtor
to do the whole law.
4 Christ is become of no effect unto
you, whosoever of you are justified by
the law; ye are fallen from grace.
5 For we through the Spirit wait
for the hope of righteousness by faith.
6 For in Jesus Christ neither cir-
cumcision availeth any thing, nor un-
circumcision; but faith which worketh
by love.
7 Ye did run well; who did hinder
you that ye should not obey the truth?
8 This persuasion *cometh* not of him
that calleth you.
9 A little leaven leaveneth the
whole lump.
10 I have confidence in you throug
the Lord, that ye will be none othe
wise minded: but he that troubleth
you shall bear his judgment, whoso-
ever he be.
11 And I, brethren, if I yet preach
circumcision, why do I yet suffer per-
secution? then is the offence of the
cross ceased.
12 I would they were even cut off
which trouble you.
13 For, brethren, ye have been
called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty
for an occasion to the flesh, but by love
serve one another.
14 For all the law is fulfilled in one
word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy
neighbour as thyself.
15 But if ye bite and devour one
another, take heed that ye be not con
sumed one of another.
16 *This* I say then, Walk in th
Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lu
of the flesh.
17 For the flesh lusteth against t
Spirit, and the Spirit against the fle
and these are contrary the one to
other: so that ye cannot do the thi
that ye would.

18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

CHAPTER 6

BRETHREN, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

5 For every man shall bear his own burden.

6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

11 Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand.

12 As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

13 For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace *be* on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

17 From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the
Ephesians

CHAPTER 1

PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Eph'-e-sus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace *be* to you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:

4 According as he hath chosen us in

ore the foundation of the
hat we should be holy and
blame before him in love:
ving predestinated us unto the
n of children by Jesus Christ to
, according to the good pleasure
will,
o the praise of the glory of his
wherein he hath made us ac-
d in the beloved.
in whom we have redemption
ugh his blood, the forgiveness of
according to the riches of his
e;
Wherein he hath abounded to-
d us in all wisdom and prudence;
) Having made known unto us the
ystery of his will, according to his
od pleasure which he hath purposed
himself:
10 That in the dispensation of the
ulness of times he might gather to-
gether in one all things in Christ, both
which are in heaven, and which are on
earth; *even* in him:
11 In whom also we have obtained
an inheritance, being predestinated ac-
cording to the purpose of him who
worketh all things after the counsel of
his own will:
12 That we should be to the praise
of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.
13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after
that ye heard the word of truth, the
gospel of your salvation: in whom also
after that ye believed, ye were sealed
with that holy Spirit of promise,
14 Which is the earnest of our in-
heritance until the redemption of the
purchased possession, unto the praise
of his glory.
15 Wherefore I also, after I heard
of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and
love unto all the saints,
16 Cease not to give thanks for you,
making mention of you in my prayers;
17 That the God of our Lord Jesus
Christ, the Father of glory, may give
unto you the spirit of wisdom and
revelation in the knowledge of him:
18 The eyes of your understanding
being enlightened; that ye may know
what is the hope of his calling, and
what the riches of the glory of his in-
heritance in the saints,
19 And what *is* the exceeding great-
ness of his power to us-ward who be-
lieve, according to the working of his
mighty power,
20 Which he wrought in Christ,
when he raised him from the dead, and
set *him* at his own right hand in the
heavenly *places*,
21 Far above all principality, and
power, and might, and dominion, and
every name that is named, not only in
this world, but also in that which is to
come:
22 And hath put all *things* under his
feet, and gave him *to be* the head over
all *things* to the church,
23 Which is his body, the fulness of
him that filleth all in all.

CHAPTER 2

AND you *hath he quickened*, who
were dead in trespasses and sins;
2 Wherein in time past ye walked
according to the course of this world,
according to the prince of the power of
the air, the spirit that now worketh in
the children of disobedience:
3 Among whom also we all had our
conversation in times past in the lusts
of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the
flesh and of the mind; and were by
nature the children of wrath, even as
others.
4 But God, who is rich in mercy,
for his great love wherewith he loved
us,
5 Even when we were dead in sins,
hath quickened us together with
Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
6 And hath raised *us* up together,
and made *us* sit together in heavenly
places in Christ Jesus:
7 That in the ages to come he might
shew the exceeding riches of his grace
in *his* kindness toward us through
Christ Jesus.
8 For by grace are ye saved through
faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is*
the gift of God:
9 Not of works, lest any man should
boast.
10 For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus unto goo
works, which God hath before or
dained that we should walk in them.
11 Wherefore remember, that y
being in time past Gentiles in the fles
who are called Uncircumcision by th
which is called the Circumcision in t
flesh made by hands;
12 That at that time ye were w
out Christ, being aliens from the c
monwealth of Israel, and stran
from the covenants of promise, ha
no hope, and without God in
world:
13 But now in Christ Jesus y

sometimes were far off are made nigh
by the blood of Christ.
14 For he is our peace, who hath
made both one, and hath broken down
the middle wall of partition *between us;*
15 Having abolished in his flesh the
enmity, *even* the law of command-
ments *contained* in ordinances; for to
make in himself of twain one new man,
so making peace;
16 And that he might reconcile both
unto God in one body by the cross,
having slain the enmity thereby:
17 And came and preached peace to
you which were afar off, and to them
that were nigh.
18 For through him we both have
access by one Spirit unto the Father.
19 Now therefore ye are no more
strangers and foreigners, but fellow-
citizens with the saints, and of the
household of God;
20 And are built upon the founda-
tion of the apostles and prophets, Je-
sus Christ himself being the chief cor-
ner *stone;*
21 In whom all the building fitly
framed together groweth unto an holy
temple in the Lord:
22 In whom ye also are builded to-
gether for an habitation of God
through the Spirit.

CHAPTER 3

FOR this cause I Paul, the prisoner
of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,
2 If ye have heard of the dispensa-
tion of the grace of God which is given
me to you-ward:
3 How that by revelation he made
known unto me the mystery; (as I
wrote afore in few words,
4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may
understand my knowledge in the mys-
tery of Christ)
5 Which in other ages was not made
known unto the sons of men, as it is
now revealed unto his holy apostles
and prophets by the Spirit;
6 That the Gentiles should be fel-
lowheirs, and of the same body, and
partakers of his promise in Christ by
the gospel:
7 Whereof I was made a minister,
according to the gift of the grace of
God given unto me by the effectual
working of his power.
8 Unto me, who am less than the
least of all saints, is this grace given,
that I should preach among the Gen-
tiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;
9 And to make all *men* see what *is*
the fellowship of the mystery, which
from the beginning of the world hath
been hid in God, who created all things
by Jesus Christ:
10 To the intent that now unto the
principalities and powers in heavenly
places might be known by the church
the manifold wisdom of God,
11 According to the eternal purpose
which he purposed in Christ Jesus our
Lord:
12 In whom we have boldness and
access with confidence by the faith of
him.
13 Wherefore I desire that ye faint
not at my tribulations for you, which
is your glory.
14 For this cause I bow my knees
unto the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ,
15 Of whom the whole family in
heaven and earth is named,
16 That he would grant you, ac-
cording to the riches of his glory, to be
strengthened with might by his Spirit
in the inner man;
17 That Christ may dwell in your
hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted
and grounded in love,
18 May be able to comprehend with
all saints what *is* the breadth, and
length, and depth, and height;
19 And to know the love of Christ,
which passeth knowledge, that ye
might be filled with all the fulness of
God.
20 Now unto him that is able to do
exceeding abundantly above all that
we ask or think, according to the
power that worketh in us,
21 Unto him *be* glory in the church
by Christ Jesus throughout all ages,
world without end. Amen.

CHAPTER 4

I THEREFORE, the prisoner of the
Lord, beseech you that ye walk
worthy of the vocation wherewith ye
are called,
2 With all lowliness and meekness,
with longsuffering, forbearing one an-
other in love;
3 Endeavouring to keep the unity
of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
4 *There is* one body, and one Spirit,
even as ye are called in one hope of
your calling;
5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
6 One God and Father of all, who *is*

o withstand in the evil day, and
g done all, to stand.
Stand therefore, having your
girt about with truth, and having
he breastplate of righteousness;
5 And your feet shod with the
paration of the gospel of peace;
6 Above all, taking the shield of
th, wherewith ye shall be able to
ench all the fiery darts of the
cked.
17 And take the helmet of salva-
on, and the sword of the Spirit, which
s the word of God:
18 Praying always with all prayer
and supplication in the Spirit, and
watching thereunto with all persever-
ance and supplication for all saints;
19 And for me, that utterance may
be given unto me, that I may open my
mouth boldly, to make known the
mystery of the gospel,
20 For which I am an ambassador
in bonds: that therein I may speak
boldly, as I ought to speak.
21 But that ye also may know my
affairs, *and* how I do, Tych'-i-cus, a be-
loved brother and faithful minister in
the Lord, shall make known to you all
things:
22 Whom I have sent unto you for
the same purpose, that ye might know
our affairs, and *that* he might comfort
your hearts.
23 Peace *be* to the brethren, and
love with faith, from God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.
24 Grace *be* with all them that love
our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.
Amen.

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Philippians

CHAPTER 1

PAUL and Ti-mo'-the-us, the ser-
vants of Jesus Christ, to all the
saints in Christ Jesus which are
at Phi-lip'-pi, with the bishops and
deacons:
2 Grace *be* unto you, and peace,
from God our Father, and *from* the
Lord Jesus Christ.
3 I thank my God upon every re-
membrance of you,
4 Always in every prayer of mine
for you all making request with joy,
5 For your fellowship in the gospel
from the first day until now;
6 Being confident of this very thing,
that he which hath begun a good work
in you will perform *it* until the day of
Jesus Christ:
7 Even as it is meet for me to think
this of you all, because I have you in
my heart; inasmuch as both in my
bonds, and in the defence and con-
firmation of the gospel, ye all are par-
takers of my grace.
8 For God is my record, how greatly
I long after you all in the bowels of
Jesus Christ.
9 And this I pray, that your love
may abound yet more and more in
knowledge and *in* all judgment;
10 That ye may approve things that
are excellent; that ye may be sincere
and without offence till the day of
Christ;
11 Being filled with the fruits of
righteousness, which are by Jesus
Christ, unto the glory and praise of
God.
12 But I would ye should under-
stand, brethren, that the things *which*
happened unto me have fallen out
rather unto the furtherance of the gos-
pel;
13 So that my bonds in Christ ar
manifest in all the palace, and in a
other *places*;
14 And many of the brethren in t
Lord, waxing confident by my bon
are much more bold to speak the w
without fear.
15 Some indeed preach Christ e
of envy and strife; and some als
good will:
16 The one preach Christ of
tention, not sincerely, supposin
add affliction to my bonds:
17 But the other of love, kn
that I am set for the defence
gospel.
18 What then? notwithsta
every way, whether in prete
in truth, Christ is preached;

therein do rejoice, yea, and will re-
joice.
19 For I know that this shall turn
to my salvation through your prayer,
and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus
Christ,
20 According to my earnest expec-
tation and *my* hope, that in nothing I
shall be ashamed, but *that* with all
boldness, as always, *so* now also Christ
shall be magnified in my body, wheth-
er *it be* by life, or by death.
21 For to me to live *is* Christ, and
to die *is* gain.
22 But if I live in the flesh, *this is*
the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall
choose I wot not.
23 For I am in a strait betwixt two,
having a desire to depart, and to be
with Christ; which is far better:
24 Nevertheless to abide in the flesh
is more needful for you.
25 And having this confidence, I
know that I shall abide and continue
with you all for your furtherance and
joy of faith;
26 That your rejoicing may be more
abundant in Jesus Christ for me by
my coming to you again.
27 Only let your conversation be as
it becometh the gospel of Christ: that
whether I come and see you, or else be
absent, I may hear of your affairs,
that ye stand fast in one spirit, with
one mind striving together for the
faith of the gospel;
28 And in nothing terrified by your
adversaries: which is to them an evi-
dent token of perdition, but to you of
salvation, and that of God.
29 For unto you it is given in
the behalf of Christ, not only to be-
lieve on him, but also to suffer for his
sake;
30 Having the same conflict which
ye saw in me, and now hear *to be* in
me.

CHAPTER 2

IF *there be* therefore any consolation
in Christ, if any comfort of love, if
any fellowship of the Spirit, if any
bowels and mercies,
2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-
minded, having the same love, *being* of
one accord, of one mind.
3 *Let* nothing *be done* through strife
or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind
let each esteem other better than
themselves.
4 Look not every man on his own
things, but every man also on the
things of others.
5 Let this mind be in you, which
was also in Christ Jesus:
6 Who, being in the form of God,
thought it not robbery to be equal
with God:
7 But made himself of no reputa-
tion, and took upon him the form of a
servant, and was made in the likeness
of men:
8 And being found in fashion as a
man, he humbled himself, and became
obedient unto death, even the death of
the cross.
9 Wherefore God also hath highly
exalted him, and given him a name
which is above every name:
10 That at the name of Jesus every
knee should bow, of *things* in heaven,
and *things* in earth, and *things* under
the earth;
11 And *that* every tongue should
confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to
the glory of God the Father.
12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye
have always obeyed, not as in my
presence only, but now much more in
my absence, work out your own salva-
tion with fear and trembling.
13 For it is God which worketh in
you both to will and to do of *his* good
pleasure.
14 Do all things without murmur-
ings and disputings:
15 That ye may be blameless and
harmless, the sons of God, without re-
buke, in the midst of a crooked and
perverse nation, among whom ye shine
as lights in the world;
16 Holding forth the word of life;
that I may rejoice in the day of Christ,
that I have not run in vain, neither
laboured in vain.
17 Yea, and if I be offered upon the
sacrifice and service of your faith, I
joy, and rejoice with you all.
18 For the same cause also do ye
joy, and rejoice with me.
19 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to
send Ti-mo'-the-us shortly unto you,
that I also may be of good comfort,
when I know your state.
20 For I have no man likeminded,
who will naturally care for your state.
21 For all seek their own, not the
things which are Jesus Christ's.
22 But ye know the proof of him,
that, as a son with the father, he hath
served with me in the gospel.
23 Him therefore I hope to send

presently, so soon as I shall see how *it*
will go with me.
24 But I trust in the Lord that I
also myself shall come shortly.
25 Yet I supposed it necessary to
send to you E-paph-ro-di'-tus, my
brother, and companion in labour, and
fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and
he that ministered to my wants.
26 For *he longed after* you all, and
was full of heaviness, because that ye
had heard that he had been sick.
27 For indeed he was sick nigh unto
death: but God had mercy on him; and
not on him only, but on me *also*, *lest* I
should have sorrow upon sorrow.
28 I sent him therefore the more
carefully, *that*, when ye *see him again*,
ye may rejoice, and that I may be the
less sorrowful.
29 Receive him therefore in the
Lord with all gladness; and hold such
in reputation:
30 Because for the work of Christ
he was nigh unto death, not regarding
his life, to supply your lack of service
toward me.

CHAPTER 3

FINALLY, my brethren, rejoice in
the Lord. To write the same things
to you, to me indeed *is* not grievous,
but for you *it is* safe.
2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil
workers, beware of the concision.
3 For we are the circumcision,
which worship God in the spirit, and
rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no
confidence in the flesh.
4 Though I might also have con-
fidence in the flesh. If any other man
thinketh that he hath whereof he might
trust in the flesh, I more:
5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the
stock of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benja-
min, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as
touching the law, a Pharisee;
6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the
church; touching the righteousness
which is in the law, blameless.
7 But what things were gain to me,
those I counted loss for Christ.
8 Yea doubtless, and I count all
things *but* loss for the excellency of the
knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord:
for whom I have suffered the loss of all
things, and do count them *but* dung,
that I may win Christ,
9 And be found in him, not having
mine own righteousness, which is of
the law, but that which is through the
faith of Christ, the righteousness which
is of God by faith:
10 That I may know him, and the
power of his resurrection, and the fel-
lowship of his sufferings, being made
conformable unto his death;
11 If by any means I might attain
unto the resurrection of the dead.
12 Not as though I had already at-
tained, either were already perfect: but
I follow after, if that I may apprehend
that for which also I am apprehended
of Christ Jesus.
13 Brethren, I count not myself to
have apprehended: but *this* one thing
I do, forgetting those things which are
behind, and reaching forth unto those
things which are before,
14 I press toward the mark for the
prize of the high calling of God in
Christ Jesus.
15 Let us therefore, as many as be
perfect, be thus minded: and if in any
thing ye be otherwise minded, God
shall reveal even this unto you.
16 Nevertheless, whereto we have
already attained, let us walk by the
same rule, let us mind the same thing.
17 Brethren, be followers *together*
of me, and mark them which walk so
as ye have us for an ensample.
18 (For many walk, of whom I have
told you often, and now tell you even
weeping, *that they are* the enemies of
the cross of Christ:
19 Whose end *is* destruction, whose
God *is their* belly, and *whose* glory *is*
in their shame, who mind earthly
things.)
20 For our conversation is in heav-
en; from whence also we look for the
Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:
21 Who shall change our vile body,
that it may be fashioned like unto his
glorious body, according to the work-
ing whereby he is able even to subdue
all things unto himself.

CHAPTER 4

THEREFORE, my brethren dearly
beloved and longed for, my joy and
crown, so stand fast in the Lord, *my*
dearly beloved.
2 I beseech Eu-o'-di-as, and beseech
Syn'-ty-che, that they be of the same
mind in the Lord.
3 And I intreat thee also, true yoke-
fellow, help those women which la-
boured with me in the gospel, with
Clement also, and *with* other my fel-

lowlabourers, whose names *are* in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: *and* again I say, Rejoice.

5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord *is* at hand.

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.

11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content.

12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

14 Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction.

15 Now ye Phi-lip′-pi-ans know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.

16 For even in Thes-sa-lo-ni′-ca ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.

18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of E-paph-ro-di′-tus the things *which were sent* from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

20 Now unto God and our Father *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

21 Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet you.

22 All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Cæsar's household.

23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Colossians

CHAPTER 1

PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Ti-mo′-the-us *our* brother,

2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Co-los′-se: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love *which ye have* to all the saints,

5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

6 Which is come unto you, as *it is* in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as *it doth* also in you, since the day ye heard *of it*, and knew the grace of God in truth:

7 As ye also learned of Ep′-a-phras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;

8 Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray

for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

19 For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell;

20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven.

21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight:

23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

25 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

26 *Even* the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

27 To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

CHAPTER 2

FOR I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and *for* them at La-od-i-ce'-a, and *for* as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

5 For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ.

6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so* walk ye in him:

7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

10 And ye are complete in him,

which is the head of all principality
and power:
11 In whom also ye are circumcised
with the circumcision made without
hands, in putting off the body of the
sins of the flesh by the circumcision of
Christ:
12 Buried with him in baptism,
wherein also ye are risen with *him*
through the faith of the operation of
God, who hath raised him from the
dead.
13 And you, being dead in your sins
and the uncircumcision of your flesh,
hath he quickened together with him,
having forgiven you all trespasses;
14 Blotting out the handwriting of
ordinances that was against us, which
was contrary to us, and took it out of
the way, nailing it to his cross;
15 *And* having spoiled principalities
and powers, he made a shew of them
openly, triumphing over them in it.
16 Let no man therefore judge you
in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an
holyday, or of the new moon, or of the
sabbath *days:*
17 Which are a shadow of things to
come; but the body *is* of Christ.
18 Let no man beguile you of your
reward in a voluntary humility and
worshipping of angels, intruding into
those things which he hath not seen,
vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,
19 And not holding the Head, from
which all the body by joints and bands
having nourishment ministered, and
knit together, increaseth with the in-
crease of God.
20 Wherefore if ye be dead with
Christ from the rudiments of the
world, why, as though living in the
world, are ye subject to ordinances,
21 (Touch not; taste not; handle
not;
22 Which all are to perish with the
using;) after the commandments and
doctrines of men?
23 Which things have indeed a
shew of wisdom in will worship, and
humility, and neglecting of the body;
not in any honour to the satisfying of
the flesh.

CHAPTER 3

IF ye then be risen with Christ, seek
those things which are above, where
Christ sitteth on the right hand of
God.
2 Set your affection on things
above, not on things on the earth.
3 For ye are dead, and your life is
hid with Christ in God.
4 When Christ, *who is* our life, shall
appear, then shall ye also appear with
him in glory.
5 Mortify therefore your members
which are upon the earth; fornication,
uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil
concupiscence, and covetousness,
which is idolatry:
6 For which things' sake the wrath
of God cometh on the children of dis-
obedience:
7 In the which ye also walked some
time, when ye lived in them.
8 But now ye also put off all these;
anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy,
filthy communication out of your
mouth.
9 Lie not one to another, seeing
that ye have put off the old man with
his deeds;
10 And have put on the new *man*,
which is renewed in knowledge after
the image of him that created him:
11 Where there is neither Greek nor
Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision,
Barbarian, Scyth'-i-an, bond *nor* free:
but Christ *is* all, and in all.
12 Put on therefore, as the elect of
God, holy and beloved, bowels of mer-
cies, kindness, humbleness of mind,
meekness, longsuffering;
13 Forbearing one another, and for-
giving one another, if any man have a
quarrel against any: even as Christ for-
gave you, so also *do* ye.
14 And above all these things *put on*
charity, which is the bond of perfect-
ness.
15 And let the peace of God rule in
your hearts, to the which also ye are
called in one body; and be ye thank-
ful.
16 Let the word of Christ dwell in
you richly in all wisdom; teaching and
admonishing one another in psalms
and hymns and spiritual songs, singing
with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
17 And whatsoever ye do in word or
deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord
Jesus, giving thanks to God and the
Father by him.
18 Wives, submit yourselves unto
your own husbands, as it is fit in the
Lord.
19 Husbands, love *your* wives, and
be not bitter against them.
20 Children, obey *your* parents in
all things: for this is well pleasing unto
the Lord.

21 Fathers, provoke not your chil-
dren *to anger*, lest they be discouraged.
22 Servants, obey in all things *your*
masters according to the flesh; not
with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but
in singleness of heart, fearing God:
23 And whatsoever ye do, do *it* heart-
ily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;
24 Knowing that of the Lord ye
shall receive the reward of the inherit-
ance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.
25 But he that doeth wrong shall
receive for the wrong which he hath
done: and there is no respect of per-
sons.

CHAPTER 4

MASTERS, give unto *your* ser-
vants that which is just and
equal; knowing that ye also have a
Master in heaven.
2 Continue in prayer, and watch in
the same with thanksgiving;
3 Withal praying also for us, that
God would open unto us a door of ut-
terance, to speak the mystery of
Christ, for which I am also in bonds:
4 That I may make it manifest, as
I ought to speak.
5 Walk in wisdom toward them
that are without, redeeming the time.
6 Let your speech *be* alway with
grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may
know how ye ought to answer every
man.
7 All my state shall Tych'-i-cus de-
clare unto you, *who is* a beloved broth-
er, and a faithful minister and fellow-
servant in the Lord:
8 Whom I have sent unto you for
the same purpose, that he might know
your estate, and [illegible]
9 With O-nes'-i-mus, a faithful and
beloved brother, who is *one* of you.
They shall make known unto you all
things which *are done* here.
10 Ar-is-tar'-chus my fellowprisoner
saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son
to Barnabas, (touching whom ye re-
ceived commandments: if he come un-
to you, receive him;)
11 And Jesus, which is called Jus-
tus, who are of the circumcision. These
only *are my* fellowworkers unto the
kingdom of God, which have been a
comfort unto me.
12 Ep'-a-phras, who is *one* of you, a
servant of Christ, saluteth you, al-
ways labouring fervently for you in
prayers, that ye may stand perfect and
complete in all the will of God.
13 For I bear him record, that he
hath a great zeal for you, and them
that are in La-od-i-ce'-a, and them in
Hi-e-rap'-o-lis.
14 Luke, the beloved physician, and
Demas, greet you.
15 Salute the brethren which are in
La-od-i-ce'-a, and Nym'-phas, and the
church which is in his house.
16 And when this epistle is read
among you, cause that it be read also
in the church of the La-od-i-ce'-ans
and that ye likewise read the *epistl*
from La-od-i-ce'-a.
17 And say to Ar-chip'-pus, Tak
heed to the ministry which thou has
received in the Lord, that thou fulf
it.
18 The salutation by the hand
me Paul. Remember my bonds. Gra
be with you. Amen.

The First Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Thessalonians

CHAPTER 1

PAUL, and Sil-va'-nus, and Ti-mo'-
the-us, unto the church of the
Thes-sa-lo'-ni-ans *which is* in God
the Father and *in* the Lord Jesus
Christ: Grace *be* unto you, and p
from God our Father, and the
Jesus Christ.
2 We give thanks to God alwa
you all, making mention of you i
prayers;

3 Remembering without ceasing
your work of faith, and labour of love,
and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus
Christ, in the sight of God and our
Father;
4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your
election of God.
5 For our gospel came not unto you
in word only, but also in power, and in
the Holy Ghost, and in much assur-
ance; as ye know what manner of men
we were among you for your sake.
6 And ye became followers of us,
and of the Lord, having received the
word in much affliction, with joy of the
Holy Ghost:
7 So that ye were ensamples to all
that believe in Macedonia and A-cha'-
ia.
8 For from you sounded out the
word of the Lord not only in Macedo-
nia and A-cha'-ia, but also in every
place your faith to God-ward is spread
abroad; so that we need not to speak
any thing.
9 For they themselves shew of us
what manner of entering in we had
unto you, and how ye turned to God
from idols to serve the living and true
God;
10 And to wait for his Son from
heaven, whom he raised from the dead,
even Jesus, which delivered us from the
wrath to come.

CHAPTER 2

FOR yourselves, brethren, know our
entrance in unto you, that it was
not in vain:
2 But even after that we had suf-
fered before, and were shamefully en-
treated, as ye know, at Phi-lip'-pi, we
were bold in our God to speak unto
you the gospel of God with much con-
tention.
3 For our exhortation *was* not of de-
ceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:
4 But as we were allowed of God to
be put in trust with the gospel, even
so we speak; not as pleasing men, but
God, which trieth our hearts.
5 For neither at any time used we
flattering words, as ye know, nor a
cloak of covetousness; God *is* witness:
6 Nor of men sought we glory, nei-
ther of you, nor *yet* of others, when we
might have been burdensome, as the
apostles of Christ.
7 But we were gentle among you,
even as a nurse cherisheth her chil-
dren:
8 So being affectionately desirous
of you, we were willing to have im-
parted unto you, not the gospel of God
only, but also our own souls, because
ye were dear unto us.
9 For ye remember, brethren, our
labour and travail: for labouring night
and day, because we would not be
chargeable unto any of you, we preach-
ed unto you the gospel of God.
10 Ye *are* witnesses, and God *also*,
how holily and justly and unblame-
ably we behaved ourselves among you
that believe:
11 As ye know how we exhorted
and comforted and charged every one
of you, as a father *doth* his children,
12 That ye would walk worthy of
God, who hath called you unto his
kingdom and glory.
13 For this cause also thank we
God without ceasing, because, when
ye received the word of God which ye
heard of us, ye received *it* not *as* the
word of men, but as it is in truth, the
word of God, which effectually work-
eth also in you that believe.
14 For ye, brethren, became follow-
ers of the churches of God which in
Judæa are in Christ Jesus: for ye also
have suffered like things of your own
countrymen, even as they *have* of the
Jews:
15 Who both killed the Lord Jesus,
and their own prophets, and have per-
secuted us; and they please not God,
and are contrary to all men:
16 Forbidding us to speak to the
Gentiles that they might be saved,
to fill up their sins alway: for the
wrath is come upon them to the utter-
most.
17 But we, brethren, being taken
from you for a short time in presence,
not in heart, endeavoured the more
abundantly to see your face with great
desire.
18 Wherefore we would have come
unto you, even I Paul, once and again;
but Satan hindered us.
19 For what *is* our hope, or joy, or
crown of rejoicing? *Are* not even ye in
the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ
at his coming?
20 For ye are our glory and joy.

CHAPTER 3

WHEREFORE when we could no
longer forbear, we thought it
good to be left at Athens alone;
2 And sent Ti-mo'-the-us, our broth-

er, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:

3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.

4 For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.

5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.

6 But now when Ti-mo'-the-us came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also *to see* you:

7 Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith:

8 For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.

9 For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;

10 Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

11 Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.

12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all *men*, even as we *do* toward you:

13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

CHAPTER 4

FURTHERMORE then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort *you* by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, *so* ye would abound more and more.

2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

3 For this is the will of God, *even* your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

6 That no *man* go beyond and defraud his brother in *any* matter: because that the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;

11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and *that* ye may have lack of nothing.

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

CHAPTER 5

BUT of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly

that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober.

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. *And* be at peace among yourselves.

14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all *men*.

15 See that none render evil for evil unto any *man*; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all *men*.

16 Rejoice evermore.

17 Pray without ceasing.

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

19 Quench not the Spirit.

20 Despise not prophesyings.

21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Faithful *is* he that calleth you, who also will do *it*.

25 Brethren, pray for us.

26 Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.

27 I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.

28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

The Second Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Thessalonians

CHAPTER 1

PAUL, and Sil-va'-nus, and Ti-mo'-the-us, unto the church of the Thes-sa-lo'-ni-ans in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

2 Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

4 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:

5 *Which is* a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the king-

dom of God, for which ye also suffer:
6 Seeing *it is* a righteous thing with
God to recompense tribulation to them
that trouble you;
7 And to you who are troubled rest
with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be
revealed from heaven with his mighty
angels,
8 In flaming fire taking vengeance
on them that know not God, and that
obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ:
9 Who shall be punished with ever-
lasting destruction from the presence
of the Lord, and from the glory of his
power;
10 When he shall come to be glori-
fied in his saints, and to be admired in
all them that believe (because our tes-
timony among you was believed) in
that day.
11 Wherefore also we pray always
for you, that our God would count you
worthy of *this* calling, and fulfil all the
good pleasure of *his* goodness, and the
work of faith with power:
12 That the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ may be glorified in you, and ye
in him, according to the grace of our
God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 2

NOW we beseech you, brethren, by
the coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ, and *by* our gathering together
unto him,
2 That ye be not soon shaken in
mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit,
nor by word, nor by letter as from us,
as that the day of Christ *is* at hand.
3 Let no man deceive you by any
means: for *that day shall not come*, ex-
cept there come a falling away first,
and that man of sin be revealed, the
son of perdition;
4 Who opposeth and exalteth him-
self above all that is called God, or
that is worshipped; so that he as God
sitteth in the temple of God, shewing
himself that he is God.
5 Remember ye not, that, when I
was yet with you, I told you these
things?
6 And now ye know what withhold-
eth that he might be revealed in his
time.
7 For the mystery of iniquity doth
already work: only he who now letteth
will let, until he be taken out of the
way.
8 And then shall that Wicked be re-
vealed, whom the Lord shall consume
with the spirit of his mouth, and shall
destroy with the brightness of his
coming:
9 *Even him*, whose coming is after
the working of Satan with all power
and signs and lying wonders,
10 And with all deceivableness of
unrighteousness in them that perish;
because they received not the love of
the truth, that they might be saved.
11 And for this cause God shall send
them strong delusion, that they should
believe a lie:
12 That they all might be damned
who believed not the truth, but had
pleasure in unrighteousness.
13 But we are bound to give thanks
alway to God for you, brethren be-
loved of the Lord, because God hath
from the beginning chosen you to sal-
vation through sanctification of the
Spirit and belief of the truth:
14 Whereunto he called you by our
gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of
our Lord Jesus Christ.
15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast,
and hold the traditions which ye have
been taught, whether by word, or our
epistle.
16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ him-
self, and God, even our Father, which
hath loved us, and hath given *us* ever-
lasting consolation and good hope
through grace,
17 Comfort your hearts, and stab-
lish you in every good word and work.

CHAPTER 3

FINALLY, brethren, pray for us,
that the word of the Lord may
have *free* course, and be glorified, even
as *it is* with you:
2 And that we may be delivered
from unreasonable and wicked men:
for all *men* have not faith.
3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall
stablish you, and keep *you* from evil.
4 And we have confidence in the
Lord touching you, that ye both do
and will do the things which we com-
mand you.
5 And the Lord direct your hearts
into the love of God, and into the pa-
tient waiting for Christ.
6 Now we command you, brethren,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that ye withdraw yourselves from
every brother that walketh disorderly,
and not after the tradition which he
received of us.

7 For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;

8 Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:

9 Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.

10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

15 Yet count *him* not as an enemy, but admonish *him* as a brother.

16 Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord *be* with you all.

17 The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write.

18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

The First Epistle of Paul the Apostle to Timothy

CHAPTER 1

PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, *which is* our hope;

2 Unto Timothy, *my* own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 As I besought thee to abide still at Eph'-e-sus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: *so do*.

5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and *of* a good conscience, and *of* faith unfeigned:

6 From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling;

7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.

8 But we know that the law *is* good, if a man use it lawfully;

9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if *there be* any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

11 According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief.

14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

15 This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ

Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, *be* honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Tim'-o-thy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;

19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

20 Of whom is Hy-me-næ'-us and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

CHAPTER 2

I EXHORT therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men;

2 For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

3 For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

5 For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, *and* lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array.

10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

CHAPTER 3

THIS *is* a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

8 Likewise *must* the deacons *be* grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;

9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

10 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being *found* blameless.

11 Even so *must their* wives *be* grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.

12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

13 For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

14 These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly:

15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God,

which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

CHAPTER 4

NOW the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

3 Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

4 For every creature of God *is* good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself *rather* unto godliness.

8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

9 This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation.

10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

11 These things command and teach.

12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

CHAPTER 5

REBUKE not an elder, but intreat *him* as a father; *and* the younger men as brethren;

2 The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.

3 Honour widows that are widows indeed.

4 But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

6 But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.

7 And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless.

8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

9 Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man,

10 Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

11 But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry;

12 Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith.

13 And withal they learn *to be* idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

14 I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

15 For some are already turned aside after Satan.

16 If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.

17 Let the elders that rule well be
counted worthy of double honour, es-
pecially they who labour in the word
and doctrine.
18 For the scripture saith, Thou
shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth
out the corn. And, The labourer *is*
worthy of his reward.
19 Against an elder receive not an
accusation, but before two or three
witnesses.
20 Them that sin rebuke before all,
that others also may fear.
21 I charge *thee* before God, and the
Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect an-
gels, that thou observe these things
without preferring one before another,
doing nothing by partiality.
22 Lay hands suddenly on no man,
neither be partaker of other men's
sins: keep thyself pure.
23 Drink no longer water, but use a
little wine for thy stomach's sake and
thine often infirmities.
24 Some men's *sins* are open before-
hand, going before to judgment; and
some *men* they follow after.
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some are manifest beforehand; and
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the yoke count their own masters
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hort.
3 If any man teach otherwise, and
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and to the doctrine which is according
to godliness;
4 He is proud, knowing nothing,
but doting about questions and strifes
of words, whereof cometh envy, strife,
railings, evil surmisings,
5 Perverse disputings of men of cor-
rupt minds, and destitute of the truth,
supposing that gain is godliness: from
such withdraw thyself.
6 But godliness with contentment is
great gain.
7 For we brought nothing into *this*
world, *and it is* certain we can carry
nothing out.
8 And having food and raiment let
us be therewith content.
9 But they that will be rich fall into
temptation and a snare, and *into* many
foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown
men in destruction and perdition.
10 For the love of money is the root
of all evil: which while some coveted
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and pierced themselves through with
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11 But thou, O man of God, flee
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ment without spot, unrebukeable, un-
til the appearing of our Lord Jesus
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15 Which in his times he shall shew,
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tate, the King of kings, and Lord of
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16 Who only hath immortality,
dwelling in the light which no man can
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17 Charge them that are rich in this
world, that they be not highminded,
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things to enjoy;
18 That they do good, that they be
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5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

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13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

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15 Which in his times he shall shew, *who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

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Lord give thee understanding in all
things.
8 Remember that Jesus Christ of
the seed of David was raised from the
dead according to my gospel:
9 Wherein I suffer trouble, as an
evil doer, *even* unto bonds; but the
word of God is not bound.
10 Therefore I endure all things for
the elect's sakes, that they may also
obtain the salvation which is in Christ
Jesus with eternal glory.
11 *It is* a faithful saying: For if we
be dead with *him*, we shall also live
with *him*:
12 If we suffer, we shall also reign
with *him*: if we deny *him*, he also will
deny us:
13 If we believe not, *yet* he abideth
faithful: he cannot deny himself.
14 Of these things put *them* in remembrance,
charging *them* before the
Lord that they strive not about words
to no profit, *but* to the subverting of
the hearers.
15 Study to shew thyself approved
unto God, a workman that needeth not
to be ashamed, rightly dividing the
word of truth.
16 But shun profane *and* vain babblings:
for they will increase unto more
ungodliness.
17 And their word will eat as doth
a canker: of whom is Hy-me-næ'-us and
Phi-le'-tus;
18 Who concerning the truth have
erred, saying that the resurrection is
past already; and overthrow the faith
of some.
19 Nevertheless the foundation of
God standeth sure, having this seal,
The Lord knoweth them that are
his. And, Let every one that nameth
the name of Christ depart from iniquity.
20 But in a great house there are
not only vessels of gold and of silver,
but also of wood and of earth; and
some to honour, and some to dishonour.
21 If a man therefore purge himself
from these, he shall be a vessel unto
honour, sanctified, and meet for the
master's use, *and* prepared unto every
good work.
22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow
righteousness, faith, charity,
peace, with them that call on the Lord
out of a pure heart.
23 But foolish and unlearned questions
avoid, knowing that they do gender
strifes.
24 And the servant of the Lord
must not strive; but be gentle unto all
men, apt to teach, patient,
25 In meekness instructing those
that oppose themselves; if God peradventure
will give them repentance to
the acknowledging of the truth;
26 And *that* they may recover themselves
out of the snare of the devil,
who are taken captive by him at his
will.

CHAPTER 3

THIS know also, that in the last
days perilous times shall come.
2 For men shall be lovers of their
own selves, covetous, boasters, proud,
blasphemers, disobedient to parents,
unthankful, unholy,
3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers,
false accusers, incontinent,
fierce, despisers of those that are good,
4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers
of pleasures more than lovers of
God;
5 Having a form of godliness, but
denying the power thereof: from such
turn away.
6 For of this sort are they which
creep into houses, and lead captive
silly women laden with sins, led away
with divers lusts,
7 Ever learning, and never able to
come to the knowledge of the truth.
8 Now as Jan'-nes and Jam'-bres
withstood Moses, so do these also resist
the truth: men of corrupt minds,
reprobate concerning the faith.
9 But they shall proceed no further:
for their folly shall be manifest unto
all *men*, as theirs also was.
10 But thou hast fully known my
doctrine, manner of life, purpose,
faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,
11 Persecutions, afflictions, which
came unto me at Antioch, at I-co'-nium,
at Lys'-tra; what persecutions I
endured: but out of *them* all the Lord
delivered me.
12 Yea, and all that will live godly
in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.
13 But evil men and seducers shall
wax worse and worse, deceiving, and
being deceived.
14 But continue thou in the things
which thou hast learned and hast been
assured of, knowing of whom thou
hast learned *them*;

15 And that from a child thou hast
known the holy scriptures, which are
able to make thee wise unto salvation
through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
16 All scripture *is* given by inspira-
tion of God, and *is* profitable for doc-
trine, for reproof, for correction, for in-
struction in righteousness:
17 That the man of God may be
perfect, throughly furnished unto all
good works.

CHAPTER 4

I CHARGE *thee* therefore before
God, and the Lord Jesus Christ,
who shall judge the quick and the dead
at his appearing and his kingdom;
2 Preach the word; be instant in
season, out of season; reprove, rebuke,
exhort with all longsuffering and doc-
trine.
3 For the time will come when they
will not endure sound doctrine; but
after their own lusts shall they heap to
themselves teachers, having itching
ears;
4 And they shall turn away *their*
ears from the truth, and shall be
turned unto fables.
5 But watch thou in all things, en-
dure afflictions, do the work of an
evangelist, make full proof of thy min-
istry.
6 For I am now ready to be offered,
and the time of my departure is at
hand.
7 I have fought a good fight, I have
finished *my* course, I have kept the
faith:
8 Henceforth there is laid up for me
a crown of righteousness, which the
Lord, the righteous judge, shall give
me at that day: and not to me only,
but unto all them also that love his
appearing.
9 Do thy diligence to come shortly
unto me:
10 For Demas hath forsaken me,
having loved this present world, and is
departed unto Thes-sa-lo-ni'-ca; Cres'-
cens to Gala'-tia, Titus unto Dal-ma'-
ti-a.
11 Only Luke is with me. Take
Mark, and bring him with thee: for he
is profitable to me for the ministry.
12 And Tych'-i-cus have I sent to
Eph'-e-sus.
13 The cloak that I left at Troas
with Carpus, when thou comest, bring
with thee, and the books, *but* especially
the parchments.
14 Alexander the coppersmith did
me much evil: the Lord reward him ac-
cording to his works:
15 Of whom be thou ware also;
for he hath greatly withstood our
words.
16 At my first answer no man stood
with me, but all *men* forsook me: *I
pray* God that it may not be laid to
their charge.
17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood
with me, and strengthened me; that by
me the preaching might be fully
known, and *that* all the Gentiles might
hear: and I was delivered out of the
mouth of the lion.
18 And the Lord shall deliver me
from every evil work, and will pre-
serve *me* unto his heavenly kingdom:
to whom *be* glory for ever and ever.
Amen.
19 Salute Pris'-ca and Aq'-ui-la, and
the household of On-e-siph'-o-rus.
20 E-ras'-tus abode at Corinth: but
Troph'-i-mus have I left at Mi-le'-tum
sick.
21 Do thy diligence to come before
winter. Eu-bu'-lus greeteth thee and
Pudens, and Li'-nus, and Clau'-di-a,
and all the brethren.
22 The Lord Jesus Christ *be* with
thy spirit. Grace *be* with you.
Amen.

The Epistle of Paul to
Titus

CHAPTER 1

PAUL, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

3 But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;

4 To Titus, *mine* own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.

7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no *striker, not given to filthy lucre;*

8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:

11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

12 One of themselves, *even* a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians *are* alway liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.

13 This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;

14 Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.

15 Unto the pure all things *are* pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving *is* nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny *him*, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

CHAPTER 2

BUT speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

3 The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 *To be* discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.

7 *In all things shewing thyself a* pattern of good works: in doctrine *shewing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

9 *Exhort* servants to be obedient unto their own masters, *and* to please *them* well in all *things;* not answering again;

10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

13 Looking for that blessed hope,

and the glorious appearing of the great
God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;
14 Who gave himself for us, that he
might redeem us from all iniquity, and
purify unto himself a peculiar people,
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15 These things speak, and exhort,
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CHAPTER 3

PUT them in mind to be subject to
principalities and powers, to obey
magistrates, to be ready to every good
work,
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brawlers, *but* gentle, shewing all meek-
ness unto all men.
3 For we ourselves also were some-
times foolish, disobedient, deceived,
serving divers lusts and pleasures, liv-
ing in malice and envy, hateful, *and*
hating one another.
4 But after that the kindness and
love of God our Saviour toward man
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5 Not by works of righteousness
which we have done, but according to
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profitable unto men.
9 But avoid foolish questions, and
genealogies, and contentions, and
strivings about the law; for they are
unprofitable and vain.
10 A man that is an heretick after
the first and second admonition reject;
11 Knowing that he that is such is
subverted, and sinneth, being con-
demned of himself.
12 When I shall send Artemas unto
thee, or Tych'-i-cus, be diligent to come
unto me to Ni-cop'-o-lis: for I have de-
termined there to winter.
13 Bring Zenas the lawyer and
Apollos on their journey diligently,
that nothing be wanting unto them.
14 And let ours also learn to main-
tain good works for necessary uses,
that they be not unfruitful.
15 All that are with me salute thee.
Greet them that love us in the faith.
Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

The Epistle of Paul to
Philemon

PAUL, a prisoner of Jesus Christ,
and Timothy *our* brother, unto
Phi-le'-mon our dearly beloved,
and fellowlabourer,
2 And to *our* beloved Ap'-phi-a, and
Ar-chip'-pus our fellowsoldier, and to
the church in thy house:
3 Grace to you, and peace, from
God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.
4 I thank my God, making mention
of thee always in my prayers,
5 Hearing of thy love and faith,
which thou hast toward the Lord Je-
sus, and toward all saints;
6 That the communication of thy
faith may become effectual by the ac-
knowledging of every good thing
which is in you in Christ Jesus.
7 For we have great joy and con-
solation in thy love, because the bow-
els of the saints are refreshed by thee,
brother.
8 Wherefore, though I might be
much bold in Christ to enjoin thee that
which is convenient,
9 Yet for love's sake I rather be-
seech *thee*, being such an one as Paul
the aged, and now also a prisoner of
Jesus Christ.
10 I beseech thee for my son O-nes'-
i-mus, whom I have begotten in my
bonds:
11 Which in time past was to thee

unprofitable, but now profitable to
thee and to me:
12 Whom I have sent again: thou
therefore receive him, that is, mine
own bowels:
13 Whom I would have retained
with me, that in thy stead he might
have ministered unto me in the bonds
of the gospel:
14 But without thy mind would I
do nothing; that thy benefit should not
be as it were of necessity, but willingly.
15 For perhaps he therefore de-
parted for a season, that thou should-
est receive him for ever;
16 Not now as a servant, but above
a servant, a brother beloved, special-
ly to me, but how much more unto
thee, both in the flesh, and in the
Lord?
17 If thou count me therefore a
partner, receive him as myself.
18 If he hath wronged thee, or ow-
eth *thee* ought, put that on mine ac-
count;
19 I Paul have written *it* with mine
own hand, I will repay *it:* albeit I do
not say to thee how thou owest unto
me even thine own self besides.
20 Yea, brother, let me have joy of
thee in the Lord: refresh my bowels in
the Lord.
21 Having confidence in thy obedi-
ence I wrote unto thee, knowing that
thou wilt also do more than I say.
22 But withal prepare me also a
lodging: for I trust that through your
prayers I shall be given unto you.
23 There salute thee Ep′-a-phras,
my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus;
24 Marcus, Ar-is-tar′-chus, Demas,
Lucas, my fellowlabourers.
25 The grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Hebrews

CHAPTER 1

GOD, who at sundry times and in
divers manners spake in time
past unto the fathers by the
prophets,
2 Hath in these last days spoken
unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath ap-
pointed heir of all things, by whom
also he made the worlds;
3 Who being the brightness of *his*
glory, and the express image of his
person, and upholding all things by
the word of his power, when he had by
himself purged our sins, sat down on
the right hand of the Majesty on high;
4 Being made so much better than
the angels, as he hath by inheritance
obtained a more excellent name than
they.
5 For unto which of the angels said
he at any time, Thou art my son, this
day have I begotten thee? And again,
I will be to him a Father, and he shall
be to me a Son?
6 And again, when he bringeth in
the firstbegotten into the world, he
saith, And let all the angels of God
worship him.
7 And of the angels he saith, Who
maketh his angels spirits, and his min-
isters a flame of fire.
8 But unto the Son *he saith,* Thy
throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: a
sceptre of righteousness *is* the sceptre
of thy kingdom.
9 Thou hast loved righteousness,
and hated iniquity; therefore God,
even thy God, hath anointed thee
with the oil of gladness above thy fel-
lows.
10 And, Thou, Lord, in the begin-
ning hast laid the foundation of the
earth; and the heavens are the works
of thine hands:
11 They shall perish; but thou re-
mainest; and they all shall wax old as
doth a garment;
12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold
them up, and they shall be changed:
but thou art the same, and thy years
shall not fail.
13 But to which of the angels said
he at any time, Sit on my right hand,

until I make thine enemies thy foot-
stool?
14 Are they not all ministering
spirits, sent forth to minister for them
who shall be heirs of salvation?

CHAPTER 2

THEREFORE we ought to give the
more earnest heed to the things
which we have heard, lest at any time
we should let *them* slip.
2 For if the word spoken by angels
was stedfast, and every transgression
and disobedience received a just rec-
ompence of reward;
3 How shall we escape, if we neglect
so great salvation; which at the first
began to be spoken by the Lord, and
was confirmed unto us by them that
heard *him;*
4 God also bearing *them* witness,
both with signs and wonders, and with
divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy
Ghost, according to his own will?
5 For unto the angels hath he not
put in subjection the world to come,
whereof we speak.
6 But one in a certain place testi-
fied, saying, What is man, that thou
art mindful of him? or the son of man,
that thou visitest him?
7 Thou madest him a little lower
than the angels; thou crownedst him
with glory and honour, and didst set
him over the works of thy hands:
8 Thou hast put all things in sub-
jection under his feet. For in that he
put all in subjection under him, he left
nothing *that is* not put under him. But
now we see not yet all things put under
him.
9 But we see Jesus, who was made
a little lower than the angels for the
suffering of death, crowned with glory
and honour; that he by the grace of
God should taste death for every man.
10 For it became him, for whom *are*
all things, and by whom *are* all things,
in bringing many sons unto glory, to
make the captain of their salvation
perfect through sufferings.
11 For both he that sanctifieth and
they who are sanctified *are* all of one:
for which cause he is not ashamed to
call them brethren,
12 Saying, I will declare thy name
unto my brethren, in the midst of the
church will I sing praise unto thee.
13 And again, I will put my trust in
him. And again, Behold I and the chil-
dren which God hath given me.
14 Forasmuch then as the children
are partakers of flesh and blood, he
also himself likewise took part of the
same; that through death he might de-
stroy him that had the power of death,
that *is*, the devil;
15 And deliver them who through
fear of death were all their lifetime
subject to bondage.
16 For verily he took not on *him*
the nature of angels; but he took on
him the seed of Abraham.
17 Wherefore in all things it be-
hoved him to be made like unto *his*
brethren, that he might be a merciful
and faithful high priest in things *per-*
taining to God, to make reconciliation
for the sins of the people.
18 For in that he himself hath suf-
fered being tempted, he is able to suc-
cour them that are tempted.

CHAPTER 3

WHEREFORE, holy brethren,
partakers of the heavenly call-
ing, consider the Apostle and High
Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;
2 Who was faithful to him that ap-
pointed him, as also Moses *was faithful*
in all his house.
3 For this *man* was counted worthy
of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as
he who hath builded the house hath
more honour than the house.
4 For every house is builded by
some *man;* but he that built all things
is God.
5 And Moses verily *was* faithful in
all his house, as a servant, for a testi-
mony of those things which were to be
spoken after;
6 But Christ as a son over his own
house; whose house are we, if we hold
fast the confidence and the rejoicing
of the hope firm unto the end.
7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost
saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,
8 Harden not your hearts, as in the
provocation, in the day of temptation
in the wilderness:
9 When your fathers tempted me,
proved me, and saw my works forty
years.
10 Wherefore I was grieved with
that generation, and said, They do al-
way err in *their* heart; and they have
not known my ways.
11 So I sware in my wrath, They
shall not enter into my rest.)
12 Take heed, brethren, lest there
be in any of you an evil heart of un-

belief, in departing from the living
God.
13 But exhort one another daily,
while it is called To day; lest any of
you be hardened through the deceit-
fulness of sin.
14 For we are made partakers of
Christ, if we hold the beginning of our
confidence stedfast unto the end;
15 While it is said, To day if ye will
hear his voice, harden not your hearts,
as in the provocation.
16 For some, when they had heard,
did provoke: howbeit not all that came
out of Egypt by Moses.
17 But with whom was he grieved
forty years? *was it* not with them that
had sinned, whose carcases fell in the
wilderness?
18 And to whom sware he that they
should not enter into his rest, but to
them that believed not?
19 So we see that they could not
enter in because of unbelief.

CHAPTER 4

LET us therefore fear, lest, a promise
being left *us* of entering into his
rest, any of you should seem to come
short of it.
2 For unto us was the gospel
preached, as well as unto them: but
the word preached did not profit them,
not being mixed with faith in them
that heard *it*.
3 For we which have believed do
enter into rest, as he said, As I have
sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter
into my rest: although the works were
finished from the foundation of the
world.
4 For he spake in a certain place of
the seventh *day* on this wise, And God
did rest the seventh day from all his
works.
5 And in this *place* again, If they
shall enter into my rest.
6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that
some must enter therein, and they to
whom it was first preached entered not
in because of unbelief:
7 Again, he limiteth a certain day,
saying in David, To day, after so long
a time; as it is said, To day if ye will
hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
8 For if Jesus had given them rest,
then would he not afterward have spo-
ken of another day.
9 There remaineth therefore a rest
to the people of God.
10 For he that is entered into his
rest, he also hath ceased from his own
works, as God *did* from his.
11 Let us labour therefore to enter
into that rest, lest any man fall after
the same example of unbelief.
12 For the word of God *is* quick,
and powerful, and sharper than any
twoedged sword, piercing even to the
dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and
of the joints and marrow, and *is* a dis-
cerner of the thoughts and intents of
the heart.
13 Neither is there any creature
that is not manifest in his sight: but
all things *are* naked and opened unto
the eyes of him with whom we have
to do.
14 Seeing then that we have a
great high priest, that is passed into
the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let
us hold fast *our* profession.
15 For we have not an high priest
which cannot be touched with the feel-
ing of our infirmities; but was in all
points tempted like as *we are, yet* with-
out sin.
16 Let us therefore come boldly un-
to the throne of grace, that we may
obtain mercy, and find grace to help
in time of need.

CHAPTER 5

FOR every high priest taken from
among men is ordained for men in
things *pertaining* to God, that he
may offer both gifts and sacrifices for
sins:
2 Who can have compassion on the
ignorant, and on them that are out of
the way; for that he himself also is
compassed with infirmity.
3 And by reason hereof he ought, as
for the people, so also for himself, to
offer for sins.
4 And no man taketh this honour
unto himself, but he that is called of
God, as *was* Aaron.
5 So also Christ glorified not him-
self to be made an high priest; but he
that said unto him, Thou art my Son,
to day have I begotten thee.
6 As he saith also in another *place*,
Thou *art* a priest for ever after the or-
der of Mel-chis'-e-dec.
7 Who in the days of his flesh, when
he had offered up prayers and suppli-
cations with strong crying and tears
unto him that was able to save him
from death, and was heard in that he
feared;

8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Mel-chis'-e-dec.

11 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

13 For every one that useth milk *is* unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

CHAPTER 6

THEREFORE leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

3 And this will we do, if God permit.

4 For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put *him* to an open shame.

7 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:

8 But that which beareth thorns and briers *is* rejected, and *is* nigh unto cursing; whose end *is* to be burned.

9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

10 For God *is* not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

13 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself,

14 Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

16 For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation *is* to them an end of all strife.

17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath:

18 That by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

19 Which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the vail;

20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, *even* Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchis'-e-dec.

CHAPTER 7

FOR this Mel-chis'-e-dec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

4 Now consider how great this man *was*, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.

5 And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:

6 But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.

7 And without all contradiction the less *is* blessed of the better.

8 And here men that die receive tithes; but there he *receiveth them*, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.

9 And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.

10 For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Mel-chis´-e-dec met him.

11 If therefore perfection were by the Le-vit´-i-cal priesthood, (for under *it the people received the law,*) what further need *was there* that another priest should rise after the order of Mel-chis´-e-dec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?

12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

13 For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar.

14 For *it is* evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.

15 And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Mel-chis´-e-dec there ariseth another priest,

16 Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

17 For he testifieth, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Mel-chis´-e-dec.

18 For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.

19 For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope *did;* by the which we draw nigh unto God.

20 And inasmuch as not without an oath *he was made priest:*

21 (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Mel-chis´-e-dec:)

22 By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

23 And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death:

24 But this *man,* because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

26 For such an high priest became us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

28 For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, *maketh* the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.

CHAPTER 8

NOW of the things which we have spoken *this is* the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

3 For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore *it is* of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.

4 For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:

5 Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, *that* thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

7 For if that first *covenant* had been

faultless, then should no place have
been sought for the second.
8 For finding fault with them, he
saith, Behold, the days come, saith the
Lord, when I will make a new cove-
nant with the house of Israel and with
the house of Judah:
9 Not according to the covenant
that I made with their fathers in the
day when I took them by the hand to
lead them out of the land of Egypt; be-
cause they continued not in my cove-
nant, and I regarded them not, saith
the Lord.
10 For this *is* the covenant that I
will make with the house of Israel
after those days, saith the Lord; I will
put my laws into their mind, and write
them in their hearts: and I will be to
them a God, and they shall be to me a
people:
11 And they shall not teach every
man his neighbour, and every man his
brother, saying, Know the Lord: for
all shall know me, from the least to the
greatest.
12 For I will be merciful to their
unrighteousness, and their sins and
their iniquities will I remember no
more.
13 In that he saith, A new *covenant*,
he hath made the first old. Now that
which decayeth and waxeth old *is*
ready to vanish away.

CHAPTER 9

THEN verily the first *covenant* had
also ordinances of divine service,
and a worldly sanctuary.
2 For there was a tabernacle made;
the first, wherein *was* the candlestick,
and the table, and the shewbread;
which is called the sanctuary.
3 And after the second vail, the
tabernacle which is called the Holiest
of all;
4 Which had the golden censer, and
the ark of the covenant overlaid round
about with gold, wherein *was* the gold-
en pot that had manna, and Aaron's
rod that budded, and the tables of the
covenant;
5 And over it the cherubims of glory
shadowing the mercy seat; of which we
cannot now speak particularly.
6 Now when these things were thus
ordained, the priests went always into
the first tabernacle, accomplishing the
service *of God*.
7 But into the second *went* the high
priest alone once every year, not with-
out blood, which he offered for him-
self, and *for* the errors of the people:
8 The Holy Ghost this signify-
ing, that the way into the holiest of
all was not yet made manifest, while
as the first tabernacle was yet stand-
ing:
9 Which *was* a figure for the time
then present, in which were offered
both gifts and sacrifices, that could not
make him that did the service perfect,
as pertaining to the conscience;
10 *Which stood* only in meats and
drinks, and divers washings, and car-
nal ordinances, imposed *on them* until
the time of reformation.
11 But Christ being come an high
priest of good things to come, by a
greater and more perfect tabernacle,
not made with hands, that is to say,
not of this building;
12 Neither by the blood of goats
and calves, but by his own blood he
entered in once into the holy place,
having obtained eternal redemption
for us.
13 For if the blood of bulls and of
goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprin-
kling the unclean, sanctifieth to the
purifying of the flesh:
14 How much more shall the blood
of Christ, who through the eternal
Spirit offered himself without spot to
God, purge your conscience from dead
works to serve the living God?
15 And for this cause he is the medi-
ator of the new testament, that by
means of death, for the redemption of
the transgressions *that were* under the
first testament, they which are called
might receive the promise of eternal
inheritance.
16 For where a testament *is*, there
must also of necessity be the death of
the testator.
17 For a testament *is* of force after
men are dead: otherwise it is of no
strength at all while the testator liv-
eth.
18 Whereupon neither the first
testament was dedicated without blood.
19 For when Moses had spoken
every precept to all the people accord-
ing to the law, he took the blood of
calves and of goats, with water, and
scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprin-
kled both the book, and all the people,
20 Saying, This *is* the blood of the
testament which God hath enjoined
unto you.
21 Moreover he sprinkled with

blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.

22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

23 *It was* therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;

26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

CHAPTER 10

FOR the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the [illegible] thereunto perfect.

2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.

3 But in those *sacrifices there is* a remembrance again *made* of sins every year.

4 For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

6 In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin thou hast had no pleasure.

7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and *offering* for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure *therein;* which are offered by the law;

9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all.*

11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

15 *Whereof* the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after *that* he had said before,

16 This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

18 Now where remission of these *is, there is* no more offering for sin.

19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the vail, that is to say, his flesh;

21 And *having* an high priest over the house of God;

22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)

24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is;* but exhorting *one another:* and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

27 But a certain fearful looking for
of judgment and fiery indignation,
which shall devour the adversaries.
28 He that despised Moses' law died
without mercy under two or three wit-
nesses:
29 Of how much sorer punishment,
suppose ye, shall he be thought
worthy, who hath trodden under foot
the Son of God, and hath counted the
blood of the covenant, wherewith he
was sanctified, an unholy thing, and
hath done despite unto the Spirit of
grace?
30 For we know him that hath said,
Vengeance *belongeth* unto me, I will
recompense, saith the Lord. And
again, The Lord shall judge his people.
31 *It is* a fearful thing to fall into the
hands of the living God.
32 But call to remembrance the for-
mer days, in which, after ye were illu-
minated, ye endured a great fight of
afflictions;
33 Partly, whilst ye were made a
gazingstock both by reproaches and
afflictions; and partly, whilst ye be-
came companions of them that were so
used.
34 For ye had compassion of me in
my bonds, and took joyfully the spoil-
ing of your goods, knowing in your-
selves that ye have in heaven a better
and an enduring substance.
35 Cast not away therefore your
confidence, which hath great recom-
pence of reward.
36 For ye have need of patience,
that, after ye have done the will of
God, ye might receive the promise.
37 For yet a little while, and he that
shall come will come, and will not
tarry.
38 Now the just shall live by faith:
but if *any man* draw back, my soul
shall have no pleasure in him.
39 But we are not of them who
draw back unto perdition; but of them
that believe to the saving of the soul.

CHAPTER 11

NOW faith is the substance of
things hoped for, the evidence of
things not seen.
2 For by it the elders obtained a
good report.
3 Through faith we understand that
the worlds were framed by the word of
God, so that things which are seen
were not made of things which do ap-
pear.
4 By faith Abel offered unto God a
more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by
which he obtained witness that he was
righteous, God testifying of his gifts:
and by it he being dead yet speak-
eth.
5 By faith E'-noch was translated
that he should not see death; and was
not found, because God had trans-
lated him: for before his translation he
had this testimony, that he pleased
God.
6 But without faith *it is* impossible
to please *him*: for he that cometh to
God must believe that he is, and *that*
he is a rewarder of them that diligently
seek him.
7 By faith Noah, being warned of
God of things not seen as yet, moved
with fear, prepared an ark to the sav-
ing of his house; by the which he con-
demned the world, and became heir of
the righteousness which is by faith.
8 By faith Abraham, when he was
called to go out into a place which he
should after receive for an inheritance,
obeyed; and he went out, not knowing
whither he went.
9 By faith he sojourned in the land
of promise, as *in* a strange country,
dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and
Jacob, the heirs with him of the same
promise:
10 For he looked for a city which
hath foundations, whose builder and
maker *is* God.
11 Through faith also Sara herself
received strength to conceive seed, and
was delivered of a child when she was
past age, because she judged him faith-
ful who had promised.
12 Therefore sprang there even of
one, and him as good as dead, *so many*
as the stars of the sky in multitude,
and as the sand which is by the sea
shore innumerable.
13 These all died in faith, not hav-
ing received the promises, but having
seen them afar off, and were persuaded
of *them*, and embraced *them*, and con-
fessed that they were strangers and
pilgrims on the earth.
14 For they that say such things de-
clare plainly that they seek a country.
15 And truly, if they had been
mindful of that *country* from whence
they came out, they might have had
opportunity to have returned.
16 But now they desire a better
country, that is, an heavenly: where-
fore God is not ashamed to be called

their God: for he hath prepared for
them a city.
17 By faith Abraham, when he was
tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had
received the promises offered up his
only begotten *son*,
18 Of whom it was said, That in
Isaac shall thy seed be called:
19 Accounting that God *was* able to
raise *him* up, even from the dead; from
whence also he received him in a figure.
20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and
Esau concerning things to come.
21 By faith Jacob, when he was a
dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph;
and worshipped, *leaning* upon the top
of his staff.
22 By faith Joseph, when he died,
made mention of the departing of the
children of Israel; and gave command-
ment concerning his bones.
23 By faith Moses, when he was
born, was hid three months of his par-
ents, because they saw *he was* a proper
child; and they were not afraid of the
king's commandment.
24 By faith Moses, when he was
come to years, refused to be called the
son of Pharaoh's daughter;
25 Choosing rather to suffer afflic-
tion with the people of God, than to
enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;
26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ
greater riches than the treasures in
Egypt: for he had respect unto the rec-
ompence of the reward.
27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not
fearing the wrath of the king: for he en-
dured, as seeing him who is invisible.
28 Through faith he kept the pass-
over, and the sprinkling of blood, lest
he that destroyed the firstborn should
touch them.
29 By faith they passed through the
Red sea as by dry *land*: which the
Egyptians assaying to do were
drowned.
30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell
down, after they were compassed
about seven days.
31 By faith the harlot Rahab per-
ished not with them that believed not,
when she had received the spies with
peace.
32 And what shall I more say? for
the time would fail me to tell of Ged'-
e-on, and *of* Ba'-rak, and *of* Samson,
and *of* Jeph'-tha-e; *of* David also, and
Samuel, and *of* the prophets:
33 Who through faith subdued
kingdoms, wrought righteousness, ob-
tained promises, stopped the mouths
of lions,
34 Quenched the violence of fire, es-
caped the edge of the sword, out of
weakness were made strong, waxed
valiant in fight, turned to flight the
armies of the aliens.
35 Women received their dead
raised to life again: and others were
tortured, not accepting deliverance;
that they might obtain a better resur-
rection:
36 And others had trial of *cruel*
mockings and scourgings, yea, more-
over of bonds and imprisonment:
37 They were stoned, they were
sawn asunder, were tempted, were
slain with the sword: they wandered
about in sheepskins and goatskins;
being destitute, afflicted, tormented;
38 (Of whom the world was not
worthy:) they wandered in deserts,
and *in* mountains, and *in* dens and
caves of the earth.
39 And these all, having obtained a
good report through faith, received
not the promise:
40 God having provided some bet-
ter thing for us, that they without us
should not be made perfect.

CHAPTER 12

WHEREFORE seeing we also are
compassed about with so great
a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside
every weight, and the sin which doth
so easily beset *us*, and let us run with
patience the race that is set before us,
2 Looking unto Jesus the author
and finisher of *our* faith; who for the
joy that was set before him endured
the cross, despising the shame, and is
set down at the right hand of the
throne of God.
3 For consider him that endured
such contradiction of sinners against
himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in
your minds.
4 Ye have not yet resisted unto
blood, striving against sin.
5 And ye have forgotten the exhor-
tation which speaketh unto you as un-
to children, My son, despise not thou
the chastening of the Lord, nor faint
when thou art rebuked of him:
6 For whom the Lord loveth he
chasteneth, and scourgeth every son
whom he receiveth.
7 If ye endure chastening, God deal-
eth with you as with sons; for what son
is he whom the father chasteneth not?

8 But if ye be without chastise-
ment, whereof all are partakers, then
are ye bastards, and not sons.
9 Furthermore we have had fathers
of our flesh which corrected *us*, and we
gave *them* reverence: shall we not
much rather be in subjection unto the
Father of spirits, and live?
10 For they verily for a few days
chastened *us* after their own pleasure;
but he for *our* profit, that *we* might be
partakers of his holiness.
11 Now no chastening for the pres-
ent seemeth to be joyous, but grievous:
nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the
peaceable fruit of righteousness unto
them which are exercised thereby.
12 Wherefore lift up the hands
which hang down, and the feeble
knees;
13 And make straight paths for
your feet, lest that which is lame be
turned out of the way; but let it rather
be healed.
14 Follow peace with all *men*, and
holiness, without which no man shall
see the Lord:
15 Looking diligently lest any man
fail of the grace of God; lest any root
of bitterness springing up trouble *you*,
and thereby many be defiled;
16 Lest there *be* any fornicator, or
profane person, as Esau, who for one
morsel of meat sold his birthright.
17 For ye know how that after-
ward, when he would have inherited
the blessing, he was rejected: for he
found no place of repentance, though
he sought it carefully with tears.
18 For ye are not come unto the
mount that might be touched, and
that burned with fire, nor unto black-
ness, and darkness, and tempest,
19 And the sound of a trumpet, and
the voice of words; which *voice* they
that heard intreated that the word
should not be spoken to them any
more:
20 (For they could not endure that
which was commanded, And if so
much as a beast touch the mountain,
it shall be stoned, or thrust through
with a dart:
21 And so terrible was the sight,
that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and
quake:)
22 But ye are come unto mount
Sion, and unto the city of the living
God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to
an innumerable company of angels,
23 To the general assembly and
church of the firstborn, which are
written in heaven, and to God the
Judge of all, and to the spirits of just
men made perfect,
24 And to Jesus the mediator of the
new covenant, and to the blood of
sprinkling, that speaketh better things
than *that of* Abel.
25 See that ye refuse not him that
speaketh. For if they escaped not who
refused him that spake on earth, much
more *shall not* we *escape*, if we turn
away from him that *speaketh* from
heaven:
26 Whose voice then shook the
earth: but now he hath promised, say-
ing, Yet once more I shake not the
earth only, but also heaven.
27 And this *word*, Yet once more,
signifieth the removing of those things
that are shaken, as of things that are
made, that those things which cannot
be shaken may remain.
28 Wherefore we receiving a king-
dom which cannot be moved, let us
have grace, whereby we may serve
God acceptably with reverence and
godly fear:
29 For our God *is* a consuming fire.

CHAPTER 13

LET brotherly love continue.
2 Be not forgetful to entertain
strangers: for thereby some have en-
tertained angels unawares.
3 Remember them that are in
bonds, as bound with them; *and* them
which suffer adversity, as being your-
selves also in the body.
4 Marriage *is* honourable in all, and
the bed undefiled: but whoremongers
and adulterers God will judge.
5 *Let your* conversation *be* without
covetousness; *and be* content with
such things as ye have: for he hath
said, I will never leave thee, nor for-
sake thee.
6 So that we may boldly say, The
Lord *is* my helper, and I will not fear
what man shall do unto me.
7 Remember them which have the
rule over you, who have spoken unto
you the word of God: whose faith fol-
low, considering the end of *their* con-
versation.
8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday,
and to day, and for ever.
9 Be not carried about with divers
and strange doctrines. For *it is* a good
thing that the heart be established
with grace; not with meats, which

ve not profited them that have been cupied therein.

10 We have an altar, whereof they ive no right to eat which serve the bernacle.

11 For the bodies of those beasts, hose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are urned without the camp.

12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he night sanctify the people with his own olood, suffered without the gate.

13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

14 For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.

16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.

18 Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

19 But I beseech *you* the rather to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

22 And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation: for I have written a letter unto you in few words.

23 Know ye that *our* brother Timothy is set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you.

24 Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute you.

25 Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

The General Epistle of James

CHAPTER 1

JAMES, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

3 Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8 A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

9 Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:

10 But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.

11 For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

12 Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them tha love him.

13 Let no man say when he tempted, I am tempted of God: fo God cannot be tempted with evil, ne ther tempteth he any man:

14 But every man is tempted, wh

he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion *is* vain.

27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, *and* to keep himself unspotted from the world.

CHAPTER 2

MY brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord* of glory, with respect of persons.

2 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;

3 And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:

4 Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?

5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

6 But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?

7 Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?

8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all.

11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, *said* also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

13 For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

14 What *doth it* profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be *ye* warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what *doth it* profit?

17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

22 Seest thou how faith wrought

with his works, and by works was faith
made perfect?
23 And the scripture was fulfilled
which saith, Abraham believed God,
and it was imputed unto him for right-
eousness: and he was called the Friend
of God.
24 Ye see then how that by works
a man is justified, and not by faith
only.
25 Likewise also was not Rahab the
harlot justified by works, when she
had received the messengers, and had
sent *them* out another way?
26 For as the body without the
spirit is dead, so faith without works
is dead also.

CHAPTER 3

MY brethren, be not many masters,
knowing that we shall receive
the greater condemnation.
2 For in many things we offend all.
If any man offend not in word, the
same *is* a perfect man, *and* able also
to bridle the whole body.
3 Behold, we put bits in the horses'
mouths, that they may obey us; and
we turn about their whole body.
4 Behold also the ships, which
though *they be* so great, and *are* driven
of fierce winds, yet are they turned
about with a very small helm, whither-
soever the governor listeth.
5 Even so the tongue is a little
member, and boasteth great things.
Behold, how great a matter a little fire
kindleth!
6 And the tongue *is* a fire, a world
of iniquity: so is the tongue among our
members, that it defileth the whole
body, and setteth on fire the course of
[illegible]; and it is set on fire of hell.
7 For every kind of beasts, and of
birds, and of serpents, and of things in
the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed
of mankind;
8 But the tongue can no man tame;
it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poi-
son.
9 Therewith bless we God, even the
Father; and therewith curse we men,
which are made after the similitude of
God.
10 Out of the same mouth proceed-
eth blessing and cursing. My brethren,
these things ought not so to be.
11 Doth a fountain send forth at
the same place sweet *water* and bitter?
12 Can the fig tree, my brethren,
bear olive berries? either a vine, figs?
so *can* no fountain both yield salt
water and fresh.
13 Who *is* a wise man and endued
with knowledge among you? let him
shew out of a good conversation his
works with meekness of wisdom.
14 But if ye have bitter envying
and strife in your hearts, glory not,
and lie not against the truth.
15 This wisdom descendeth not
from above, *but is* earthly, sensual,
devilish.
16 For where envying and strife *is*,
there *is* confusion and every evil work.
17 But the wisdom that is from
above is first pure, then peaceable,
gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of
mercy and good fruits, without par-
tiality, and without hypocrisy.
18 And the fruit of righteousness is
sown in peace of them that make
peace.

CHAPTER 4

FROM whence *come* wars and fight-
ings among you? *come they* not
hence, *even* of your lusts that war in
your members?
2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and
desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye
fight and war, yet ye have not, because
ye ask not.
3 Ye ask, and receive not, because
ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it*
upon your lusts.
4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses,
know ye not that the friendship of the
world is enmity with God? whosoever
therefore will be a friend of the world
is the enemy of God.
5 Do ye think that the scripture
saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth
in us lusteth to envy?
6 But he giveth more grace. Where-
fore he saith, God resisteth the proud,
but giveth grace unto the humble.
7 Submit yourselves therefore to
God. Resist the devil, and he will flee
from you.
8 Draw nigh to God, and he will
draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands,
ye sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye*
double minded.
9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and
weep: let your laughter be turned to
mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness.
10 Humble yourselves in the sight
of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.
11 Speak not evil one of another,
brethren. He that speaketh evil of *his*
brother, and judgeth his brother,

The First Epistle General of Peter

CHAPTER 1

PETER, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Ga-la´-tia, Cap-pa-do´-ci-a, Asia, and Bi-thyn´-i-a,

2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

9 Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.

10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you:

11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 Because *it* is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning *here* in fear:

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye* love one another with a pure heart fervently:

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

24 For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And *this is* the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

CHAPTER 2

WHEREFORE laying aside all
malice, and all guile, and hy-
pocrisies, and envies, and all evil
speakings,
2 As newborn babes, desire the sin-
cere milk of the word, that ye may
grow thereby:
3 If so be ye have tasted that the
Lord *is* gracious.
4 To whom coming, *as unto* a living
stone, disallowed indeed of men, but
chosen of God, *and* precious,
5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built
up a spiritual house, an holy priest-
hood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices,
acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
6 Wherefore also it is contained in
the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a
chief corner stone, elect, precious: and
he that believeth on him shall not be
confounded.
7 Unto you therefore which believe
he is precious: but unto them which be
disobedient, the stone which the build-
ers disallowed, the same is made the
head of the corner,
8 And a stone of stumbling, and a
rock of offence, *even to them* which
stumble at the word, being disobedi-
ent: whereunto also they were ap-
pointed.
9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a
royal priesthood, an holy nation, a
peculiar people; that ye should shew
forth the praises of him who hath
called you out of darkness into his
marvellous light:
10 Which in time past *were* not a
people, but *are* now the people of God:
which had not obtained mercy, but
now have obtained mercy.
11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as
strangers and pilgrims, abstain from
fleshly lusts, which war against the
soul;
12 Having your conversation hon-
est among the Gentiles: that, whereas
they speak against you as evildoers,
they may by *your* good works, which
they shall behold, glorify God in the
day of visitation.
13 Submit yourselves to every ordi-
nance of man for the Lord's sake:
whether it be to the king, as supreme;
14 Or unto governors, as unto them
that are sent by him for the punish-
ment of evildoers, and for the praise of
them that do well.
15 For so is the will of God, that
with well doing ye may put to silence
the ignorance of foolish men:
16 As free, and not using *your* lib-
erty for a cloak of maliciousness, but
as the servants of God.
17 Honour all *men*. Love the broth-
erhood. Fear God. Honour the king.
18 Servants, *be* subject to *your* mas-
ters with all fear; not only to the good
and gentle, but also to the froward.
19 For this *is* thankworthy, if a
man for conscience toward God endure
grief, suffering wrongfully.
20 For what glory *is it*, if, when ye
be buffeted for your faults, ye shall
take it patiently? but if, when ye do
well, and suffer *for it*, ye take it pa-
tiently, this *is* acceptable with God.
21 For even hereunto were ye
called: because Christ also suffered for
us, leaving us an example, that ye
should follow his steps:
22 Who did no sin, neither was
guile found in his mouth:
23 Who, when he was reviled, re-
viled not again; when he suffered, he
threatened not; but committed *him-
self* to him that judgeth righteously:
24 Who his own self bare our sins
in his own body on the tree, that we,
being dead to sins, should live unto
righteousness: by whose stripes ye
were healed.
25 For ye were as sheep going a-
stray; but are now returned unto the
Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

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LIKEWISE, ye wives, be in subjec-
tion to your own husbands; that,
if any obey not the word, they also
may without the word be won by the
conversation of the wives;
2 While they behold your chaste
conversation coupled with fear.
3 Whose adorning let it not be that
outward adorning of plaiting the hair,
and of wearing of gold, or of putting
on of apparel;
4 But let it be the hidden man of the
heart, in that which is not corruptible,
even the ornament of a meek and quiet
spirit, which is in the sight of God of
great price.
5 For after this manner in the old
time the holy women also, who trusted
in God, adorned themselves, being in
subjection unto their own husbands:
6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham,
calling him lord: whose daughters ye

are, as long as ye do well, and are not
afraid with any amazement.
7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with
them according to knowledge, giving
honour unto the wife, as unto the
weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your
prayers be not hindered.
8 Finally, *be ye* all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as
brethren, *be* pitiful, *be* courteous:
9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto
called, that ye should inherit a blessing.
10 For he that will love life, and see
good days, let him refrain his tongue
from evil, and his lips that they speak
no guile:
11 Let him eschew evil, and do
good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.
12 For the eyes of the Lord *are* over
the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers: but the face of the
Lord *is* against them that do evil.
13 And who *is* he that will harm
you, if ye be followers of that which is
good?
14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy *are ye*: and be
not afraid of their terror, neither be
troubled;
15 But sanctify the Lord God in
your hearts: and *be* ready always to
give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in
you with meekness and fear:
16 Having a good conscience; that,
whereas they speak evil of you, as of
evildoers, they may be ashamed that
falsely accuse your good conversation
in Christ.
17 For *it is* better, if the will of God
be so, that ye suffer for well doing,
than for evil doing.
18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust,
that he might bring us to God, being
put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:
19 By which also he went and
preached unto the spirits in prison;
20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of
God waited in the days of Noah, while
the ark was a preparing, wherein few,
that is, eight souls were saved by
water.
21 The like figure whereunto *even*
baptism doth also now save us (not the
putting away of the filth of the flesh,
but the answer of a good conscience
toward God,) by the resurrection of
Jesus Christ:
22 Who is gone into heaven, and is
on the right hand of God; angels and
authorities and powers being made
subject unto him.

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FORASMUCH then as Christ hath
suffered for us in the flesh, arm
yourselves likewise with the same
mind: for he that hath suffered in the
flesh hath ceased from sin;
2 That he no longer should live the
rest of *his* time in the flesh to the lusts
of men, but to the will of God.
3 For the time past of *our* life may
suffice us to have wrought the will of
the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable
idolatries:
4 Wherein they think it strange
that ye run not with *them* to the same
excess of riot, speaking evil of *you*:
5 Who shall give account to him
that is ready to judge the quick and
the dead.
6 For for this cause was the gospel
preached also to them that are dead,
that they might be judged according
to men in the flesh, but live according
to God in the spirit.
7 But the end of all things is at
hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch
unto prayer.
8 And above all things have fervent
charity among yourselves: for charity
shall cover the multitude of sins.
9 Use hospitality one to another
without grudging.
10 As every man hath received *the*
gift, *even* so minister the same one to
another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.
11 If any man speak, *let him speak*
as the oracles of God; if any man minister, *let him do it* as of the ability
which God giveth: that God in all
things may be glorified through Jesus
Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
12 Beloved, think it not strange
concerning the fiery trial which is to
try you, as though some strange thing
happened unto you:
13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are
partakers of Christ's sufferings; that,
when his glory shall be revealed, ye

, And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither *be* barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know *them*, and be established in the present truth.

13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting *you* in remembrance;

14 Knowing that shortly I must put off *this* my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.

15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.

CHAPTER 2

BUT there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth *person*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Go-mor´-rha into ashes condemned *them* with an overthrow, making *them* an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed *his* righteous soul from day to day with *their* unlawful deeds);

9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous *are they*, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

12 But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, *as* they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots *they are* and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;

14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam *the son* of Bo'sor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

16 But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.

17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest: to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.

18 For when they speak great swelling *words* of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, *through much* wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.

19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

CHAPTER 3

THIS second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in *both* which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation.

5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished.

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 *Seeing* then *that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

15 And account *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

16 As also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which

as some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as *they* do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.

18 But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.

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2 (For *the life* was manifested, and we have seen *it*, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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MY little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.

3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

4 He that saith, I know *him*, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are *in him*.

6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

7 Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.

8 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now *shineth*.

9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

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23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the
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also*.
24 Let that therefore abide in you,
which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard
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you, ye also shall continue in the Son,
and in the Father.
25 And this is the promise that he
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5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in
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wicked one, and slew his brother. And
wherefore slew he him? Because his
own works were evil, and his brother's
righteous.
13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the
world hate you.
14 We know that we have passed

from death unto life, because we love
the brethren. He that loveth not *his*
brother abideth in death.
15 Whosoever hateth his brother is
a murderer: and ye know that no murderer
hath eternal life abiding in him.
16 Hereby perceive we the love *of*
God, because he laid down his life for
us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives
for the brethren.
17 But whoso hath this world's
good, and seeth his brother have need,
and shutteth up his bowels *of compassion*
from him, how dwelleth the
love of God in him?
18 My little children, let us not love
in word, neither in tongue; but in deed
and in truth.
19 And hereby we know that we are
of the truth, and shall assure our
hearts before him.
20 For if our heart condemn us,
God is greater than our heart, and
knoweth all things.
21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us
not, *then* have we confidence toward
God.
22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive
of him, because we keep his commandments,
and do those things that
are pleasing in his sight.
23 And this is his commandment,
That we should believe on the name of
his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another,
as he gave us commandment.
24 And he that keepeth his commandments
dwelleth in him, and he in
him. And hereby we know that he
abideth in us, by the Spirit which he
hath given us.

CHAPTER 4

BELOVED, believe not every spirit,
but try the spirits whether they
are of God: because many false prophets
are gone out into the world.
2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of
God: Every spirit that confesseth that
Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of
God:
3 And every spirit that confesseth
not that Jesus Christ is come in the
flesh is not of God: and this is that
spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have
heard that it should come; and even
now already is it in the world.
4 Ye are of God, little children, and
have overcome them: because greater
is he that is in you, than he that is in
the world.
5 They are of the world: therefore
speak they of the world, and the world
heareth them.
6 We are of God: he that knoweth
God heareth us; he that is not of God
heareth not us. Hereby know we the
spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.
7 Beloved, let us love one another:
for love is of God; and every one that
loveth is born of God, and knoweth
God.
8 He that loveth not knoweth not
God; for God is love.
9 In this was manifested the love of
God toward us, because that God sent
his only begotten Son into the world,
that we might live through him.
10 Herein is love, not that we loved
God, but that he loved us, and sent his
Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.
11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we
ought also to love one another.
12 No man hath seen God at any
time. If we love one another, God
dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected
in us.
13 Hereby know we that we dwell
in him, and he in us, because he hath
given us of his Spirit.
14 And we have seen and do testify
that the Father sent the Son *to be* the
Saviour of the world.
15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus
is the Son of God, God dwelleth in
him, and he in God.
16 And we have known and believed
the love that God hath to us.
God is love; and he that dwelleth in
love dwelleth in God, and God in him.
17 Herein is our love made perfect,
that we may have boldness in the day
of judgment: because as he is, so are
we in this world.
18 There is no fear in love; but perfect
love casteth out fear: because fear
hath torment. He that feareth is not
made perfect in love.
19 We love him, because he first
loved us.
20 If a man say, I love God, and
hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he
that loveth not his brother whom he
hath seen, how can he love God whom
he hath not seen?
21 And this commandment have
we from him, That he who loveth God
love his brother also.

CHAPTER 5

WHOSOEVER believeth that Jesus
is the Christ is born of God:
and every one that loveth him that be-

gat loveth him also that is begotten of
him.
2 By this we know that we love the
children of God, when we love God,
and keep his commandments.
3 For this is the love of God, that
we keep his commandments: and his
commandments are not grievous.
4 For whatsoever is born of God
overcometh the world: and this is the
victory that overcometh the world,
even our faith.
5 Who is he that overcometh the
world, but he that believeth that Jesus
is the Son of God?
6 This is he that came by water and
blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not by water
only, but by water and blood. And it
is the Spirit that beareth witness, be-
cause the Spirit is truth.
7 For there are three that bear rec-
ord in heaven, the Father, the Word,
and the Holy Ghost: and these three
are one.
8 And there are three that bear wit-
ness in earth, the spirit, and the water,
and the blood: and these three agree
in one.
9 If we receive the witness of men,
the witness of God is greater: for this
is the witness of God which he hath
testified of his Son.
10 He that believeth on the Son of
God hath the witness in himself: he
that believeth not God hath made him
a liar; because he believeth not the
record that God gave of his Son.
11 And this is the record, that God
hath given to us eternal life, and this
life is in his Son.
12 He that hath the Son hath life;
and he that hath not the Son of God
hath not life.
13 These things have I written unto
you that believe on the name of the
Son of God; that ye may know that ye
have eternal life, and that ye may
believe on the name of the Son of
God.
14 And this is the confidence that
we have in him, that, if we ask any
thing according to his will, he heareth
us:
15 And if we know that he hear us,
whatsoever we ask, we know that we
have the petitions that we desired of
him.
16 If any man see his brother sin a
sin *which is* not unto death, he shall
ask, and he shall give him life for them
that sin not unto death. There is a sin
unto death: I do not say that he shall
pray for it.
17 All unrighteousness is sin: and
there is a sin not unto death.
18 We know that whosoever is born
of God sinneth not; but he that is be-
gotten of God keepeth himself, and
that wicked one toucheth him not.
19 *And* we know that we are of God,
and the whole world lieth in wicked-
ness.
20 And we know that the Son of
God is come, and hath given us an un-
derstanding, that we may know him
that is true, and we are in him that is
true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This
is the true God, and eternal life.
21 Little children, keep yourselves
from idols. Amen.

The Second Epistle of John

THE elder unto the elect lady and
her children, whom I love in the
truth; and not I only, but also
all they that have known the truth;
2 For the truth's sake, which dwell-
eth in us, and shall be with us for ever.
3 Grace be with you, mercy, *and*
peace, from God the Father, and from
the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the
Father, in truth and love.
4 I rejoiced greatly that I found of
thy children walking in truth, as we
have received a commandment from
the Father.
5 And now I beseech thee, lady, not
as though I wrote a new command-
ment unto thee, but that which we had
from the beginning, that we love one
another.
6 And this is love, that we walk
after his commandments. This is the
commandment, That, as ye have heard
from the beginning, ye should walk in
it.

7 For many deceivers are entered
into the world, who confess not that
Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This
is a deceiver and an antichrist.
8 Look to yourselves, that we lose
not those things which we have
wrought, but that we receive a full re-
ward.
9 Whosoever transgresseth, and
abideth not in the doctrine of Christ,
hath not God. He that abideth in the
doctrine of Christ, he hath both the
Father and the Son.
10 If there come any unto you, and
bring not this doctrine, receive him
not into *your* house, neither bid him
God speed:
11 For he that biddeth him God
speed *is partaker of his evil deeds.*
12 Having many things to write un-
to you, I would not *write* with paper
and ink: but I trust to come unto you,
and speak face to face, that our joy
may be full.
13 The children of thy elect sister
greet thee. Amen.

The Third Epistle of John

THE elder unto the wellbeloved
Gaius, whom I love in the truth.
2 Beloved, I wish above all
things that thou mayest prosper and
be in health, even as thy soul pros-
pereth.
3 For I rejoiced greatly, when the
brethren came and testified of the
truth that is in thee, even as thou
walkest in the truth.
4 I have no greater joy than to hear
that my children walk in truth.
5 Beloved, thou doest faithfully
whatsoever thou doest to the brethren,
and to strangers;
6 Which have borne witness of thy
charity before the church: whom if
thou bring forward on their journey
after a godly sort, thou shalt do
well:
7 Because that for his name's sake
they went forth, taking nothing of the
Gentiles.
8 We therefore ought to receive
such, that we might be fellowhelpers
to the truth.
9 I wrote unto the church: but Di-
ot´-re-phes, who loveth to have the pre-
eminence among them, receiveth us
not.
10 Wherefore, if I come, I will re-
member his deeds which he doeth,
prating against us with malicious
words: and not content therewith, nei-
ther doth he himself receive the breth-
ren, and forbiddeth them that would,
and casteth *them* out of the church.
11 Beloved, follow not that which
is evil, but that which is good. He that
doeth good is of God: but he that doeth
evil hath not seen God.
12 De-me´-tri-us hath good report of
all *men,* and of the truth *itself:* yea,
and we *also* bear record; and ye know
that our record is true.
13 I had many things to write, but
I will not with ink and pen write unto
thee:
14 But I trust I shall shortly see
thee, and we shall speak face to face.
Peace *be* to thee. *Our* friends salute
thee. Greet the friends by name.

The General Epistle of Jude

JUDE, the servant of Jesus Christ,
and brother of James, to them that
are sanctified by God the Father,
and preserved in Jesus Christ, *and*
called.
2 Mercy unto you, and peace, and
love, be multiplied.
3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence
to write unto you of the common sal-
vation, it was needful for me to write

unto you, and exhort you that ye
should earnestly contend for the faith
which was once delivered unto the
saints.
4 For there are certain men crept in
unawares, who were before of old or-
dained to this condemnation, ungodly
men, turning the grace of our God into
lasciviousness, and denying the only
Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.
5 I will therefore put you in remem-
brance, though ye once knew this, how
that the Lord, having saved the people
out of the land of Egypt, afterward de-
stroyed them that believed not.
6 And the angels which kept not
their first estate, but left their own
habitation, he hath reserved in ever-
lasting chains under darkness unto the
judgment of the great day.
7 Even as Sodom and Go-mor-rha,
and the cities about them in like man-
ner, giving themselves over to fornica-
tion, and going after strange flesh, are
set forth for an example, suffering the
vengeance of eternal fire.
8 Likewise also these *filthy* dream-
ers defile the flesh, despise dominion,
and speak evil of dignities.
9 Yet Michael the archangel, when
contending with the devil he disputed
about the body of Moses, durst not
bring against him a railing accusation,
but said, The Lord rebuke thee.
10 But these speak evil of those
things which they know not: but what
they know naturally, as brute beasts,
in those things they corrupt them-
selves.
11 Woe unto them! for they have
gone in the way of Cain, and ran greed-
ily after the error of Balaam for re-
ward, and perished in the gainsaying
of Co-re.
12 These are spots in your feasts of
charity, when they feast with you,
feeding themselves without fear:
clouds *they are* without water, carried
about of winds; trees whose fruit
withereth, without fruit, twice dead,
plucked up by the roots;
13 Raging waves of the sea, foam-
ing out their own shame; wandering
stars, to whom is reserved the black-
ness of darkness for ever.
14 And E-noch also, the seventh
from Adam, prophesied of these, say-
ing, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten
thousands of his saints,
15 To execute judgment upon all,
and to convince all that are ungodly
among them of all their ungodly deeds
which they have ungodly committed,
and of all their hard *speeches* which un-
godly sinners have spoken against him.
16 These are murmurers, complain-
ers, walking after their own lusts; and
their mouth speaketh great swelling
words, having men's persons in ad-
miration because of advantage.
17 But, beloved, remember ye the
words which were spoken before of the
apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;
18 How that they told you there
should be mockers in the last time,
who should walk after their own un-
godly lusts.
19 These be they who separate
themselves, sensual, having not the
Spirit.
20 But ye, beloved, building up
yourselves on your most holy faith,
praying in the Holy Ghost,
21 Keep yourselves in the love of
God, looking for the mercy of our Lord
Jesus Christ unto eternal life.
22 And of some have compassion,
making a difference:
23 And others save with fear, pull-
ing *them* out of the fire; hating even
the garment spotted by the flesh.
24 Now unto him that is able to
keep you from falling, and to present
you faultless before the presence of his
glory with exceeding joy,
25 To the only wise God our Sav-
iour, be glory and majesty, dominion
and power, both now and ever. Amen.

The Revelation

of Saint John the Divine

CHAPTER 1

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shew unto his servants things
which must shortly come to pass; and
he sent and signified *it* by his angel un-
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God, and of the testimony of Jesus
Christ, and of all things that he saw.
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which are in Asia: Grace *be* un-
to you, and peace, from him which
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come; and from the seven Spirits which
are before his throne;
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of the dead, and the prince of the kings
of the earth. Unto him that loved us,
and washed us from our sins in his own
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the testimony of Jesus Christ.
10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's
day, and heard behind me a great
voice, as of a trumpet,
11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega,
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seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto
the seven churches which are in Asia;
unto Eph'-e-sus, and unto Smyrna, and
unto Per'-ga-mos, and unto Thy-a-ti'-
ra, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadel-
phia, and unto La-od-i-ce'-a.
12 And I turned to see the voice
that spake with me. And being turned,
I saw seven golden candlesticks;
13 And in the midst of the seven
candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of
man, clothed with a garment down to
the foot, and girt about the paps with
a golden girdle.
14 His head and *his* hairs *were* white
like wool, as white as snow; and his
eyes *were* as a flame of fire;
15 And his feet like unto fine brass,
as if they burned in a furnace; and his
voice as the sound of many waters.
16 And he had in his right hand
seven stars: and out of his mouth went
a sharp twoedged sword: and his coun-
tenance *was* as the sun shineth in his
strength.
17 And when I saw him, I fell at his
feet as dead. And he laid his right hand
upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I
am the first and the last:
18 I *am* he that liveth, and was
dead; and, behold, I am alive for ever-
more, Amen; and have the keys of hell
and of death.
19 Write the things which thou hast
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UNTO the angel of the church of
Eph'-e-sus write; These things
saith he that holdeth the seven stars
in his right hand, who walketh in
the midst of the seven golden candle-
sticks;
2 I know thy works, and thy labour,
and thy patience, and how thou canst
not bear them which are evil: and thou
hast tried them which say they are

apostles, and are not, and hast found
them liars:
3 And hast borne, and hast pa-
tience, and for my name's sake hast
laboured, and hast not fainted.
4 Nevertheless I have *somewhat*
against thee, because thou hast left
thy first love.
5 Remember therefore from whence
thou art fallen, and repent, and do the
first works; or else I will come unto
thee quickly, and will remove thy
candlestick out of his place, except
thou repent.
6 But this thou hast, that thou hat-
est the deeds of the Nic-o-la'-i-tanes,
which I also hate.
7 He that hath an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit saith unto the church-
es; To him that overcometh will I give
to eat of the tree of life, which is in the
midst of the paradise of God.
8 And unto the angel of the church
in Smyrna write; These things saith
the first and the last, which was dead,
and is alive;
9 I know thy works, and tribula-
tion, and poverty, (but thou art rich)
and I *know* the blasphemy of them
which say they are Jews, and are not,
but *are* the synagogue of Satan.
10 Fear none of those things which
thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil
shall cast *some* of you into prison, that
ye may be tried; and ye shall have
tribulation ten days: be thou faithful
unto death, and I will give thee a
crown of life.
11 He that hath an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit saith unto the church-
es; He that overcometh shall not be
hurt of the second death.
12 And to the angel of the church in
Per'-ga-mos write; These things saith
he which hath the sharp sword with
two edges;
13 I know thy works, and where
thou dwellest, *even* where Satan's seat
is: and thou holdest fast my name, and
hast not denied my faith, even in those
days wherein An'-ti-pas *was* my faith-
ful martyr, who was slain among you,
where Satan dwelleth.
14 But I have a few things against
thee, because thou hast there them
that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who
taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock
before the children of Israel, to eat
things sacrificed unto idols, and to
commit fornication.
15 So hast thou also them that hold
the doctrine of the Nic-o-la'-i-tanes,
which thing I hate.
16 Repent; or else I will come unto
thee quickly, and will fight against
them with the sword of my mouth.
17 He that hath an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit saith unto the church-
es; To him that overcometh will I give
to eat of the hidden manna, and will
give him a white stone, and in the
stone a new name written, which no
man knoweth saving he that receiveth
it.
18 And unto the angel of the church
in Thy-a-ti'-ra write; These things saith
the Son of God, who hath his eyes like
unto a flame of fire, and his feet *are*
like fine brass;
19 I know thy works, and charity,
and service, and faith, and thy pa-
tience, and thy works; and the last *to
be* more than the first.
20 Notwithstanding I have a few
things against thee, because thou suf-
ferest that woman Jez'-e-bel, which
calleth herself a prophetess, to teach
and to seduce my servants to commit
fornication, and to eat things sacrificed
unto idols.
21 And I gave her space to repent
of her fornication; and she repented
not.
22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed,
and them that commit adultery with
her into great tribulation, except they
repent of their deeds.
23 And I will kill her children with
death; and all the churches shall know
that I am he which searcheth the reins
and hearts: and I will give unto every
one of you according to your works.
24 But unto you I say, and unto the
rest in Thy-a-ti'-ra, as many as have
not this doctrine, and which have not
known the depths of Satan, as they
speak; I will put upon you none other
burden.
25 But that which ye have *already*
hold fast till I come.
26 And he that overcometh, and
keepeth my works unto the end, to
him will I give power over the nations:
27 And he shall rule them with a
rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter
shall they be broken to shivers: even
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which say they are Jews, and are not,
but *are* the synagogue of Satan.
10 Fear none of those things which
thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil
shall cast *some* of you into prison, that
ye may be tried; and ye shall have
tribulation ten days: be thou faithful
unto death, and I will give thee a
crown of life.
11 He that hath an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be
hurt of the second death.
12 And to the angel of the church in
Per′-ga-mos write; These things saith
he which hath the sharp sword with
two edges;
13 I know thy works, and where
thou dwellest, *even* where Satan's seat
is: and thou holdest fast my name, and
hast not denied my faith, even in those
days wherein An′-ti-pas *was* my faithful martyr, who was slain among you,
where Satan dwelleth.
14 But I have a few things against
thee, because thou hast there them
that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who
taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock
before the children of Israel, to eat
things sacrificed unto idols, and to
commit fornication.
15 So hast thou also them that hold
the doctrine of the Nic-o-la′-i-tanes,
which thing I hate.
16 Repent; or else I will come unto
thee quickly, and will fight against
them with the sword of my mouth.
17 He that hath an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give
to eat of the hidden manna, and will
give him a white stone, and in the
stone a new name written, which no
man knoweth saving he that receiveth
it.
18 And unto the angel of the church
in Thy-a-ti′-ra write; These things saith
the Son of God, who hath his eyes like
unto a flame of fire, and his feet *are*
like fine brass;
19 I know thy works, and charity,
and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last *to
be* more than the first.
20 Notwithstanding I have a few
things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jez′-e-bel, which
calleth herself a prophetess, to teach
and to seduce my servants to commit
fornication, and to eat things sacrificed
unto idols.
21 And I gave her space to repent
of her fornication; and she repented
not.
22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed,
and them that commit adultery with
her into great tribulation, except they
repent of their deeds.
23 And I will kill her children with
death; and all the churches shall know
that I am he which searcheth the reins
and hearts: and I will give unto every
one of you according to your works.
24 But unto you I say, and unto the
rest in Thy-a-ti′-ra, as many as have
not this doctrine, and which have not
known the depths of Satan, as they
speak; I will put upon you none other
burden.
25 But that which ye have *already*
hold fast till I come.
26 And he that overcometh, and
keepeth my works unto the end, to
him will I give power over the nations:
27 And he shall rule them with a
rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter
shall they be broken to shivers: even
as I received of my Father.
28 And I will give him the morning
star.
29 He that hath an ear, let him
hear what the Spirit saith unto the
churches.

CHAPTER 3

AND *unto the* angel of the church in
Sardis write; These things saith
he that hath the seven Spirits of God,
and the seven stars; I know thy works,
that thou hast a name that thou livest,
and art dead.
2 Be watchful, and strengthen the
things which remain, that are ready to
die: for I have not found thy works
perfect before God.
3 Remember therefore how thou
hast received and heard, and hold fast,
and repent. If therefore thou shalt not
watch, I will come on thee as a thief,
and thou shalt not know what hour I
will come upon thee.
4 Thou hast a few names even in
Sardis which have not defiled their
garments; and they shall walk with
me in white: for they are worthy.
5 He that overcometh, the same
shall be clothed in white raiment; and
I will not blot out his name out of the
book of life, but I will confess his name
before my Father, and before his angels.
6 He that hath an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit saith unto the
churches.
7 And to the angel of the church in
Philadelphia write; These things saith
he that is holy, he that is true, he that
hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;
8 I know thy works: behold, I have
set before thee an open door, and no
man can shut it: for thou hast a little
strength, and hast kept my word, and
hast not denied my name.
9 Behold, I will make them of the
synagogue of Satan, which say they
are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and
worship before thy feet, and to know
that I have loved thee.
10 Because thou hast kept the word
of my patience, I also will keep thee
from the hour of temptation, which
shall come upon all the world, to try
them that dwell upon the earth.
11 Behold, I come quickly: hold
that fast which thou hast, that no man
take thy crown.
12 Him that overcometh will I
make a pillar in the temple of my God,
and he shall go no more out: and I will
write upon him the name of my God,
and the name of the city of my God,
which is new Jerusalem, which cometh
down out of heaven from my God: and
I will write upon him my new name.
13 He that hath an ear, let him
hear what the Spirit saith unto the
churches.
14 And unto the angel of the church
of the La-od-i-ce'ans write; These
things saith the Amen, the faithful and
true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;
15 I know thy works, that thou art
neither cold nor hot: I would thou
wert cold or hot.
16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will
spue thee out of my mouth.
17 Because thou sayest, I am rich,
and increased with goods, and have
need of nothing; and knowest not that
thou art wretched, and miserable, and
poor, and blind, and naked:
18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold
tried in the fire, that thou mayest be
rich; and white raiment, that thou
mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame
of thy nakedness do not appear; and
anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that
thou mayest see.
19 As many as I love, I rebuke and
chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.
20 Behold, I stand at the door, and
knock: if any man hear my voice, and
open the door, I will come in to him,
and will sup with him, and he with me.
21 To him that overcometh will I
grant to sit with me in my throne, even
as I also overcame, and am set down
with my Father in his throne.
22 He that hath an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit saith unto the
churches.

CHAPTER 4

AFTER this I looked, and, behold, a
door *was* opened in heaven: and
the first voice which I heard *was* as it
were of a trumpet talking with me;
which said, Come up hither, and I will
shew thee things which must be hereafter.
2 And immediately I was in the
spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in
heaven, and *one* sat on the throne.
3 And he that sat was to look upon
like a jasper and a sardine stone: and
there was a rainbow round about the
throne, in sight like unto an emerald.
4 And round about the throne *were*
four and twenty seats: and upon the

seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.
5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.
6 And before the throne *there was* a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, *were* four beasts full of eyes before and behind.
7 And the first beast *was* like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast *was* like a flying eagle.
8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.
9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,
10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,
11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

CHAPTER 5

AND I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.
2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?
3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.
4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.
5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.
6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.
7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.
8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four *and* twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.
9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;
10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.
11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;
12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.
13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, *be* unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.
14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four *and* twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

CHAPTER 6

AND I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.
2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.
3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

And there went out another horse
was red: and *power* was given to
that sat thereon to take peace
m the earth, and that they should
one another: and there was given
to him a great sword.
5 And when he had opened the
ird seal, I heard the third beast say,
ome and see. And I beheld, and lo a
lack horse; and he that sat on him
ad a pair of balances in his hand.
6 And I heard a voice in the midst
of the four beasts say, A measure of
wheat for a penny, and three measures
of barley for a penny; and *see* thou
hurt not the oil and the wine.
7 And when he had opened the
fourth seal, I heard the voice of the
fourth beast say, Come and see.
8 And I looked, and behold a pale
horse: and his name that sat on him
was Death, and Hell followed with
him. And Power was given unto them
over the fourth part of the earth, to
kill with sword, and with hunger, and
with death, and with the beasts of the
earth.
9 And when he had opened the fifth
seal, I saw under the altar the souls of
them that were slain for the word of
God, and for the testimony which they
held:
10 And they cried with a loud voice,
saying, How long, O Lord, holy and
true, dost thou not judge and avenge
our blood on them that dwell on the
earth?
11 And white robes were given unto
very one of them; and it was said unto
hem, that they should rest yet for a
ittle season, until their fellowservants
also and their brethren, that should
be killed as they *were*, should be ful-
filled.
12 And I beheld when he had
opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there
was a great earthquake; and the sun
became black as sackcloth of hair, and
the moon became as blood;
13 And the stars of heaven fell unto
the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her
untimely figs, when she is shaken of a
mighty wind.
14 And the heaven departed as a
scroll when it is rolled together; and
every mountain and island were
moved out of their places.
15 And the kings of the earth, and
the great men, and the rich men, and
the chief captains, and the mighty
nd every bondman, and every
free man, hid themselves in the dens
and in the rocks of the mountains;
16 And said to the mountains and
rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the
face of him that sitteth on the throne,
and from the wrath of the Lamb:
17 For the great day of his wrath is
come; and who shall be able to stand?

CHAPTER 7

AND after these things I saw fou
angels standing on the four co
ners of the earth, holding the fo
winds of the earth, that the wi
should not blow on the earth, nor
the sea, nor on any tree.
2 And I saw another angel ascend-
ing from the east, having the seal of
the living God: and he cried with a
loud voice to the four angels, to whom
it was given to hurt the earth and the
sea,
3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, nei-
ther the sea, nor the trees, till we have
sealed the servants of our God in their
foreheads.
4 And I heard the number of them
which were sealed: *and there were*
sealed an hundred *and* forty *and* four
thousand of all the tribes of the chil-
dren of Israel.
5 Of the tribe of Juda *were* sealed
twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reu-
ben *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of
the tribe of Gad *were* sealed twelve
thousand.
6 Of the tribe of A'-ser *were* sealed
twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Neph
tha-lim *were* sealed twelve thousan
Of the tribe of Ma-nas'-ses *were* seale
twelve thousand.
7 Of the tribe of Simeon *were* seal
twelve thousand. Of the tribe of L
were sealed twelve thousand. Of
tribe of Is'-sa-char *were* sealed twe
thousand.
8 Of the tribe of Zab'-u-lon
sealed twelve thousand. Of the tri
Joseph *were* sealed twelve thous
Of the tribe of Benjamin *were* s
twelve thousand.
9 After this I beheld, and,
great multitude, which no man
number, of all nations, and kin
and people, and tongues, stood
the throne, and before the
clothed with white robes, and
in their hands;
10 And cried with a loud vo
ing, Salvation to our God whic
upon the throne, and unto th

11 And all the angels stood round
about the throne, and *about* the elders
and the four beasts, and fell before the
throne on their faces, and worshipped
God,
12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and
glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving,
and honour, and power, and might, *be*
unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.
13 And one of the elders answered,
saying unto me, What are these which
are arrayed in white robes? and whence
came they?
14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou
knowest. And he said to me, These are
they which came out of great tribulation,
and have washed their robes, and
made them white in the blood of the
Lamb.
15 Therefore are they before the
throne of God, and serve him day and
night in his temple: and he that sitteth
on the throne shall dwell among them.
16 They shall hunger no more, neither
thirst any more; neither shall the
sun light on them, nor any heat.
17 For the Lamb which is in the
midst of the throne shall feed them,
and shall lead them unto living fountains
of waters: and God shall wipe
away all tears from their eyes.

CHAPTER 8

AND when he had opened the seventh
seal, there was silence in
heaven about the space of half an
hour.
2 And I saw the seven angels which
stood before God; and to them were
given seven trumpets.
3 And another angel came and
stood at the altar, having a golden
censer; and there was given unto him
much incense, that he should offer *it*
with the prayers of all saints upon the
golden altar which was before the
throne.
4 And the smoke of the incense,
which came with the prayers of the
saints, ascended up before God out of
the angel's hand.
5 And the angel took the censer,
and filled it with fire of the altar, and
cast *it* into the earth: and there were
voices, and thunderings, and lightnings,
and an earthquake.
6 And the seven angels which had
the seven trumpets prepared themselves
to sound.
7 The first angel sounded, and there
followed hail and fire mingled with
blood, and they were cast upon the
earth: and the third part of trees was
burnt up, and all green grass was
burnt up.
8 And the second angel sounded,
and as it were a great mountain burning
with fire was cast into the sea: and
the third part of the sea became blood;
9 And the third part of the creatures
which were in the sea, and had
life, died; and the third part of the
ships were destroyed.
10 And the third angel sounded,
and there fell a great star from heaven,
burning as it were a lamp, and it fell
upon the third part of the rivers, and
upon the fountains of waters;
11 And the name of the star is
called Wormwood: and the third part
of the waters became wormwood; and
many men died of the waters, because
they were made bitter.
12 And the fourth angel sounded,
and the third part of the sun was smitten,
and the third part of the moon,
and the third part of the stars; so as
the third part of them was darkened,
and the day shone not for a third part
of it, and the night likewise.
13 And I beheld, and heard an angel
flying through the midst of heaven,
saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe,
woe, to the inhabiters of the earth by
reason of the other voices of the
trumpet of the three angels, which are
yet to sound!

CHAPTER 9

AND the fifth angel sounded, and I
saw a star fall from heaven unto
the earth: and to him was given the
key of the bottomless pit.
2 And he opened the bottomless pit;
and there arose a smoke out of the pit,
as the smoke of a great furnace; and
the sun and the air were darkened by
reason of the smoke of the pit.
3 And there came out of the smoke
locusts upon the earth: and unto them
was given power, as the scorpions of
the earth have power.
4 And it was commanded them that
they should not hurt the grass of the
earth, neither any green thing, neither
any tree; but only those men which
have not the seal of God in their foreheads.
5 And to them it was given that
they should not kill them, but that
they should be tormented five months:
and their torment was as the torment

corpion, when he striketh a
nd in those days shall men seek
, and shall not find it; and shall
to die, and death shall flee from
.
And the shapes of the locusts
like unto horses prepared unto
le; and on their heads *were* as it
e crowns like gold, and their faces
e as the faces of men.
8 And they had hair as the hair of
omen, and their teeth were as *the*
th of lions.
9 And they had breastplates, as it
ere breastplates of iron; and the
ound of their wings *was* as the sound
f chariots of many horses running to
attle.
10 And they had tails like unto
scorpions, and there were stings in
their tails: and their power *was* to hurt
men five months.
11 And they had a king over them,
which is the angel of the bottomless
pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue
is A-bad′don, but in the Greek tongue
hath *his* name A-pol′ly-on.
12 One woe is past; *and*, behold,
there come two woes more hereafter.
13 And the sixth angel sounded,
and I heard a voice from the four horns
of the golden altar which is before
God,
14 Saying to the sixth angel which
had the trumpet, Loose the four an-
gels which are bound in the great river
Eu-phra′tes.
15 And the four angels were loosed,
which were prepared for an hour, and
a day, and a month, and a year, for to
slay the third part of men.
16 And the number of the army of
the horsemen *were* two hundred thou-
sand thousand: and I heard the num-
ber of them.
17 And thus I saw the horses in the
vision, and them that sat on them,
having breastplates of fire, and of ja-
cinth, and brimstone: and the heads of
the horses *were* as the heads of lions;
and out of their mouths issued fire and
smoke and brimstone.
18 By these three was the third part
of men killed, by the fire, and by the
smoke, and by the brimstone, which
issued out of their mouths.
19 For their power is in their
mouth, and in their tails: for their tails
were like unto serpents, and had heads,
and with them they do hurt.
20 And the rest of the men which
were not killed by these plagues yet
repented not of the works of their
hands, that they should not worship
devils, and idols of gold, and silver,
and brass, and stone, and of wood:
which neither can see, nor hear, nor
walk:
21 Neither repented they of their
murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of
their fornication, nor of their thefts.

CHAPTER 10

AND I saw another mighty angel
come down from heaven, clothed
with a cloud: and a rainbow *was* upon
his head, and his face *was* as it were
the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:
2 And he had in his hand a little
book open: and he set his right foot
upon the sea, and *his* left *foot* on the
earth,
3 And cried with a loud voice, as
when a lion roareth: and when he had
cried, seven thunders uttered their
voices.
4 And when the seven thunders had
uttered their voices, I was about to
write: and I heard a voice from heaven
saying unto me, Seal up those things
which the seven thunders uttered, and
write them not.
5 And the angel which I saw stand
upon the sea and upon the earth lifted
up his hand to heaven,
6 And sware by him that liveth for
ever and ever, who created heaven,
and the things that therein are, and
the earth, and the things that therein
are, and the sea, and the things which
are therein, that there should be time
no longer:
7 But in the days of the voice of th
seventh angel, when he shall begin t
sound, the mystery of God should b
finished, as he hath declared to h
servants the prophets.
8 And the voice which I heard fr
heaven spake unto me again, and sa
Go *and* take the little book which
open in the hand of the angel wh
standeth upon the sea and upon
earth.
9 And I went unto the angel,
said unto him, Give me the little
And he said unto me, Take *it*, an
it up; and it shall make thy bel
ter, but it shall be in thy mouth
as honey.
10 And I took the little book
the angel's hand, and ate it up

was in my mouth sweet as honey: and
as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was
bitter.
11 And he said unto me, Thou must
prophesy again before many peoples,
and nations, and tongues, and kings.

CHAPTER 11

AND there was given me a reed like
unto a rod: and the angel stood,
saying, Rise, and measure the temple
of God, and the altar, and them that
worship therein.
2 But the court which is without
the temple leave out, and measure it
not; for it is given unto the Gentiles:
and the holy city shall they tread un-
der foot forty *and* two months.
3 And I will give *power* unto my
two witnesses, and they shall prophesy
a thousand two hundred *and* three-
score days, clothed in sackcloth.
4 These are the two olive trees, and
the two candlesticks standing before
the God of the earth.
5 And if any man will hurt them,
fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and
devoureth their enemies: and if any
man will hurt them, he must in this
manner be killed.
6 These have power to shut heaven,
that it rain not in the days of their
prophecy: and have power over waters
to turn them to blood, and to smite the
earth with all plagues, as often as they
will.
7 And when they shall have finished
their testimony, the beast that ascend-
eth out of the bottomless pit shall
make war against them, and shall
overcome them, and kill them.
8 And their dead bodies *shall lie* in
the street of the great city, which spir-
itually is called Sodom and Egypt,
where also our Lord was crucified.
9 And they of the people and kin-
dreds and tongues and nations shall
see their dead bodies three days and
an half, and shall not suffer their dead
bodies to be put in graves.
10 And they that dwell upon the
earth shall rejoice over them, and
make merry, and shall send gifts one
to another; because these two proph-
ets tormented them that dwelt on the
earth.
11 And after three days and an half
the Spirit of life from God entered into
them, and they stood upon their feet;
and great fear fell upon them which
saw them.
12 And they heard a great voi
from heaven saying unto them, Co
up hither. And they ascended up
heaven in a cloud; and their enemi
beheld them.
13 And the same hour was there
great earthquake, and the tenth pa
of the city fell, and in the earthqua
were slain of men seven thousand: a
the remnant were affrighted, and ga
glory to the God of heaven.
14 The second woe is past; *and*, b
hold, the third woe cometh quickly.
15 And the seventh angel sounde
and *there* were great voices in heave
saying, The kingdoms of this world a
become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, an
of his Christ; and he shall reign fo
ever and ever.
16 And the four and twenty elder
which sat before God on their seat
fell upon their faces, and worshippe
God,
17 Saying, We give thee thanks,
Lord God Almighty, which art, an
wast, and art to come; because tho
hast taken to thee thy great powe
and hast reigned.
18 And the nations were angry, an
thy wrath is come, and the time of th
dead, that they should be judged, an
that thou shouldest give reward unt
thy servants the prophets, and to the
saints, and them that fear thy name
small and great; and shouldest destroy
them which destroy the earth.
19 And the temple of God was
opened in heaven, and there was seen
in his temple the ark of his testament:
and there were lightnings, and voices,
and thunderings, and an earthquake,
and great hail.

CHAPTER 12

AND there appeared a great wonder
in heaven; a woman clothed with
the sun, and the moon under her feet,
and upon her head a crown of twelve
stars:
2 And she being with child cried,
travailing in birth, and pained to be
delivered.
3 And there appeared another won-
der in heaven; and behold a great red
dragon, having seven heads and ten
horns, and seven crowns upon his
heads.
4 And his tail drew the third part of
the stars of heaven, and did cast them
to the earth: and the dragon stood be-
fore the woman which was ready to be

ered, for to devour her child as
as it was born.
And she brought forth a man
l, who was to rule all nations with
d of iron: and her child was caught
unto God, and *to* his throne.
And the woman fled into the wil-
ness, where she hath a place pre-
red of God, that they should feed
there a thousand two hundred *and*
reescore days.
7 And there was war in heaven:
ichael and his angels fought against
e dragon; and the dragon fought and
is angels,
8 And prevailed not; neither was
heir place found any more in heaven.
9 And the great dragon was cast
out, that old serpent, called the Devil,
and Satan, which deceiveth the whole
world: he was cast out into the earth,
and his angels were cast out with him.
10 And I heard a loud voice saying
in heaven, Now is come salvation, and
strength, and the kingdom of our God,
and the power of his Christ: for the
accuser of our brethren is cast down,
which accused them before our God
day and night.
11 And they overcame him by the
blood of the Lamb, and by the word
of their testimony; and they loved not
their lives unto the death.
12 Therefore rejoice, *ye* heavens,
and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the
inhabitants of the earth and of the
sea! for the devil is come down unto
you, having great wrath, because he
knoweth that he hath but a short
time.
13 And when the dragon saw that
he was cast unto the earth, he perse-
cuted the woman which brought forth
the man *child*.
14 And to the woman were given
two wings of a great eagle, that she
might fly into the wilderness, into her
place, where she is nourished for a
time, and times, and half a time, from
the face of the serpent.
15 And the serpent cast out of his
mouth water as a flood after the wom-
an, that he might cause her to be car-
ried away of the flood.
16 And the earth helped the
woman, and the earth opened her
mouth, and swallowed up the flood
which the dragon cast out of his
mouth.
17 And the dragon was wroth with
the woman, and went to make war
with the remnant of her seed, which
keep the commandments of God, and
have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 13

AND I stood upon the sand of the
sea, and saw a beast rise up out
of the sea, having seven heads and ten
horns, and upon his horns ten crowns,
and upon his heads the name of blas-
phemy.
2 And the beast which I saw was
like unto a leopard, and his feet were
as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as
the mouth of a lion: and the dragon
gave him his power, and his seat, and
great authority.
3 And I saw one of his heads as it
were wounded to death; and his deadly
wound was healed: and all the world
wondered after the beast.
4 And they worshipped the dragon
which gave power unto the beast: and
they worshipped the beast, saying,
Who *is* like unto the beast? who is able
to make war with him?
5 And there was given unto him a
mouth speaking great things and blas-
phemies; and power was given unto
him to continue forty *and* two months.
6 And he opened his mouth in blas-
phemy against God, to blaspheme his
name, and his tabernacle, and them
that dwell in heaven.
7 And it was given unto him to
make war with the saints, and to over-
come them: and power was given him
over all kindreds, and tongues, and
nations.
8 And all that dwell upon the earth
shall worship him, whose names are
not written in the book of life of the
Lamb slain from the foundation of the
world.
9 If any man have an ear, let him
hear.
10 He that leadeth into captivity
shall go into captivity: he that killeth
with the sword must be killed with the
sword. Here is the patience and the
faith of the saints.
11 And I beheld another beast com-
ing up out of the earth; and he had two
horns like a lamb, and he spake as a
dragon.
12 And he exerciseth all the powe
of the first beast before him, and caus
eth the earth and them which dwe
therein to worship the first beas
whose deadly wound was healed.
13 And he doeth great wonders,

that he maketh fire come down from
heaven on the earth in the sight of
men,
14 And deceiveth them that dwell
on the earth by *the means of* those
miracles which he had power to do in
the sight of the beast; saying to them
that dwell on the earth, that they
should make an image to the beast,
which had the wound by a sword, and
did live.
15 And he had power to give life
unto the image of the beast, that the
image of the beast should both speak,
and cause that as many as would not
worship the image of the beast should
be killed.
16 And he causeth all, both small
and great, rich and poor, free and
bond, to receive a mark in their right
hand, or in their foreheads:
17 And that no man might buy or
sell, save he that had the mark, or the
name of the beast, or the number of
his name.
18 Here is wisdom. Let him that
hath understanding count the number
of the beast: for it is the number of a
man; and his number *is* Six hundred
threescore *and* six.

CHAPTER 14

AND I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood
on the mount Sion, and with him
an hundred forty *and* four thousand,
having his Father's name written in
their foreheads.
2 And I heard a voice from heaven,
as the voice of many waters, and as
the voice of a great thunder: and I
heard the voice of harpers harping
with their harps:
3 And they sung as it were a new
song before the throne, and before the
four beasts, and the elders: and no
man could learn that song but the hun-
dred *and* forty *and* four thousand,
which were redeemed from the earth.
4 These are they which were not de-
filed with women; for they are virgins.
These are they which follow the Lamb
whithersoever he goeth. These were re-
deemed from among men, *being* the
firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.
5 And in their mouth was found no
guile: for they are without fault before
the throne of God.
6 And I saw another angel fly in the
midst of heaven, having the everlast-
ing gospel to preach unto them that
dwell on the earth, and to every na-
tion, and kindred, and tongue, and
people,
7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear
God, and give glory to him; for the
hour of his judgment is come: and
worship him that made heaven, and
earth, and the sea, and the fountains
of waters.
8 And there followed another angel,
saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that
great city, because she made all na-
tions drink of the wine of the wrath of
her fornication.
9 And the third angel followed
them, saying with a loud voice, If any
man worship the beast and his image,
and receive *his* mark in his forehead,
or in his hand,
10 The same shall drink of the wine
of the wrath of God, which is poured
out without mixture into the cup of
his indignation; and he shall be tor-
mented with fire and brimstone in the
presence of the holy angels, and in the
presence of the Lamb:
11 And the smoke of their torment
ascendeth up for ever and ever: and
they have no rest day nor night, who
worship the beast and his image, and
whosoever receiveth the mark of his
name.
12 Here is the patience of the saints:
here *are* they that keep the command-
ments of God, and the faith of Jesus.
13 And I heard a voice from heaven
saying unto me, Write, Blessed *are* the
dead which die in the Lord from hence-
forth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they
may rest from their labours; and their
works do follow them.
14 And I looked, and behold a white
cloud, and upon the cloud *one* sat like
unto the Son of man, having on his
head a golden crown, and in his hand
a sharp sickle.
15 And another angel came out of
the temple, crying with a loud voice to
him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in
thy sickle, and reap: for the time is
come for thee to reap; for the harvest
of the earth is ripe.
16 And he that sat on the cloud
thrust in his sickle on the earth; and
the earth was reaped.
17 And another angel came out of
the temple which is in heaven, he also
having a sharp sickle.
18 And another angel came out
from the altar, which had power over
fire; and cried with a loud cry to him
that had the sharp sickle, saying,

rust in thy sharp sickle, and gather
e clusters of the vine of the earth;
r her grapes are fully ripe.
19 And the angel thrust in his sickle
to the earth, and gathered the vine
f the earth, and cast *it* into the great
vinepress of the wrath of God.
20 And the winepress was trodden
without the city, and blood came out
of the winepress, even unto the horse
bridles, by the space of a thousand *and*
six hundred furlongs.

CHAPTER 15

AND I saw another sign in heaven,
great and marvellous, seven an-
gels having the seven last plagues; for
in them is filled up the wrath of God.
2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass
mingled with fire: and them that had
gotten the victory over the beast, and
over his image, and over his mark, *and*
over the number of his name, stand on
the sea of glass, having the harps of
God.
3 And they sing the song of Moses
the servant of God, and the song of the
Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous
are thy works, Lord God Almighty;
just and true *are* thy ways, thou King
of saints.
4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord,
and glorify thy name? for *thou* only *art*
holy: for all nations shall come and
worship before thee; for thy judgments
are made manifest.
5 And after that I looked, and, be-
hold, the temple of the tabernacle of
the testimony in heaven was opened:
6 And the seven angels came out of
the temple, having the seven plagues,
clothed in pure and white linen, and
having their breasts girded with gold-
en girdles.
7 And one of the four beasts gave
unto the seven angels seven golden
vials full of the wrath of God, who
liveth for ever and ever.
8 And the temple was filled with
smoke from the glory of God, and
from his power; and no man was able
to enter into the temple, till the seven
plagues of the seven angels were ful-
filled.

CHAPTER 16

AND I heard a great voice out of the
temple saying to the seven an-
ways, and pour out the
d upon the

2 And the first went, and poured
out his vial upon the earth; and there
fell a noisome and grievous sore upon
the men which had the mark of the
beast, and *upon* them which wor-
shipped his image.
3 And the second angel poured out
his vial upon the sea; and it became as
the blood of a dead *man*: and every
living soul died in the sea.
4 And the third angel poured out
his vial upon the rivers and fountains
of waters; and they became blood.
5 And I heard the angel of the wa-
ters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord,
which art, and wast, and shalt be, be-
cause thou hast judged thus.
6 For they have shed the blood of
saints and prophets, and thou hast
given them blood to drink; for they are
worthy.
7 And I heard another out of the
altar say, Even so, Lord God Al-
mighty, true and righteous *are* thy
judgments.
8 And the fourth angel poured out
his vial upon the sun; and power was
given unto him to scorch men with
fire.
9 And men were scorched with
great heat, and blasphemed the name
of God, which hath power over these
plagues: and they repented not to giv
him glory.
10 And the fifth angel poured o
his vial upon the seat of the beast; a
his kingdom was full of darkness; a
they gnawed their tongues for pai
11 And blasphemed the God
heaven because of their pains and t
sores, and repented not of their de
12 And the sixth angel poured
his vial upon the great river Eu-p
tes; and the water thereof was
up, that the way of the kings
east might be prepared.
13 And I saw three unclean
like frogs *come* out of the mouth
dragon, and out of the mouth
beast, and out of the mouth
false prophet.
14 For they are the spirits o
working miracles, *which* go fo
the kings of the earth and of t
world, to gather them to the
that great day of God Almi
15 Behold, I come as a th
ed *is* he that watcheth, an
his garments, lest he walk
they see his shame.
16 And he gathered the

into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Ar-ma-ged′-don.

17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, *and* so great.

19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Bab′-y-lon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, *every stone* about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

CHAPTER 17

AND there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

5 And upon her forehead *was* a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

9 And here *is* the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, *and* the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful.

15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

CHAPTER 18

AND after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

2 And he cried mightily [illegible] strong voice, saying, Baby[illegible]

great is fallen, is fallen, and is become
the habitation of devils, and the hold
of every foul spirit, and a cage of every
unclean and hateful bird.
3 For all nations have drunk of the
wine of the wrath of her fornication,
and the kings of the earth have com-
mitted fornication with her, and the
merchants of the earth are waxed rich
through the abundance of her delica-
cies.
4 And I heard another voice from
heaven, saying, Come out of her, my
people, that ye be not partakers of her
sins, and that ye receive not of her
plagues.
5 For her sins have reached unto
heaven, and God hath remembered
her iniquities.
6 Reward her even as she rewarded
you, and double unto her double ac-
cording to her works: in the cup which
she hath filled fill to her double.
7 How much she hath glorified her-
self, and lived deliciously, so much tor-
ment and sorrow give her: for she saith
in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no
widow, and shall see no sorrow.
8 Therefore shall her plagues come
in one day, death, and mourning, and
famine; and she shall be utterly burned
with fire: for strong *is* the Lord God
who judgeth her.
9 And the kings of the earth, who
have committed fornication and lived
deliciously with her, shall bewail her,
and lament for her, when they shall
see the smoke of her burning,
10 Standing afar off for the fear of
her torment, saying, Alas, alas that
great city Babylon, that mighty city!
for in one hour is thy judgment come.
11 And the merchants of the earth
shall weep and mourn over her; for no
man buyeth their merchandise any
more:
12 The merchandise of gold, and
silver, and precious stones, and of
pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and
silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood,
and all manner vessels of ivory, and all
manner vessels of most precious wood,
and of brass, and iron, and marble,
13 And cinnamon, and odours, and
ointments, and frankincense, and
wine, and oil, and fine flour, and
wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and
horses, and chariots, and slaves, and
souls of men.
14 And the fruits that thy soul lust-
ed after are departed from thee, and
all things which were dainty and good-
ly are departed from thee, and thou
shalt find them no more at all.
15 The merchants of these things,
which were made rich by her, shall
stand afar off for the fear of her tor-
ment, weeping and wailing,
16 And saying, Alas, alas that great
city, that was clothed in fine linen, and
purple, and scarlet, and decked with
gold, and precious stones, and pearls!
17 For in one hour so great riches is
come to nought. And every shipmas-
ter, and all the company in ships, and
sailors, and as many as trade by sea,
stood afar off,
18 And cried when they saw the
smoke of her burning, saying, What
city is like unto this great city!
19 And they cast dust on their
heads, and cried, weeping and wailing,
saying, Alas, alas, that great city,
wherein were made rich all that had
ships in the sea by reason of her costli-
ness! for in one hour is she made
desolate.
20 Rejoice over her, *thou* heaven,
and *ye* holy apostles and prophets; for
God hath avenged you on her.
21 And a mighty angel took up a
stone like a great millstone, and cast
it into the sea, saying, Thus with vio-
lence shall that great city Babylon be
thrown down, and shall be found no
more at all.
22 And the voice of harpers, and
musicians, and of pipers, and trum-
peters, shall be heard no more at all in
thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever
craft *he be*, shall be found any more in
thee; and the sound of a millstone shall
be heard no more at all in thee;
23 And the light of a candle shall
shine no more at all in thee; and the
voice of the bridegroom and of the
bride shall be heard no more at all in
thee: for thy merchants were the great
men of the earth; for by thy sorceries
were all nations deceived.
24 And in her was found the blood
of prophets, and of saints, and of all
that were slain upon the earth.

CHAPTER 19

AND after these things I heard a
great voice of much people in
heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation,
and glory, and honour, and power,
unto the Lord our God:
2 For true and righteous *are* his
judgments: for he hath judged the

n until the thousand years were
hed. This is the first resurrection.
Blessed and holy *is* he that hath
t in the first resurrection: on such
second death hath no power, but
y shall be priests of God and of
rist, and shall reign with him a
ousand years.
7 And when the thousand years are
pired, Satan shall be loosed out of
s prison,
8 And shall go out to deceive the
ations which are in the four quarters
f the earth, Gog and Ma'gog, to
gather them together to battle: the
number of whom *is* as the sand of the
sea.
9 And they went up on the breadth
of the earth, and compassed the camp
of the saints about, and the beloved
city: and fire came down from God out
of heaven, and devoured them.
10 And the devil that deceived
them was cast into the lake of fire and
brimstone, where the beast and the
false prophet *are*, and shall be tor-
mented day and night for ever and
ever.
11 And I saw a great white throne,
and him that sat on it, from whose
face the earth and the heaven fled
away; and there was found no place
for them.
12 And I saw the dead, small and
great, stand before God; and the books
were opened: and another book was
opened, which is *the book* of life: and
the dead were judged out of those
things which were written in the
books, according to their works.
13 And the sea gave up the dead
which were in it; and death and hell
delivered up the dead which were in
them: and they were judged every
man according to their works.
14 And death and hell were cast
into the lake of fire. This is the second
death.
15 And whosoever was not found
written in the book of life was cast into
the lake of fire.

CHAPTER 21

AND I saw a new heaven and a new
earth: for the first heaven and the
first earth were passed away; and there
was no more sea.
2 And I John saw the holy city,
new Jerusalem, coming down from
God out of heaven, prepared as a bride
husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of
heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle
of God *is* with men, and he will dwell
with them, and they shall be his peo-
ple, and God himself shall be with
them, *and be* their God.
4 And God shall wipe away all tears
from their eyes; and there shall be no
more death, neither sorrow, nor cry-
ing, neither shall there be any more
pain: for the former things are passed
away.
5 And he that sat upon the throne
said, Behold, I make all things new.
And he said unto me, Write: for these
words are true and faithful.
6 And he said unto me, It is done
I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning
and the end. I will give unto him that
is athirst of the fountain of the water
of life freely.
7 He that overcometh shall inherit
all things; and I will be his God, and
he shall be my son.
8 But the fearful, and unbelieving,
and the abominable, and murderers,
and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and
idolaters, and all liars, shall have their
part in the lake which burneth with
fire and brimstone: which is the second
death.
9 And there came unto me one of
the seven angels which had the seven
vials full of the seven last plagues, and
talked with me, saying, Come hither,
I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's
wife.
10 And he carried me away in the
spirit to a great and high mountain,
and shewed me that great city, the
holy Jerusalem, descending out of
heaven from God,
11 Having the glory of God: and
her light *was* like unto a stone most
precious, even like a jasper stone, clear
as crystal;
12 And had a wall great and high
and had twelve gates, and at the gate
twelve angels, and names writte
thereon, which are *the names* of th
twelve tribes of the children of Israe
13 On the east three gates; on th
north three gates; on the south thr
gates; and on the west three gates.
14 And the wall of the city h
twelve foundations, and in them t
names of the twelve apostles of
Lamb.
15 And he that talked with me
a golden reed to measure the city,
the gates thereof, and the wall the

16 And the city lieth foursquare,
and the length is as large as the
breadth: and he measured the city
with the reed, twelve thousand fur-
longs. The length and the breadth and
the height of it are equal.
17 And he measured the wall there-
of, an hundred *and* forty *and* four cu-
bits, *according to* the measure of a man,
that is, of the angel.
18 And the building of the wall of
it was *of* jasper: and the city *was* pure
gold, like unto clear glass.
19 And the foundations of the wall
of the city *were* garnished with all
manner of precious stones. The first
foundation was jasper; the second,
sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the
fourth, an emerald;
20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth,
sardius; the seventh, chrysolyte; the
eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the
tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a
jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.
21 And the twelve gates *were* twelve
pearls; every several gate was of one
pearl: and the street of the city *was*
pure gold, as it were transparent glass.
22 And I saw no temple therein: for
the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb
are the temple of it.
23 And the city had no need of the
un, neither of the moon, to shine in
: for the glory of God did lighten it,
nd the Lamb *is* the light thereof.
24 And the nations of them which
re saved shall walk in the light of it:
nd the kings of the earth do bring
heir glory and honour into it.
25 And the gates of it shall not be
ut at all by day: for there shall be no
ght there.
26 And they shall bring the glory
d honour of the nations into it.
27 And there shall in no wise enter
o it any thing that defileth, neither
atsoever worketh abomination, or
keth a lie: but they which are writ-
in the Lamb's book of life.

CHAPTER 22

ND he shewed me a pure river of
water of life, clear as crystal, pro-
ding out of the throne of God and
he Lamb.
In the midst of the street of it,
on either side of the river, *was*
the tree of life, which bare twelve
ner of fruits, *and* yielded her fruit
y month: and the leaves of the
were for the healing of the nations.

3 And there shall be no more curse:
but the throne of God and of the Lamb
shall be in it; and his servants shall
serve him:
4 And they shall see his face; and
his name *shall be* in their foreheads.
5 And there shall be no night there;
and they need no candle, neither light
of the sun; for the Lord God giveth
them light: and they shall reign for
ever and ever.
6 And he said unto me, These say-
ings *are* faithful and true: and the
Lord God of the holy prophets sent his
angel to shew unto his servants
the things which must shortly be
done.
7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed *is*
he that keepeth the sayings of the
prophecy of this book.
8 And I John saw these things, and
heard *them*. And when I had heard and
seen, I fell down to worship before the
feet of the angel which shewed me
these things.
9 Then saith he unto me, See *thou*
do it not: for I am thy fellowservant,
and of thy brethren the prophets, and
of them which keep the sayings of this
book: worship God.
10 And he saith unto me, Seal not
the sayings of the prophecy of this
book: for the time is at hand.
11 He that is unjust, let him be
unjust still: and he which is filthy,
let him be filthy still: and he that is
righteous, let him be righteous still:
and he that is holy, let him be holy
still.
12 And, behold, I come quickly;
and my reward *is* with me, to give
every man according as his work shall
be.
13 I am Alpha and Omega, the be-
ginning and the end, the first and the
last.
14 Blessed *are* they that do his
commandments, that they may have
right to the tree of life, and may enter
in through the gates into the city.
15 For without *are* dogs, and sorcer-
ers, and whoremongers, and murder-
ers, and idolaters, and whosoever lov-
eth and maketh a lie.
16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to
testify unto you these things in the
churches. I am the root and the off-
spring of David, *and* the bright *and*
morning star.
17 And the Spirit and the bride say,
Come. And let him that heareth say,

Come. And let him that is athirst
come. And whosoever will, let him
take the water of life freely.
18 For I testify unto every man
that heareth the words of the prophecy
of this book, If any man shall add unto
these things, God shall add unto him
the plagues that are written in this
book:
19 And if any man shall take away
from the words of the book of this
prophecy, God shall take away his
part out of the book of life, and out of
the holy city, and *from* the things
which are written in this book.
20 He which testifieth these things
saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus.
21 The grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

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